

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 7th day of February 2023, at 9:31 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Boyle asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

St. Louis County Sheriff Gordon Ramsay commented that the Sheriff's Office is focusing on developing a strategic plan for all divisions and he has been spending time meeting with staff and County Department Heads. Sheriff Ramsay said during his discussions with staff, they have made numerous comments about the tremendous amount of support they have received from Commissioners.

Chair Boyle opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Clayton Cich, of Fredenberg Township, said that the Kaneskis told neighbors of the 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road gravel pit that if they paid 1.5 million dollars they would be able to buy them out and there would not be a gravel pit at that location. Mr. Cich commented that maybe the county could fund the buyout. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, discussed neighbor concerns regarding various gravel pits throughout Fredenberg Township and said that neighbors have not had their concerns addressed.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #5, Award of Bid to Century Fence Company, and Item #8, Authorization of a lease agreement not to exceed \$56,000 per year with Sterling Properties, LLLP, and authorize a sublease agreement with the St. Louis County Historical Society for active storage, were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby accepts the report and recommendations developed by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Leadership group and the Center for Economic Inclusion; and further, that Administration is directed to prioritize and act on those recommendations and bring forward recommendations for future consideration and implementation. St. Louis County Human Resources and Administration Director Jim Gottschald said this work is a journey that started two years ago under the leadership of Commissioners Beth Olson and Frank Jewell. The work will be impactful to St. Louis County and prioritization recommendations will be brought back to the Board. Mary Garness, St. Louis County Public Records and Property Valuation Director, said her involvement in the project has given her the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. Tonia Villegas, of St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services, commented that February is Black History month and discussed the positive experiences she has had working with Commissioners. Ms. Villegas said she hopes that in the future we can celebrate history as a whole and not just months. Ids Watson-Souther, of St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services, commented that she was hired as the first African American social worker for St. Louis County and would like to see this work continue. Christine Colbenson, of St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services, said she has never paid attention

to diversity until the last couple of years. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-114.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes Administration to enter into a lease agreement with Sterling Properties, LLLP for the former safety deposit area and available adjacent spaces not to exceed \$56,000 per year in the lower level of the Wells Fargo building, located at 230 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN, and authorize Administration to enter into a sublease agreement with the St. Louis County Historical Society for use of this space for active storage. Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, move to amend the motion to authorize Administration to enter into a lease agreement with Sterling Properties, LLLP for the former safety deposit area and available adjacent spaces not to exceed \$56,000 per year in the lower level of the Wells Fargo building, located at 230 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN, and authorize Administration to enter into an agreement with the St. Louis County Historical Society for use of this space for active storage pursuant to Minn. Stat. §138.051. County funding for offsite storage is conditioned upon the St. Louis County Historical Society agreeing to install and maintain a reasonable and consistent display of artwork and artifacts from its collection at all St. Louis County Courthouses by June 30, 2024. To allow adequate time for the Historical Society and the County to flesh out the details of such an agreement, the agreement between the Historical Society and St. Louis County setting forth the terms for such display be executed no later than December 31, 2023, after which point offsite storage costs will begin being deducted from the County's allocation to the Historical Society on a pro rata basis until such time an agreement is executed. The motion as amended passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-104.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to table the award of bid to Century Fence Company, Pewaukee, MN, in the amount of \$561,929.90 for project CP 0000-458863, SP 069-070-051, SP 118-070-004, HSIP 6923(155), 6" Wet Reflective Edgeline, located on various county highways within St. Louis County and various city streets within the City of Duluth. The tabling motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

That following Board and contract files were created from documents received by this Board:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-53, Appoint Members to Local Mental Health Advisory Council.—61888

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mary Garness, Public Records & Property Valuation Director, and David Sipila, County Assessor, submitting Board Letter No. 23-48, Valuation Reduction for Homestead Damaged by Mold – Keller.—61889

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Brian Fritsinger, Deputy Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 23-58, Support for Rice Lake Memorial Park.—61890

Public Health and Human Services Department grants and contracts approved during CY 2023.—61891

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 23-60, Committee Vacancy Appointment to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors.—61892

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and David Fink, Environmental Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-50, Authorization to Apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant.—61893

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 23-51, Classification of December 7, 2022 Forfeitures (Conservation).—61894

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 23-52, Classification of December 7, 2022 Forfeitures (Non-Conservation).—61895

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Brian Fritsinger, Deputy Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 23-47R, Permission to Enter into Lease Agreement for Wells Fargo Storage Space.—61896

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mary Garness, Public Records and Property Valuation Director, DEI Leadership Group Co-Chair, Tonia Villegas, Financial Worker Senior, DEI Leadership Group Co-Chair, BIPOC Leadership Group Chair, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-61, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report Initiatives.—61897

Service Contract No. 5881G between the County of St. Louis and the Depot Foundation, Duluth, MN, for allocation management of tourism tax funds during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—23-51

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17294, between St. Louis County and Steven Johnson, Virginia, MN, for Emergency Foster Care services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—23-52

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17340, between St. Louis County and UDAC, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Day Training and Habilitation services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—23-53

Addendum, Contract No. 17166A, between St. Louis County and Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, MN, for Supported Family Time services extending the term of the contract and updating provisions.—23-54

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17338A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Servicemaster Cleaners for Chore Services, changing the waiver chore rate to \$4.50 per 15 minutes.—23-55

Addendum, Contract No. 17169B, between St. Louis County and Renee Willemsen, Duluth, MN, for Farm to School Coordinator services, extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2022.—23-56

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17312, between St. Louis County and Lutheran Social Services of MN (LSS), St. Paul, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services – High-Fidelity Wraparound Services, during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.—23-57

Public Health & Human Services Independent Contractor Agreement, Contract No. 17348, between St. Louis County and Duluth Community School Collaborative, Duluth, MN, for LNPK 156 Leadership Team participation during the period March 1, 2022, to September 28, 2022.—23-58

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Training Contract No. 90300, between St. Louis County and Joanne Coffin-Langdon for virtual Diversity Training on March 16, 2022, over WebEx.—23-59

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16968C, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and City of Virginia for Coordination of Overdose Prevention and Response Services for line-item budget adjustments.—23-60

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17298, between St. Louis County and Erica and Gary Gagnon, Cotton, MN, for Emergency Foster Care services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—23-61

St. Louis County Statement of Assurances for Adult Rehabilitative and Mental Health (ARMHS) Services, Contract No. 90301, between St. Louis County and Duluth Institute.—23-62

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17274, between St. Louis County and Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community, Duluth, MN, for Chronic Disease Prevention services during the period November 1, 2021, to October 31, 2022.—23-63

Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP) Memorandum of Understanding, MOU #17351, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, Duluth, MN, for the period March 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—23-64

Public Health & Human Services Independent Contractor Agreement, Contract No. 17250, between St. Louis County and Natural Braiding Beauty, LLC, Duluth, MN, for ethnic hair care services, consultation and hands-on training to foster parents for children in foster care.—23-65

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17318, between St. Louis County and Family Rise Together (FRT), Duluth, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services (Kinship Services) during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.—23-66

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17352, between St. Louis County and Families and Communities Together (FACT), Virginia, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services (Circles of Security Services) during the period February 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.—23-67

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17297, between St. Louis County and Scott Williams, Tower, MN, for Emergency Child Foster Care Services during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.—23-68

Public Health & Human Services Agreement No. 90302 between St. Louis County and Michelle Slater for participation in Sequential Intercept Mapping Project on March 30, 2022 and April 6, 2022.—23-69

Public Health & Human Services Independent Contractor Agreement, Contract No. 17347, between St. Louis County and Duluth Art Institute Association, Duluth, MN, for participation in the LNPK 156 Leadership Team during the period March 1, 2022, to September 28, 2022.—23-70

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Training Contract No. 90305, between St. Louis County and Diana Oesterich for virtual Diversity Training on May 19, 2022.—23-71

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 17313A, between St. Louis County and Family Rise Together (FRT), Duluth, MN, updating the maximum amount to be paid to \$24,000.—23-72

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17357, between St. Louis County and Mary Erickson, Hoyt Lakes, MN, for Emergency Child Foster Care services during the period April 20, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—23-73

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16967C, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and City of Hibbing for Coordination of Overdose Prevention and Response Services, for line-item budget adjustments.—23-74

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Independent Contractor, Contract No. 17358, between St. Louis County and Creative Arcade, Duluth, MN, for Design and Printing of 2021 Community Impact Report.—23-75

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 17312A, between St. Louis County and Lutheran Social Service of MN (LSS), St. Paul, MN, for High Fidelity Wrap Around Services, increasing the contract maximum by \$54,177.83, including a one-time training expense.—23-76

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17360, between St. Louis County and Parks Enterprises, Inc., Servicemaster Cleaning Service, Eveleth, MN, for Chore Services during the period May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022.—23-77

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54220, between St. Louis County and Homebee Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—23-78

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54223, between St. Louis County and Residential Services of NE MN, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-79

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54238, between St. Louis County and Bluewater Residential Services, Duluth, MN.—23-80

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64238, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Bluewater Residential Services, Duluth, MN.—23-81

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54267, between St. Louis County and Grace Place, Duluth, MN.—23-82

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64267, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Grace Place, Duluth, MN.—23-83

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54274, between St. Louis County and Homebee Adult Foster Care, Proctor, MN.—23-84

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64274, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Homebee Adult Foster Care, Proctor, MN.—23-85

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54281, between St. Louis County and Alternatives in Motion, Proctor, MN.—23-86

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54248, between St. Louis County and PK Company LLC dba Community Circles, Duluth, MN.—23-87

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64248, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Homebee Adult Foster Care, Proctor, MN.—23-88

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54235, between St. Louis County and Balmer AFC, Duluth, MN.—23-89

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54248, between St. Louis County and PK Company LLC dba Community Circles, Duluth, MN.—23-90

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54236, between St. Louis County and Benedictine Health Center, Duluth, MN.—23-91

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64236, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Benedictine Health Center, Duluth, MN.—23-92

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54247, between St. Louis County and Nancy Clark, Floodwood, MN.—23-93

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54249, between St. Louis County and Heidi and Katie Cooney, Aurora, MN.—23-94

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54224, between St. Louis County and Davis Adult Foster Home, Floodwood, MN.—23-95

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54252, between St. Louis County and Fine Lakes Family Adult Foster Care, Floodwood, MN.—23-96

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54254, between St. Louis County and Duluth Regional Care Center, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-97

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64254, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Benedictine Health Center, Duluth, MN.—23-98

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54253, between St. Louis County and Drew Shaine, LLC, Duluth, MN.—23-99

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64253, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Drew Shaine, LLC, Duluth, MN.—23-100

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54260, between St. Louis County and Empowerment Services of Minnesota, Biwabik, MN.—23-101

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64260, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Empowerment Services of Minnesota, Biwabik, MN.—23-102

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54262, between St. Louis County and Home Sweet Home, Hibbing, MN.—23-103

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54264, between St. Louis County and Foundations Housing Support, LLC, Duluth, MN.—23-104

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64264, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Foundations Housing Support, LLC, Duluth, MN.—23-105

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54265, between St. Louis County and Garden House Estates, Ltd., Duluth, MN.—23-106

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64265, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Garden House Estates, Ltd., Duluth, MN.—23-107

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54282, between St. Louis County and Johnson Foster Home, Duluth, MN.—23-108

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54285, between St. Louis County and Kiminki Homes, Inc., Proctor, MN.—23-109

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64285, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Kiminki Homes, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-110

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54286, between St. Louis County and Klemmer, Shana and Keith – London House, Duluth, MN.—23-111

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54290, between St. Louis County and Lee Foster Care, LLC, Duluth, MN.—23-112

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64290, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Lee Foster Care, LLC, Duluth, MN.—23-113

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54298, between St. Louis County and Martin Home for Seniors, Cook, MN.—23-114

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54300, between St. Louis County and Roxanne and Jeffrey McMillen, Mountain Iron, MN.—23-115

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54318, between St. Louis County and Kelly Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—23-116

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54326, between St. Louis County and Residential Services of NE MN, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-117

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54320, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, MN.—23-118

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64320, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, Duluth, MN.—23-119

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54330, between St. Louis County and Seeland Adult Foster Home, Saginaw, MN.—23-120

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64330, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Seeland Adult Foster Home, Saginaw, MN.—23-121

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54332, between St. Louis County and Shawndette Clemens Foster Home, Brookston, MN.—23-122

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54345, between St. Louis County and Stepping Stones for Living, LLC, Hermantown, MN.—23-123

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64345, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Stepping Stones for Living, LLC, Hermantown, MN.—23-124

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54305, between St. Louis County and NHS Northstar, Inc., Chisholm, MN.—23-125

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64305, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and NHS Northstar, Inc., Chisholm, MN.—23-126

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54306, between St. Louis County and Nordeen Family Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—23-127

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64308, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Northern Lives, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-128

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54309, between St. Louis County and Northland AFC, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-129

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64309, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Northland AFC, Inc., Duluth, MN.—23-130

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54310, between St. Louis County and Olesiak Family Foster Care, Brookston, MN.—23-131

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54314, between St. Louis County and Peterson Colonial Homes, Inc., Brookston, MN.—23-132

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, Contract No. 64314, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Peterson Colonial Homes, Inc., Brookston, MN.—23-133

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2023 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54316, between St. Louis County and Ruth Polling, Proctor, MN.—23-134

Public Health & Human Services Independent Contractor Agreement, Contract No. 17359, between St. Louis County and Creative Arcade, Duluth, MN, for Graphic Design and Creative Production for Foster Care Recruitment Project during the term January 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022.—23-135

State of Minnesota Agency Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1052126, between the Commissioner of Transportation and St. Louis County for Federal Participation in Construction.—23-136

Contract for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between the County of St. Louis and Veit & Company, Inc., Rogers, MN, for Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Sidewalk and ADA Pedestrian

Improvements on CSAH 14 (Boundary Avenue) in the City of Duluth (CP 0014-376295, SP 069-614-022, STBG 6923(087)).—23-137

St. Louis County Rural Ambulance Service Assistance contract between the County of St. Louis and Tower Ambulance, Tower, MN, for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—23-138

St. Louis County Rural Ambulance Service Assistance contract between the County of St. Louis and City of Babbitt Ambulance Service, Babbitt, MN, for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—23-139

St. Louis County Rural Ambulance Service Assistance contract between the County of St. Louis and Meadowlands Ambulance, Meadowlands, MN, for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—23-140

St. Louis County Rural Ambulance Service Assistance contract between the County of St. Louis and Two Harbors EMS, Two Harbors, MN, for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—23-141

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, resolutions numbered 23-97 through 23-103, and 23-105 through 23-113, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of January 24, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-97

WHEREAS, Local Adult Mental Health Advisory Council (M.S. 245.466, Subd. 5) establishes that the County Board shall establish a Local Mental Health Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, The goal of Local Advisory Councils (LACs) is to utilize the knowledge of diverse groups of individuals in order to improve mental health services for Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has a north LAC and a south LAC that will serve in an advisory role to the Public Health and Human Services Department on ways to improve mental health services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints members to the 2023 North Local Mental Health Advisory Council and to the 2023 South Local Mental Health Advisory Council as follows:

North LAC Members

Heather Kainz
Katy Lofquist
Michelle Long
Ann Marie Lubovich
Linda O’Neil Deremee
Lacy Podlogar
Jennifer Rich
Brenda Shafer-Pellinen

South LAC Members

Alexandra Gronholz
Alison Shulstad
Carly Hiti
Ina Newton
Jacquelyn Hanson-Heitala
Justin England-Sullivan
Kathy Wilson
Liz Stroymayer

Tod Swenson
Macy Viita

MaKenzie Johnson
Mickelos Vue
Maira Villiard
Richelle Koehne
Roger Raymond, Jr.
Shannon Jorgenson
Sonja Wildwood
Taylor Soghigian
Traci Laughlin

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the terms and term scheduling (staggering) will be decided by the LAC and County staff to ensure continuity of service.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-98

WHEREAS, When a vacancy occurs in the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS), a review is done to determine if that position should be filled as is or if it should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the Department and the customers it serves; and

WHEREAS, PHHS and the Human Resources Department conducted such a review when a Social Worker position became vacant serving in the Aging Adult Health Unit of the Public Health Division and determined that reallocation to Public Health Program Coordinator was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, County Fiscal Policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go to the County Board for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Social Worker position (Position code 0011-132, Merit System Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade MAE) to a 1.0 FTE Public Health Program Coordinator position (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B25) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an increase of \$7,898 to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 232014, Object 610100.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-99

WHEREAS, As a result of the national settlement of a class action lawsuit involving several prescription opioid manufacturers and distributors, the State of Minnesota is estimated to receive \$300 million over the next 18 years, and of that, St. Louis County will be receiving the fifth largest local share; and

WHEREAS, On January 4, 2022, Chair Commissioner McDonald formed the Opioid Remediation Subcommittee to make recommendations on the distribution of settlement proceeds; and

WHEREAS, The Subcommittee worked through needs analysis and evidence-based recommendations over the last nine months, set initial priorities and issued a Request for Proposals for community-based proposals around enriched broad prevention focused on youth and community stigma reduction and harm reduction; and

WHEREAS, Eight proposals were recommended for funding, an initial five that will begin immediately, and a second set of three projects that will begin later this year after additional planning; the term of these contracts is one year from date of execution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into community contracts for up to \$1,210,823.24 of the initial opioid allocation litigation proceeds according to eligible uses as specified in Appendix A of the Minnesota Memorandum of Agreement by category referenced below:

Proposals Recommended to Fund – First Round		Priority Categories	Target Communities	MOA Category
Rural Aids Action Network	\$144,468.24	Harm Reduction	North; some countywide	H.1, H.3 H.9, H.10
Recovery Alliance Duluth	\$283,248	Harm Reduction	North; some countywide	B.2-3, B.6, C.10
Housing for Inmates	\$300,000	Harm Reduction	Based South; available to residents countywide	B.1-3
CHUM	\$94,150	Harm Reduction	South	B.2, B.10
United Way	\$34,000	Enriched Broad Prevention – Youth Focused	North	G.8-9, G.11
Total Amount – First Round	\$855,866.24			

Proposals Recommended to Fund – Second Round				
Media/Outreach (through multiple channels)	\$120,000	Prevention/Community Stigma	Countywide	G.1-3, G.9
Wellbeing Development	\$134,957	Prevention/Community Stigma; Harm Reduction	North	J.5
YWCA Duluth	\$100,000	Harm Reduction	South	B.2, E.6, E.8
Total Amount – Second Round	\$354,957			
Total	\$1,210,823.24			

RESOLVED FURTHER, That these contracts be consistent with the State-Local Subdivision Agreement, eligibility rules and reporting requirement.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

298-298002-629900

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-100

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department’s equipment budget includes replacement of tandem trucks for snow and ice control, and gravel hauling; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested State of Minnesota contract pricing for the Mack Granite due to its quality, department experience, savings in inventory, and mechanic familiarity; and

WHEREAS, Twin Cities Mack and Volvo of Roseville, MN, responded with the state contract price for ten (10) Mack Granite tandem trucks of \$1,426,270, plus 6.5% state sales tax of \$92,708, plus vehicle excise tax of \$200, for a total cost of \$1,519,178.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of ten (10) 2024 Mack Granite tandem trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, MN, for a total cost of \$1,519,178, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666300.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-101

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61875.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-102

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has awarded St. Louis County for its Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township has been working to develop a new Voyageurs National Park Visitor Center entrance to the National Park and has identified a need for cleanup of contamination associated with petroleum tanks on the property; and

WHEREAS, The Program did not allow the Township to make direct application and as such, the Township approached St. Louis County and requested that it make application on its behalf and act as its fiscal agent.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of the Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) in the amount of \$87,240 and agrees to act as the legal sponsoring agency for the grant.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, accept financial assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project(s), and that St. Louis County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-103

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the application for valuation reduction for homestead property damage by mold, identified in County Board File No. 61889.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-105

WHEREAS, Retired Command Sergeant Major John S. Werner, who served over four decades in the United States Army, had a vision of creating a space for veterans, their families, and the public to visit and reflect on the sacrifices made by all veterans and their families - called Rice Lake Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, Funding of \$20,000 from St. Louis County to the Duluth Honor Guard would contribute to the cost of the sculpture in Rice Lake Memorial Park, depicting a 173rd airborne brigade soldier kneeling with a 120-pound pack with rifle in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, \$20,000 of funding has been requested through the Minnesota Department of Administration Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds grants in the FY22-23 biennium, which requires a \$20,000 local match.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves \$20,000 to support the Duluth Honor Guard for its Rice Lake Memorial Park project in Rice Lake, MN.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the funding from Fund 100, Agency 104001, Object 629900, could serve as a grant match requirement for the Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds grant or be a supplement to funding the Duluth Honor Guard has already received (should the grant not be awarded) for the Rice Lake Memorial Park Project.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-106

WHEREAS, County Administration, the County Attorney’s Office and Human Resources have been working together to explore alternatives supporting the public records data practices function of County Administration; and

WHEREAS, The volume and complexity of public records data requests has grown exponentially over the years and it is recommended that the county fund a dedicated position in the County Attorney’s Office to assist responsible authorities and compliance officials with receipt, acknowledgement, review and response to public records data requests; and

WHEREAS, The Human Resources Department has reviewed the proposed duties and determined that the Special Investigator job class is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The allocation will result in an approximate annual increase of \$74,624 which is based on the fully burdened salary of a Special Investigator (\$4,490/mo. at Grade QAT, Step 1) payable from Fund 100, Agency 113001; and

WHEREAS, The addition of a proposed 1.0 FTE to the County Attorney’s Office and funds transfer requires County Board approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the increase of a 1.0 FTE Special Investigator position within the County Attorney’s Office in the amount of \$74,624 (Unclassified Attorney Investigators Grade QAT, Step 1) payable from Fund 100, Agency 113001, with funds being transferred from Fund 100, Agency 104006, Object 619900 for the 2023 fiscal year.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-107

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61858, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

December 2022		
100	General Fund	7,516,462.16
149	Personal Service Fund	823.30
155	Depot	73,364.79
160	MN Trail Assistance	56,462.90
167	Attorney’s Forfeitures	4,000.00
166	Sheriff Fine Contingency	7,020.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,621.01
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	28,747.75
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	166,004.61
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	349,740.46
180	Law Library	16,444.14
183	City/County Communications	347.30
184	Extension Service	119,114.01
192	Permit to Carry	51,733.92

200	Public Works	2,901,924.03
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	167,865.49
215	Ditching	19,433.50
220	State/Federal Road Aid	2,064,190.18
230	Public Health & Human Services	9,558,402.12
238	HHS Conference	135.00
239	Pandemic Response Fund	3,199,999.78
240	Forfeited Tax	508,697.96
260	CDBG Grant	68,002.34
261	CDBG Program Income	1,203.29
270	HOME Grant	196.25
289	On-Site Wastewater	104,349.32
290	Forest Resources	40,100.60
320	2014A ARC Capital Improvement Bond	3,263,459.38
324	2015B – Refunding 316-2008B	953,125.00
325	2015C – Capital Improve Bond	2,897,828.13
326	2016A – Capital Improve Bond	1,712,893.75
327	2016B Refunding 318-2013A	1,269,375.01
328	2018A Capital Improve Bond	1,518,665.63
329	2018B Capital Improve Bond	818,925.00
330	2020A TST Capital Improve Bond	1,303,068.76
331	2020B Refunding 2013D & 2014A	548,653.75
332	2021A – Capital Improvement	261,943.76
400	County Facilities	254,483.15
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	25,360.00
403	Emergency Repairs	1,560.00
405	Public Works Building Construction	72,121.43
407	Public Works – Equipment	1,839,472.07
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	2,772,737.95
600	Environmental Services	865,259.20
640	Plat Books	35.09
715	County Garage	69,298.72
720	Property Casualty Liability	9,550.14
730	Workers Compensation	221,123.76
740	Medical Dental Insurance	3,894,869.43
770	Retired Employees Health Ins.	844.00
		<u>\$51,677,007.19</u>

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Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-108

RESOLVED, The St. Louis County Board appoints Marjorie McPeak to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2025.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-109

WHEREAS, On December 13, 2022, the St. Louis County Board approved Resolution No. 22-651 allowing the application and acceptance of the 2023 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment grant in the amount of \$12,000; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office was recently notified they have been awarded an additional \$55,375; and

WHEREAS, This grant enables the Sheriff to purchase equipment which supports recreational boating safety throughout St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will be required to provide a match in the amount of \$18,875.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment and acceptance of the 2023 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment grant to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12936, Year 2023.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-110

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Environmental Services Department recognizes the need to modernize the St. Louis County Recycling Facility; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Services proposes to seek grant funding assistance to automate specific functions of the sorting process, to expand the facility to allow for the addition of automated equipment and to provide adequate storage of baled recyclables, and to purchase and distribute recycling totes for each household within the Solid Waste Management Area Fall Lake Township; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides funding for this purpose through its Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories for Upgrades to Recycling Facility; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with the recycling facility upgrade, Environmental Services is actively participating in the development of a 10-year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) with neighboring counties and the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD), as required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and

WHEREAS, The Plan (draft) proposes to leverage use of the Recycling Facility by sorting and processing recyclable materials from neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, Current operations at the Recycling Facility will not support the anticipated increase in volume.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for \$2,900,000 in grant funding from the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories for Upgrades to Recycling Facility - Fund 600, Agency 601004, Year 2023.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-111

WHEREAS, The parcels described in County Board File No. 61894 forfeited to the State of Minnesota on December 7, 2022, for nonpayment of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has recommended that these parcels be classified as conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, The forfeited parcels may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 requires that notice of the classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board classifies the tax-forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61894 as conservation, and a notice of the

classification shall be transmitted by the Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the classification of the forfeited parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcel is located.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-112

WHEREAS, The parcels described in County Board File No. 61895 forfeited to the State of Minnesota on December 7, 2022, for nonpayment of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The goals of classification are to encourage the most economical and efficient use of the property, reduce local and state government expenses, conserve and develop the state's natural resources, and encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has recommended that these parcels be classified as non-conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, The forfeited parcels may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board classifies the tax-forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61895 as non-conservation, and a notice of the classification shall be transmitted by the Land and Minerals Department to the clerks of the municipalities or towns in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the classification of the forfeited parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerks of the municipalities or towns in which the parcels are located.

Adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-113

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, In November of 2021, St. Louis County provided official notification that the St. Louis County Historical Society needed to vacate just over 3,000 square feet of storage space within the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (The Depot); and

WHEREAS, The Depot Operations Committee in 2022, worked with the Historical Society to encourage the organization to identify its needs and search for spaces that could potentially meet these needs; and

WHEREAS, The Depot Operations Committee recommended that the lower level Wells Fargo space, owned by Sterling Properties, LLLP, be further explored by the St. Louis County Historical Society as a viable storage option; and

WHEREAS, After touring the space, President Emeritus Ron Hein, Executive Director JoAnne Coombe, and Curator Erin Hicks indicated that the space met the needs of the Historical Society and expressed support to enter into an agreement with the County for use of the space for active storage; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County desires to display Historical Society art and artifacts within its three

County Courthouses; and

WHEREAS, The display of art and artifacts would both be in the public interest and would result in a reduction of the overall offsite storage space required by the Historical Society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes Administration to enter into a lease agreement with Sterling Properties, LLLP for the former safety deposit area and available adjacent spaces not to exceed \$56,000 per year in the lower level of the Wells Fargo building, located at 230 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN, and authorize Administration to enter into an agreement with the St. Louis County Historical Society for use of this space for active storage pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 138.051.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That County funding for offsite storage is conditioned upon the St. Louis County Historical Society agreeing to install and maintain a reasonable and consistent display of artwork and artifacts from its collection at all St. Louis County Courthouses by June 30, 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That to allow adequate time for the Historical Society and the County to flesh out the details of such an agreement, the agreement between the Historical Society and St. Louis County setting forth the terms for such display be executed no later than December 31, 2023, after which point offsite storage costs will begin being deducted from the County's allocation to the Historical Society on a pro rata basis until such time an agreement is executed.

Unanimously adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-104

BY COMMISSIONER GRIMM:

WHEREAS, County Administration established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group in recognition that diversity, equity and inclusion are vital to achieving the mission of St. Louis County - to promote health and safety, ensure sound infrastructure, embrace our natural resources, and support an environment where communities prosper; and

WHEREAS, On July 27, 2021, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 21-419, to enter an agreement with the Center for Economic Inclusion to assist the county's DEI Leadership Group in studying and evaluating county diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic needs; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Economic Inclusion concluded its DEI consulting services on December 13, 2022, with a results and recommendations report to the County Board, including recommendations to enhance the organizational culture, facilitate shared power, make intentional resource decisions to support DEI work and to dismantle policies and practices which hold certain disparities in place; and

WHEREAS, The Board is committed to advancing equity and inclusion initiatives in St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby accept the report and recommendations developed by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Leadership Group and the Center for Economic Inclusion.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Administration is directed to prioritize and act on those recommendations and bring forward recommendations for future consideration and implementation.

Unanimously adopted February 7, 2023. No. 23-114

At 10:28 a.m., February 7, 2023, Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.


Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:

Nancy Nilsen

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)