Section 3.050. In addition to other powers and duties herein provided, the county executive shall:

1. Appoint, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, and subject to confirmation as herein provided, all (a) heads of departments and remove the same at any time and (b) members of boards and commissions and delegate and assign to them duties and functions not inconsistent with this charter or ordinances; upon the occurrence of any vacancy in any appointive or elective office except council member, designate an acting officer to serve until the vacancy is filled in the manner provided in this charter; effective January 10, 2023, no individual appointed by the county executive to fill a vacancy of an appointive office, department, or membership on a board or commission shall assume the appointive role until the completion of the confirmation process as provided herein and the county council, upon receipt of a communication providing notice of such an appointment by the county executive, shall: (1) confirm the appointment by majority vote within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of appointment, (2) affirmatively vote to deny confirmation of the appointment within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of appointment, at which time the appointment to the position shall be subject to a new appointment process of a different individual, or (3) neither confirm nor deny such confirmation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of appointment, at which time the county council's opportunity to confirm or deny an appointment shall be considered lapsed and the appointment shall be deemed confirmed; notwithstanding any provision herein, the time limitations and process shall not apply to employees who hold a permanent position in the merit system who are appointed to serve in an acting capacity for a vacant appointive position in an office or department;

2. Employ, by and with the approval of the council, experts and consultants in connection with any of the functions of the county;

3. Coordinate and supervise the work of the departments and agencies of the county subject to the county executive's control;
4. Transfer temporarily, with the consent of the head of the office or department, deputies or employees from one office or department to another office or department to promote efficiency and economy;

5. Execute and enforce the provisions of this charter, the laws of the state pertaining to the government of the county, and the ordinances, resolutions, orders and policies of the council; see that all contracts with the county are faithfully performed and cause to be instituted in the name of the county appropriate actions thereon;

6. Attend regular meetings of the council and participate in its discussions without vote, and attend such other meetings as the council may require;

7. Recommend to the council such measures as may, in the county executive’s opinion, tend to improve the county government and the general well-being of the people; submit to the council an annual report of the affairs of the county and such other reports as may be requested by the council or any three members thereof;

8. Promote and encourage cooperative relationships between the county and the political subdivisions within the county in matters relating to land use planning, public health, sewers, parks, safety, public welfare and any and all other governmental functions in which the people of St. Louis County could gain through better cooperative arrangements;

9. Examine the parties, witnesses and others on oath or affirmation touching any matter or circumstance in the examination of any payroll, account, demand or claim against the county and have access to all county books, records and papers kept by county officers and employees;

10. Represent the county and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or by law or be required of the county executive by ordinance or resolution of the council or as may be necessarily implied by the powers and duties herein specified;

11. Establish by executive order from time to time systems of administrative organization in the departments which shall be as uniform as the various departmental functions will permit and which shall not be inconsistent with any ordinance;
12. Submit to the council for approval by ordinance an annual balanced budget at the time and in the manner provided in this charter and by ordinance.