

Chairman Oslin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioners Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Assistant County Administrator Holly Wilson introduced two (2) supplemental documents and four (4) add-on agenda request items to the County Board:

- 5.2 Consider Letter to Minnesota Governor and Attorney General – Supplemental Document;
- 5.4 Consider Mille Lacs County Pandemic Economic Relief Grant Applications – Supplemental Documents;
- 5.6 Accept Resignation of the County Administrator;
- 5.7 Approve Revision to Promotion, Demotion, and Transfer Section of Personnel Policy;
- 5.8 Consider Resolution No. 02-02-2021-02, Establish Chief Deputy Sheriff Wage
- 5.9 Review Updated Mille Lacs County Preparedness Plan

Cmsr Peterson motioned to accept the agenda as amended; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cmsr Wilhelm seconded by Cmsr Reynolds, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve 1/19/2021 County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Review of Auditor's Warrants;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services;
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- Consider Mass Dispensing Site Agreement - Milaca School;
- Consider Mass Dispensing Site Agreement - Onamia School;
- Consider Cleaning Services Agreements with Development Achievement Center (DAC);
- Consider Audit Engagement Letter with the Office of the Minnesota State Auditor;
- Consider Resolution No. 02-02-2021-01, Approval of Charitable Gambling;

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No. : 02-02-2021-01
Approval of Charitable Gambling*

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby approves granting an Exempt Permit for Defending the Blue Line dba United Heroes League to conduct a raffle event on February 13, 2021 at Nitti's Hunters Point Resort located at 5436 479th St. Isle, MN 56342.

Cmsr Oslin requested pulling consent agenda items 4.11, Consider Great Northern Trail Memo of Understanding Agreement, and 4.12, Information Only: County Engineer's Informational Notes, for discussion. Cmsr Wilhelm requested pulling consent agenda item 4.10, Consider Resolution No. 2021-2-2-21-2, 2019 LOST Road Projects 106, 112, and 151, for discussion. Assistant County Administrator Wilson noted a grammatical correction to agenda item 4.1, Approve 1/19/2021 County Board Meeting Minutes, and a grammatical correction to 4.9, Consider Resolution No. 02-02-2021-01, Approval of Charitable Gambling.

A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2-2-21-2, 2019 LOST ROAD PROJECTS 106, 112, AND 151

County Engineer Neal Knopik discussed the resolved project drainage conflicts and the completion of the projects. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2021-2-2-21-2, 2019 LOST Road Projects 106, 112, and 151; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
ACCEPTANCE OF CP 048-106-019, CP 048-112-019 AND CP 048-151-019
2019 LOST ROADS PROJECTS 106, 112 and 151
PWD Resolution No. 2021-2-2-21-2*

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

*WHEREAS, CP 048-106-019, CP 048-112-019, CP 048-151-019, Contract No. 201806, 2019 LOST Roads, by OMG Midwest Inc. dba Minnesota Paving and Materials, 14475 Quiram Drive, Rogers, MN 55374; located on County Road 106 from 156' west of 170th Avenue/CR68 to 145th Avenue/CSAH 18, County Road 112 from TH 23 to 160th Street/CSAH9 and County Road 151 from 190th Street/CSAH 11 to 210th Street/CSAH 16; original contract cost was \$6,549,790.76 and the final contract cost is \$6,459,108.99; and the County Board being fully advised,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we do hereby accept said completed project for Mille Lacs County and authorize final payment.*

CONSIDER GREAT NORTHERN TRAIL MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT

County Engineer Neal Knopik discussed the request for the trail agreement; stating that the County would like to distribute \$1000 for use associated with the trail agreement. Discussion occurred among the commissioners concerning the agreement. Cmsr Tellinghuisen motioned to approve the Great Northern Trail Memo of Understanding Agreement; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ONLY: COUNTY ENGINEER'S INFORMATIONAL NOTES

Discussion occurred among the Commissioners concerning the Public Works updates included in the informational notes. Cmsr Oslin thanked County Engineer Knopik for the Soo Line Trail stop sign project and stated that many constituents were pleased with the final result.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Attorney Joe Walsh stated that on January 31, 2021, County Administrator Pat Oman submitted his resignation. Walsh stated that Oman requested the ability to leave in good standing and receive 240 accrued vacation hours. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners concerning the request. Assistant County Administrator Wilson suggested accepting Oman's resignation request. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the resignation of the County Administrator Pat Oman and grant payment for the 240 accrued vacation hours; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, and Peterson voted aye. Cmsr Tellinghuisen voted nay. Motion carried

CONSIDER 2021 LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Assistant County Administrator Wilson reviewed the 2021 Legal Services Agreement. Wilson reviewed the two monthly payment options that were available. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve Option 1 (one) of the 2021 Legal Services Agreement; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

CONSIDER LETTER TO MINNESOTA GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

Assistant County Administrator Wilson presented the proposed letter; County Attorney Walsh discussed the goal of sending the letter. Cmsr Tellinghuisen motioned to approve the Letter to the Minnesota Governor and Attorney General; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

CONSIDER JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RUM RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Assistant County Administrator Wilson presented the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) joint powers agreement and discussed the previous January 28, 2021 policy meeting. Cmsr Reynolds stated that once the final plan is completed by early fall, it will be brought to the Board for approval. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners concerning various aspects of the agreement. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Conservationist Jason Weinerman provided insight concerning the joint powers agreement associated with the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to table the Joint Powers Agreement for the Implementation of the Rum River Comprehensive Water Plan; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

CONSIDER MILLE LACS COUNTY PANDEMIC ECONOMIC RELIEF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Economic Development Manager Michael Wimmer presented the Pandemic Economic Relief Grant Applications received. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners concerning reopening the grant program for businesses and non-profit organizations. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Mille Lacs County Pandemic Economic Relief Grant Applications; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH DEED

Economic Development Manager Wimmer presented the Small Cities Development Program contract with Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the Small Cities Development Program Contract with DEED; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.; the Chairman reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVE REVISION TO PROMOTION, DEMOTION, AND TRANSFER SECTION OF PERSONNEL POLICY

HR Manager Karly Fetters presented the request concerning a revision in the Promotion, Demotion, and Transfer section of the Personnel Policy. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve revision to the Promotion, Demotion, and Transfer Section of the Personnel Policy; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 02-02-2021-02, ESTABLISH CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF WAGE

Assistant County Administrator Wilson discussed establishing the wage for the Chief Deputy. Wilson recommended starting the position at Step 3 of Grade S, due to individual's level of experience. Cmsr Peterson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 02-02-2021-02, Establish Chief Deputy Sheriff Wage; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 02-02-2021-02

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISH WAGE FOR CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF KYLE BURTON

WHEREAS there will be a vacancy in the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff effective January 21, 2021;
and

WHEREAS the County Board and the County Sheriff desire to fill this vacant position; and
WHEREAS, the County Board confirmed the appointment of Kyle Burton as Chief Deputy Sheriff effective January 22, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to set Chief Deputy Burton's wage at Step 3, Grade S of the Non-Union pay scale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve a reinstatement agreement for Chief Deputy Burton as follows: Chief Deputy Burton will serve as an employee of the Sheriff and serve in that position at the sole discretion of the Sheriff under MN Statute 387.145, Chief Deputy; Appointment: "Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the contrary, the sheriff of any county may appoint a chief deputy or first assistant with the approval of the county board."

REVIEW UPDATED MILLE LACS COUNTY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

HR Manager Fetters discussed the revisions to the Mille Lacs County Preparedness Plan. Fetters stated that staff will no longer need to take their temperature when entering the workplace. Fetters discussed providing consistent information to staff concerning social distancing measures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

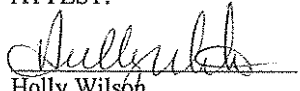
Cmsr Oslin permitted the opportunity for a constituent to speak at 10:49 a.m.

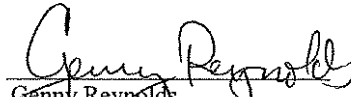
Mike Wausa
190th Street
Milaca, Minnesota

Mike Wausa expressed his concern regarding the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on local businesses. Mr. Wausa discussed his thoughts concerning the time it took to discuss the County Administrator's resignation at the County Board Meeting. Wausa provided his thoughts concerning the current President of the United States.

Cmsr Reynolds motioned to adjourn the meeting 10:51 a.m.; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, Peterson, and Wilhelm voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Holly Wilson
Assistant County Administrator


Genny Reynolds
County Board Vice Chairperson