

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair David Oslin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Wilhelm, Reynolds, Tellinghuisen, Peterson and Oslin were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

County Coordinator Dillon Hayes presented one add-on agenda item 3.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-07-21-03, AUTHORIZING COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN THE MINNESOTA OPIOIDS STATE-SUBDIVISION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

County Coordinator Hayes reviewed the resolution. The Association of Minnesota Counties drafted the resolution and asked that all 87 counties to approve it to proceed with the opioid settlement(s). A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve resolution 12-07-21-03, authorizing county participation in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

CONSIDER CY2022 DHS SCREENING GRANT CONTRACT

CONSIDER CY2022 LAKEVIEW PSYCHOLOGICAL CONTRACT

CONSIDER CY2022 LIGHTHOUSE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES CONTRACT

CONSIDER MORTGAGE SATISFACTION

CONSIDER LIQUOR LICENSE

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

CONSIDER TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY REPURCHASE REQUEST

County Coordinator Hayes reviewed the repurchase request and the history of failure to make payments. However, staff recommended approval of the repurchase application, as there is public benefit to having properties back on the tax rolls. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the tax-forfeited property repurchase request.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

APPROVE ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE INC. (ACH) FOR JAIL INMATE MEDICAL

Jail Administrator Bradley Hunt reviewed the item with input from Assistant Jail Administrator Dustin Naumann. A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the Advance Correctional Healthcare Inc. for jail medical.

APPROVE SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES FOR INMATE PHONE

Jail Administrator Hunt and Assistant Jail Administrator Naumann reviewed the technologies agreement. Discussion took place regarding duration of the contract, application, etc. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve Securus Technologies for Inmate Phones.

APPROVE JAIL GUARDIAN RFID CONTRACT

Jail Administrator Hunt and Assistant Jail Administrator Naumann reviewed the technologies agreement. Discussion took place regarding benefits to the county and inmates from this program, including well-being checks, mental health components, and DOC requirements. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve Securus Technologies for Inmate phones.

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

2022 TRI-CAP VOLUNTEER DRIVER CONTRACT

Community and Veteran Services Director Crook reviewed the purpose of the Tri-Cap contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the 2022 Tri-Cap Volunteer Driver Contract.

2022 TRIMIN SYSTEMS PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

Community and Veteran Services Director Crook reviewed the 2022 service agreement with TriMin. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghusien, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the 2022 TriMin systems purchase of service agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER REVISED POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
RESTRUCTURE AND AUTHORIZE FILLING OF POSITIONS

Human Resources Coordinator Fetters reviewed the positions with input from County Coordinator Hayes. Discussion took place regarding the posting process and benefits to the public. A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the revised position descriptions for the historic courthouse restructure and authorize filling of positions.

CONSIDER AFSCME-ACA 2022-2024 BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT

Human Resources Coordinator Fetters reviewed the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the AFSCME-ACA 2022-2024 Bargaining Unit Contract.

CONSIDER 2022 UNIFORM PAY SCALE

Human Resources Coordinator Fetters reviewed the pay scale. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the 2022 Uniform Pay Scale.

CONSIDER AFSCME-CVS 2022-2024 BARGAINING CONTRACT & ON-CALL MOA

Human Resources Coordinator Fetters reviewed the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the AFSCME-CVS 2022-2024 Bargaining Contract & On-Call MOA.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR 2022-2023, 2023-2024, AND
2024-2025 WINTER SEASONS.

Facilities Manager Noelan Lange reviewed the snow removal contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghusien, and carried by roll call vote with Commissioner Reynolds, Tellinghusien, and Peterson voting aye, and Commissioners Wilhelm and Oslin voting nay, to approve the Snow Removal Contract for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 Winter Seasons.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE PROPOSAL TO PICKUP AND DISPOSE OF INFECTIOUS
WASTE FROM ADVANCED BIOLOGICAL INDUSTRIES OF MINNESOTA.

Facilities Manager Lange reviewed the proposal including current practices, concerns, and benefits of the proposed item. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Reynolds, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the proposal to pickup and dispose of infectious waste from advanced biological industries of Minnesota.

CONSIDER COUNTY DITCH 2 GO BOND SERIES 2021B

County Coordinator Hayes reviewed the Bond information. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and carried by roll call vote, with Commissioner Wilhelm abstaining, to approve the County Ditch 2 GO Bond Series 2021B.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, and unanimously carried in a roll call vote to recess to work session at 6:15 p.m.

REVIEW EMERGENCY TELEWORK

REVIEW 2022 BUDGET & TNT PRESENTATION

TRUTH IN TAXATION

Chair Olsin resumed the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner Olsin noted that the meeting was live for viewers and welcomed the public. County Coordinator Hayes noted that this is part of the budget-setting process each year. Coordinator Hayes also noted that he would start the meeting with a presentation, and asked that members of the public approach the podium when recognized by the Chair if they would like to make a comment, and provide their name and address at that time. Coordinator Hayes stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the budget, and explain the difference between property values and property taxes.

Linda Johnson, 2706 56th Avenue, commented on taxes and percentages/amounts.

Kelly Johering, 12937 105th St Milaca, suggested that out of home placement be defunded. Pay scale adjustments should be made so that no County employee receives a higher salary than the median salary of Mille Lacs County residents (approximately \$56,000).

Mark Penning, 5481 Penning Road East Side, wants to better-understand the budget driver, along with transparency on the website for budget drivers.

Terrance Jurva, 1484 White Cloud Circle Isle, asked when the most-recent audit of property taxes was completed. Coordinator Hayes reviewed annual audits and reviews from the Department of Revenue.

Coordinator Hayes offered to send the most recent report. Mr. Jurva also asked for more transparency.

Molly Winters, the Association of Minnesota Counties is comparable to Sourcewell for recent overreach issues including Critical Race Theory in schools, and provides resources that have an underlying agenda and wants Mille Lacs County to research this before using AMC this as a resource.

Phillip Erwig, Milaca, was impressed with the presentation from Mr. Jurva regarding values, and asked if this was a violation of our legal protection clause of the constitution.

Ally Novak, 15697 180th St Milaca, is in the housing industry and stated that she was more concerned about property tax impacts on a growing community and sees people commenting on taxes being so high. Growth is a good thing, and so she wants the Board to try to encourage growth.

Representative Sondra Erickson, 1947 Ridgeborough Princeton, understands the dilemma of counties and recognizes that the state legislature imposes mandates on the county and sets a classification system. The state legislature has as much a responsibility to call attention to the issues reviewed tonight as the County Board does. She mentioned a state report showing a budget surplus which exceeded last year's surplus. Out of Home Placement costs, the state says the county must pay costs and answer to the state. Social Security taxes in Minnesota are mentioned as another issue. AMC lobbies against the mandates that aren't paid for.

Carol Droogsma, Pease, mentioned the sale of her home to a grandson, taxes going up \$1,000 from previous years and ditch levies.

Dave Emunds, Eastside Township, asked what percent the reservation represents for expenditures and revenue, and what is the county doing to increase the tax base/attract people to the county. Coordinator Hayes reviewed the funding provided by the State to offset some costs.

Tim Laseur, Princeton Township, discussed value and tax rates.

Sadie Ash, 15757 100th Avenue, questioned reserve funds and asked if, when the audit was done, the auditors noted the fund balance issue. Coordinator Hayes stated that he anticipates that the 2020 audit will have some fund-balance related findings. Mrs. Ash also asked if annual audits are available upon request. Coordinator Hayes stated that, yes, they are posted on the website as soon as we get them. Mrs. Ash also asked if the audit findings are presented to the Board; Chair Oslin stated that, yes, they get it mailed to them directly (not provided by an MLC employee). Mrs. Ash inquired about how much of the current levy is set to refund the current balance; Coordinator Hayes responded that it is approximately 1/3, and that he has proposed a 3-year plan to restore those balances. Chair Oslin noted that the Board will evaluate and approve a plan moving forward. Mrs. Ash stated that hearing more about the long-term plan will be helpful.

Chair Oslin commented on taxes, and the fact that Mille Lacs County has a high utilization of public services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelm, seconded by Commissioner Reynodls, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURN

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Coordinator

David Oslin
County Board Chairperson