

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW PUBLIC WORKS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Whitcomb, Oslin, Peterson, Tellinghuisen, and Reynolds.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

County Administrator Dillon Hayes requested to remove item 4.5. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 4.5.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dan Whitcomb requested to remove agenda item 4.6: Consider Letter of Support. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 VIPER E911 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

CONSIDER 2023 COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING DATE

CONSIDER JANUARY 3, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER IV-E ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT

CONSIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE SOUTH MAINTENANCE FACILITY

CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT

Discussion took place regarding the Highway 23 coalition and the presence (or lack thereof) for other State Routes in the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the Letter of Support.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF THE 1-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SUNRISE WELLNESS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WELLNESS PROGRAM.

REVIEW WARRANTS

CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF 2022 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WSB

CONSIDER DITCH INSPECTION REPORTS

REGULAR AGENDA

REVIEW AND INTRODUCE DECEMBER 2022 MILLE LACS COUNTY NEW HIRES

Personnel Director Karly Feters introduced the following new hires from December: Social Worker Cheyanne Hayes, 911 Communications Specialist Anna Collingwood, and Office Support Specialist Amy Wagner. Cheyanne Hayes was in attendance and was introduced to the commissioners.

CMJTS ANNUAL PRESENTATION

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. presented information regarding their organization.

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CLASSIFICATION OF TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTIES

County Auditor-Treasurer Brenda Eklund reviewed the agenda item with input from Deputy Auditor-Treasurer I Nancy Eibes. Discussion took place regarding conservation classification. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing at 9:31 a.m. There were no comments from the public. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:32 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to classify all 50 parcels as non-conservation and to combine the 15 parcels into the recommended 7 parcels.

CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Commissioner Oslin asked if the planning commission voted unanimously on this, Zoning Administrator Hayes confirmed the vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the rezone of Parcel 13-023-0100 to Agricultural Residential as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 01-17-23-01: ALLOCATION OF ARP FUNDS

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the allocation of funds to offset payroll expenses for wages. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 01-17-23-01: Allocation of ARP funds.

***Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota***

Resolution No.: 01-17-23-01

APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN LOST REVENUE ELECTION

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 (ARP); and

WHEREAS, ARP funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2021, the US Department of the Treasury (Treasury) published the Interim Final Rule describing eligible and ineligible uses of funds as well as other program provisions; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, Treasury issued the final rule; and

WHEREAS, on the final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation; and

WHEREAS, recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount for government services, with streamlined reporting requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby elects to utilize \$5,089,696.65 of their allowance under the revenue loss provision of the American Rescue Plan Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby elects to utilize those funds under the revenue loss provision of the American Rescue Plan Act to cover payroll costs incurred in 2022, starting January 26, 2022.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 01-17-23-02: APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY RECORDER

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 01-17-23-02: Appointment of County Recorder. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the revised Land Services Director position description.

***Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota***

Resolution No.: 01-17-23-02

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY RECORDER

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375A.10 provides authority to the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners to fill the office of County Recorder by appointment, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375A.10 Subdivision 3 provides that, in effecting this option, the board of county commissioners shall have the authority to initiate and direct any reorganization, consolidation, reallocation or delegation of such duties, functions or responsibilities for the purpose of promoting efficiency in county government, and

WHEREAS, Jackie Struffert accepted the position of County Recorder, with a start date of January 3, 2022, and was formally appointed as the County Recorder by resolution on January 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, County Recorder Jackie Struffert tendered her resignation, effective February 3, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds the appointment of Jackie Struffert as County Recorder and appoints Land Services Director Doug Hansen as the County Recorder effective February 6, 2023.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD MEETING RULES OF BUSINESS & PROCEDURES POLICY

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding Robert's Rules of Order verbiage from "shall govern" to "shall guide" and the necessity of two vs. three commissioners for the addition of items for consideration on the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, to approve the revised Board Meeting Rules of Business & Procedures Policy with the revisions presented by staff and those identified with regards to Robert's Rules of Order.

CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LELS REGARDING RECOUPMENT OF VEBA CONTRIBUTIONS

Personnel Director Karly Feters reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with LELS regarding Recoupment of VEBA Contributions.

CONSIDER CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION

The Board meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m. The Board meeting re-convened at 10:04 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to close the meeting at 10:04 a.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 Subdivision 3 (b) to discuss ongoing litigation with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe as permitted by attorney-client privilege. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to come out of closed session at 11:44 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reynolds attended the East Central Regional Library Board meeting last Thursday 1/9/2023.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

HRA BOARD MEETING

REVIEW STATUS OF POLICY UPDATES

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Phil Peterson
County Board Chairperson