

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Whitcomb, Peterson, and Reynolds. Commissioner Oslin attended remotely. Commissioner Tellinghuisen was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitcomb removed item 4.2. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

CONSIDER MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

CONSIDER TEMPORARY MNDOT EASEMENT

Discussion took place regarding the specific location of the easement. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the temporary MNDOT easement.

CONSIDER CDC FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT-MDH

CONSIDER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LITTLE WHITEFISH CAFE LLC

CONSIDER COMBINATION OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS

CONSIDER MARCH 7, 2023 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT TO COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

REVIEW OF AUDITOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER SOUTH MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONTRACTS

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-21-23-01: ADOPTING THE SNAKE RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to table the agenda item until the April 4, 2023 County Board meeting.

CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Zoning Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin,

seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to table the agenda item until the April 4, 2023 County Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-21-23-02: OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 03-21-23-02: Opioid Settlement Agreements.

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 03-21-23-02**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY STAFF TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ENSURE COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTISTATE SETTLEMENTS RELATING TO OPIOID SUPPLY CHAIN PARTICIPANTS AND THE MINNESOTA OPIOIDS STATE-SUBDIVISION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against opioid supply chain participants related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several opioid supply chain participants, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of April, 18 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota’s local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, as amended (the “State-Subdivision Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mille Lacs County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mille Lacs County supports and opts in to all future multistate settlement agreements with opioid supply chain participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents to ensure Mille Lacs County participation in the multistate settlement agreements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and the State-Subdivision Agreement.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-21-23-03: COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE OPERATIONSCounty Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 03-21-23-03: County Attorney's Office Operations.

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 03-21-23-03**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING TEMPORARY OPERATIONS OF THE MILLE LACS COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2023, the then incumbent Mille Lacs County Attorney, Joe Walsh, resigned from the office of the Mille Lacs County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, due to that resignation, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 351.02 the office of the Mille Lacs County Attorney became and still is vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 382.02 and 375.08, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners has the power and duty to fill that vacancy and appoint an individual to be the Mille Lacs County Attorney, with the appointment being for the remainder of the term to which Joe Walsh was elected; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 375.08, when a vacancy occurs in an office that has a chief deputy or first assistant, that chief deputy or first assistant is automatically authorized to perform all the duties and functions of the office until it is filled by appointment by the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners has not yet filled the vacancy but intends to do so at a future date; and

WHEREAS, the current duly appointed assistant county attorneys have expressed concern about having proper authority to perform their duties during the period of time in which there is no duly elected or appointed Mille Lacs County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, in order to address any actual or perceived issues regarding the authority of current assistant county attorneys, the County Board considers it appropriate to designate a current assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney to act as a first assistant under Minnesota Statutes § 375.08.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Mille Lacs County Board authorizes Erica Madore to temporarily act pursuant to the authority given a first assistant under Minnesota Statute § 375.08 and perform all the duties and responsibilities of the office of the county attorney.
2. To the extent the law might deem it necessary, this authorization to act on a temporary basis is also made pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 388.09, to perform all the duties and responsibilities of the office of the county attorney, as expressed in Minnesota Statute § 388.051.
3. This authorization is temporary, and is not meant to fill the vacancy of the office of the County Attorney. It is only meant to grant Erica Madore all of the authority necessary to be in charge of the office of the county attorney and to perform the functions of the county attorney's office.
4. This authorization to Erica Madore is revocable by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners at any time.
5. This authorization to Erica Madore shall automatically expire and terminate once the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners appoints an individual to the position of the Mille Lacs County Attorney and that individual takes any necessary oath of office.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A NEW ROOF ON THE COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES BUILDING

Facility & Fleet Operations Manager Noelan Lange reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the low cost proposal from All Elements Inc. in the amount of \$123,821.00 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the contract on behalf of Mille Lacs County.

PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD AWARD OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR MILLE LACS COUNTY PROJECTS

County Engineer David Enblom reviewed the agenda item.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

County Engineer Enblom reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to authorize staff to solicit bids/quotes for

work and to report back for award of said bids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb attended the opioid meeting on March 8, the Central MN Job Taskforce Joint Powers Board meeting on March 10, the Association of MN Counties Transportation Committee, and the Leadership Team meeting. Commissioner Reynolds attended the AMC legislative update.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

UPDATE ON 2023 ASSESSOR VALUATIONS/BOARDS

COUNTY ATTORNEY INTERVIEWS

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Phil Peterson
County Board Chairperson