

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

MN HOUSING AID

REVIEW ESST POLICY PROPOSAL

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSIDER CY24-25 VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CONTRACT

CONSIDER CY2024 CONTRACT WITH LIGHTHOUSE CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-21-23-01: ECE BROADBAND

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 11-21-23-01

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EAST CENTRAL ENERGY'S BROADBAND PROJECT

IN MILLE LACS COUNTY

WHEREAS, East Central Energy is working to provide efficient and affordable fiber broadband internet to its service area; and

WHEREAS, the mission is to provide high-speed internet to every home and business, fostering community vitality, affordable and quality health care, equitable education, a strong economy, and efficient government; and

WHEREAS, East Central Energy is applying for the Minnesota Border-to-Border Round 9 Broadband Development Grant Program. The Border-to-Border Broadband Round 9 Development Grant Program funds the expansion of broadband service to areas of Minnesota that are unserved or underserved; now therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses East Central Energy's Broadband Project to provide to fiber broadband internet to its service area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mille Lacs County commits \$100,000.00 for the matching portion of the 2023 Minnesota Border-to-Border Round 9 Broadband Development Grant Program grants received in support of East Central Energy's Broadband Project.

UCARE CONTRACT FOR CVS BILLING

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

CONSIDER OPIOID SETTLEMENT CONTRACTS

REVIEW OF AUDITOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 FEE SCHEDULE

CONSIDER DONATION POLICY

CONSIDER 2024 DENTAL INSURANCE RATES

CONSIDER MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-21-23-02: 2024 DRAINAGE SYSTEM ASSESSMENTSCounty Auditor Treasurer Brenda Eklund presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 11-21-23-02: 2024 Drainage System Assessments.

***MILLE LACS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC DRAINAGE SYSTEMS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION***

The Matter of 2024 Drainage System Assessments

***RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD REGARDING DRAINAGE SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS,
INSTALLMENT SCHEDULES, INTEREST RATES AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS
(ASSESSMENT ORDER)***

Resolution No. 11-21-23-02:

WHEREAS, section 103E.725 provides, all fees and costs incurred relating to a drainage system, including repairs, inspections, engineering, viewing, and publications, are costs of the drainage system and must be assessed against the property and entities benefitted; and

WHEREAS, some drainage system accounts for systems administered by the Board carry negative balances and others will benefit from establishment of a maintenance fund. The negative-balance system accounts have benefited from inter-fund loans from the general fund of the County or from other drainage system funds. If the Board transfers money from another account or fund to a drainage system account, the money, plus interest, must be reimbursed from the proceeds of the drainage system that received the transfer; and

WHEREAS, if there is not enough money in the drainage system account to pay drainage system costs, the Board must assess the costs on all property and entities that have been assessed benefits for the drainage system. If the assessments are not more than 50 percent of the original cost of the drainage system, the installments may not exceed ten. If the assessments are greater than 50 percent of the original cost of the drainage system, the Board may order the assessments to be paid in 15 or less installments; and

WHEREAS, if assessments are to be paid in installments, the Board may set an interest rate not to exceed seven percent (7%) per year to be collected with each installment; and

WHEREAS, section 103E.735 allows the creation of a repair fund for each drainage system. The repair fund is intended to create a positive balance in a drainage system account to pay routine costs of inspection and minor maintenance and eliminate the need for inter-fund loans to drainage system accounts; and

***WHEREAS**, to create a repair fund, the drainage authority may apportion and assess an amount against all property and entities assessed for benefits. The fund may not exceed 20 percent of the assessed benefits of the drainage system or \$100,000, whichever is greater. Assessments may be made payable, by order, in equal annual installments; and*

***WHEREAS**, County staff has investigated the current drainage system funds and made a recommendation for assessments, installment schedules, interest rates, and maintenance funds.*

***THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of Mille Lacs County, Drainage Authority for the ditches listed below, adopts the following drainage system assessments, installment schedules, interest rates, and maintenance funds and directs certification thereof to the County Auditor for collection:*

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 1:

Total to be assessed:	\$500
Annual Installments:	0
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 2:

Total to be assessed:	\$1,000
Annual Installments:	0
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 3:

Total to be assessed:	\$0
Annual Installments:	0
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 4:

Total to be assessed:	\$0
Annual Installments:	0
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 5:

Total to be assessed:	\$1,000.00
Annual Installments:	1
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 6:

Total to be assessed:	\$1,000.00
Annual Installments:	1
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 7:

Total to be assessed:	\$1,000.00
Annual Installments:	1
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 11:

Total to be assessed:	\$500
Annual Installments:	1
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

Mille Lacs County Ditch # 14:

Total to be assessed:	\$15,000.00
Annual Installments:	1
Interest rate on installments:	0.0%

This resolution shall serve as the Board’s assessment order as required by Statutes Chapter 103E.

CONSIDER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROPOSALS

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by

Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the Comprehensive Plan update.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PROPOSED BY BARGAINING UNIT

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to close the meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding Proposed by Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS).

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to come out of the closed meeting.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-21-23-03: ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEAD COMPENSATION

Personnel Director Karly Fetters presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 11-21-23-03: Elected Department Head Compensation.

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota*

Resolution No.: 11-21-23-03

ESTABLISHING 2024 ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARIES

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 387.20, and 388.18 call for the annual establishment of the salaries of County Sheriff and County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, minimum salaries must be set in the year that individuals may file for elected offices within the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the minimum salaries and sets the 2024 salaries for elected department heads as follows:

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>2023 SALARY</i>	<i>2024 SALARY</i>
<i>County Sheriff</i>	<i>\$113,568.00</i>	<i>\$130,000.00</i>
<i>County Attorney</i>	<i>\$142,105.60</i>	<i>\$143,100.00</i>

CONSIDER JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH RESOURCE TRAINING & SOLUTIONS

Personnel Director Karly Fetters presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with Resource Training & Solutions.

CONSIDER BORGHOLM TOWNSHIP LETTER OF SUPPORT

County Engineer Dave Enblom presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize execution of the Letter of Support for Borgholm Township's LRIP application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb reported on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan session. Commissioner Reynolds reported on the Association of MN Counties Future meeting.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

2024 BUDGET REVIEW

REVIEW 2024 CLASS COMP STUDY PROPOSAL

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Phil Peterson
County Board Chairperson