

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Oslin, Peterson, 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

County Administrator Dillon Hayes requested the removal of item 4.11 for discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item 4.11 Consider New 2024 Budgeted Position Job Descriptions.

CONSIDER 2024-2025 VIPER MAINTENANCE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH LUMEN

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

CITY OF PRINCETON TIF DISTRICT NOTICE

REVIEW OF AUDITOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER COMMISSIONERS MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS - NOVEMBER 2023

CONSIDER PLOW TRUCK LEASE AGREEMENTS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-07-23-01: AUTHORIZE LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-07-23-02: CHARITABLE GAMBLING PERMIT

CONSIDER NOVEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER PERSONNEL POLICY REVISION TO INCORPORATE ESST

CONSIDER NEW 2024 BUDGETED POSITION JOB DESCRIPTIONS

County Administrator Hayes requested to remove the Family & Child Services Supervisor Job Description from the requested action for further review. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the Assistant Facility & Fleet Operations Manager Position Job Description.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER SOO LINE TRAIL PROJECTS

County Engineer Dave Enblom presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to support the Soo Line Trail Project plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR FATHER HENNEPIN STATE PARK EXPANSION

County Administrator Hayes presented. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to table the request from Father Hennepin State Park Expansion, requesting a presentation regarding the Expansion and alternative plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb reported on the AMC Committee meetings and sessions; Tribal Relations forum, Transportation Infrastructure Committee, MCIT Committee, SCHSAC, Opioid, Broadband, Childcare, Tyler decision.

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

The board recessed. The board resumed at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Reynolds joined at this time. Introductions were made by the commissioners. County Administrator Dillon Hayes presented information regarding the budget.

Chair Peterson opened the meeting to public comment at 6:23 p.m.

Jerry Jacobson, Milaca MN. Requested clarification on Capital Outlay, "Other" expenses and where to find the 2024 preliminary budget. He also reiterated concern that assessment disputes are limited to May.

Russel Hoeft, Princeton MN. Requested a meeting regarding valuation and tax rate assistance.

Timothy Boyle, Milo Township. Voiced his support of funds for law enforcement.

Keven Lewis, Princeton Township. Statement looking for steps in rejecting state mandated projects that don't affect Mille Lacs County citizens.

Joseph Leibersbach, Bogus Brook Township. Property taxes are unaffordable.

Jim Lease, Kathio Township. Requested clarification regarding the slide regarding tax capacity vs. expenditures.

Patty Ziebol, Milaca. Questioned how valuations are determined and the timing of the Assessor.

Roxanne Gerads, Milaca Township. Requests graphs comparing counties with similar population and tax base.

Deb Campbell, Bradbury Township. Voiced concern over an increase of 84% as well as clarification on the Wheelage tax paid when renewing tabs.

Richard Bronson, Greenbush Township. Requesting meeting regarding valuation clarification.

Noelan Lange, Page Township. Praised the current board and Administrator for the information provided and how the meetings have been much more helpful and informative than past presentations.

Commissioner Whitcomb provided information on some of the programs and rebates to reduce property taxes.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Oslin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Phil Peterson
County Board Chairperson