

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

OVER/UNDER PAYMENTS OF \$10.00

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Peterson, Reynolds, Tellinghuisen and Whitcomb. Commissioner Oslin attended via teleconference from 1960 Big Bass Cove, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tellinghuisen requested the removal of item 4.6 for discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROHIBITED ANIMALS ORDINANCE

REVIEW OF AUDITOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER COMMISSIONERS MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS - FEBRUARY 2024

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-05-24-01: AUTHORIZE LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT

CONSIDER LEGAL FEES

Commissioner Tellinghuisen requested clarification on the timing of the request for payment. A motion was made by commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to approve payment in the amount of \$30,810.00 to Kelly, Wolter, & Scott, P.A. for fees incurred in July 2023.

CONSIDER FEBRUARY 20, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INTRODUCE NEW CHAPLAINS TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Sheriff Kyle Burton introduced the new volunteer Chaplains; Pastors John Bechtle, Trent Bergeron, and Vaughn Blackburn.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF JUNIPER NETWORK SWITCHES

Technology Services Manager Michael Virnig presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried on a

roll call vote to approve the purchase of 15 Juniper network switches from SHI in the amount of \$84,870.20.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RINGCENTRAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Technology Services Manager Michael Virnig presented the agenda item. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to approve the purchase of the RingCentral telephone system through Dennison Technology.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-05-24-02: NORTH STAR ACT

Personnel Director Karly Feters presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to adopt Resolution 03-05-24-02: North STAR Act.

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 03-05-24-02
A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NORTH STAR ACT*

WHEREAS, a “Sanctuary State” is a jurisdiction that restricts state and local officials from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement in Mille Lacs County is dedicated to protecting the communities they serve and promoting public safety requires the assistance and cooperation of the community, so law enforcement has the ability to gather the information necessary to investigate and deter crime, and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners supports all law enforcement officers, federal, state, county and municipal, upholding the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the North Star Act would interfere with the County and its employees’ ability to perform current functions, imposes implementation hurdles and burdens upon the County, creates ambiguity and possible conflicts with federal law, may subject the County and its employees to statutory violations, employment consequences, and possible civil and criminal liability; and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County citizens should not be negatively impacted from results caused by illegal immigration and the North STAR Act (HF 3459 and SF 3516) on the budgeting of taxpayer dollars and public resources.

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to reject the North STAR Act proposals and give ample acknowledgement to local government input on the true impact of a “Sanctuary State” designation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb attended the Leadership Committee, Canvassing Board, and Veterans Board meetings. Commissioner Tellinghuisen attended the Snake River Watershed Committee meeting. Commissioner Reynolds attended the Canvassing Board meeting. Commissioner Oslin attended the Law Library meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Phil Peterson
County Board Chairperson