

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

2025 BUDGET REVIEW - SWCD

SUMMER INTERN'S REPORTS

DISCUSS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Oslin requested to remove agenda items 4.2 and 4.8 from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

CONSIDER PAYMENT TO COUNSEL

CONSIDER TOBACCO LICENSE RENEWALS

County Auditor-Treasurer Brenda Eklund reviewed the agenda item. Commissioner Oslin inquired and discussion took place regarding the renewal and approval process. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the Tobacco License Renewals as presented.

CONSIDER SHIP GRANT ACCEPTANCE

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER COMMISSIONERS MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS - JULY 2024

CONSIDER JULY 16, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER CANVASS BOARD MEETING

County Auditor-Treasurer Eklund reviewed the agenda item. Commissioners Oslin and Whitcomb volunteered to sit on this committee at the meeting on August 15, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the Canvass Board Meeting for 10:00 am on August 15th in Conference Room D.

REGULAR AGENDA

REVIEW JULY 2024 NEW HIRES AND LEAVES

Employee Relations Specialist Krystal Kapler reviewed the July new hires and leaves. Family Home Visiting Coordinator Merissa Glem and Social Worker Samantha Adams were in attendance.

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOBACCO ORDINANCE

County Auditor-Treasurer Eklund reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the ordinance verbiage and revisions. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve a public hearing for August 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 08-06-24-01: TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE

County Auditor-Treasurer Eklund reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 08-06-24-01: Temporary Liquor License.

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 08-06-24-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve granting a Temporary Liquor License for Rum River Trail Association to hold a 2-day liquor license, in Princeton Township on the 23rd and 24th of August 2024 and on the 27th and 28th day of September 2024.

COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

CONSIDER BUDGET AMMENDMENT - E911 FUNDS

PSAP Manager Andy Beckstrom reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the E911 Funds budget amendment in the amount of \$63,492.39 as presented.

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER FOSTER CARE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community & Veterans Services Director Beth Crook reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the Foster Care Transportation Agreement with Princeton School District.

PUBLIC WORKS

2023 PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the City of Princeton population and corresponding service changes. Discussion also took place regarding projects and budget for the department.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 08-06-24-02: LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX EXTENSION

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 08-06-24-02: Local Option Sales Tax Extension.

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 08-06-24-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE MILLE LACS COUNTY LOCAL OPTIONS SALES TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 8-2-16-1 at the August 2, 2016, regular County Board meeting, authorizing and implementing a ½ percent (0.5%) local options sales tax for transportation in Mille Lacs County pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 297A.933;

and

WHEREAS the condition of the Mille Lacs County local road transportation system has a direct impact on the safety of system users, the county's economy and future economic development; and

WHEREAS the current levels of local, state, and federal transportation funding are inadequate; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statue 297A.993, Subdivision 1, authorizes the boards to adopt and extend a countywide sales tax for transportation of up to ½ percent (0.5%) after holding a public hearing and passing an official resolution; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statue 297A.993, Subdivision 2, requires that the proceeds of the taxes must be dedicated to: (1) payment of capital cost of a specific transportation project or improvement; (2) payment of the costs, which may include both capital and operating costs, of a specific transit project or improvement; (3) payment of the capital costs of a safe routes to school program under section 174.40: or (4) payment of transit operating costs; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statue 297A.993, Subdivision 2, further requires the tax to terminate when revenues raised are sufficient to finance the identified projects or improvements; and

WHEREAS proceeds of the sales tax for transportation shall be spent on projects specifically identified on the attached list of road segments, which encompasses all paved local roads within Mille Lacs County, and the paving of gravel surface County Roads 131 and 140, all of which was communicated at the July 16, 2024, public hearing; and

WHEREAS the addition of other projects or improvements to be considered for funding by countywide sales tax for transportation shall be presented at a public hearing and included in a resolution passed by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS The Mille Lacs County Board desires to continue to implement the countywide sales tax for transportation beyond December 31, 2026, as identified in Resolution No. 8-2-16-1, and have the State Department of Revenue collect and distribute the sales tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners authorizes and implements the extension of the ½ percent (0.5%) countywide sales tax for transportation as provided for in Minnesota Statue 297A.993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the countywide sales tax for transportation shall continue each subsequent year until revenues raised are sufficient to finance all projects identified or on December 31, 2040, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the countywide sales tax for transportation revenue shall fund transportation projects on the local Mille Lacs County Road system, including the paving of gravel surface County Roads 131 and 140, as identified in the attached project list and communicated at the June 18, 2024 public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby directs certification of the tax to the Minnesota Department of Revenue for the continued collection of the sales tax on or before December 31, 2026.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to authorize staff to solicit proposals for pavement resurfacing.

CONSIDER EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the following items:

Acquisition of a TKBD22-403 Belly Dump Trailer with a total price of \$64,175.80 from Ziegler.

Acquisition of a 2021 Morbark 1621X with a total price of \$62,438.00 from TrenchersPlus.

Acquisition of two (2) 2007 Mack Granite CPT713 day cab tractors from Nuss Equipment with a total

price of \$54,200 from Nuss Equipment. Authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related to the acquisition thereof.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS TO LINE THE SEWER PIPE AT THE SOUTH MAINTENANCE FACILITY

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the proposals provided by Dusty's Drain Cleaning and Benoit's Septic Service.

CONSIDER CAPITAL ASSET POLICY REVISIONS

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the Capital Asset Policy revisions as presented.

CONSIDER FACILITY ACCESS POLICY

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Commissioner Oslin asked Sheriff Burton if the concerns early on were addressed in this policy; Sheriff Burton said he'd not had a chance to review. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Oslin opposing to adopt the Facility Access Policy.

CONDUCT COUNTY ATTORNEY 2ND ROUND INTERVIEWS

The County Board conducted a second round interview with finalist Corey Haller for the position of County Attorney.

CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY AND DATA

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to close the County Board meeting at 10:17 a.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision 1. (b). A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried at 11:01 a.m. to re-open the County Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb attended the Fair Board meeting. Commissioner Oslin went to the Emergency Services Board meeting. Commissioner Tellinghuisen provided an update regarding the Snake River Watershed, which has decided that a public hearing will be held on November 6 to discuss dissolution of the group. Commissioner Reynold attended the Towards Zero Death committee meeting on July 30.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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2025 BUDGET REVIEW - PROBATION

2025 BUDGET REVIEW - SHERIFF'S OFFICE