

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

2025 BUDGET REVIEW

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Whitcomb, Oslin, Peterson, Tellinghuisen, and Reynolds.

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 Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tellinghuisen requested to remove agenda item 4.3 Consider Opioid Settlement Agreement and item 4.5 Haudenschild Livestock Feedlot Permit. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

Commissioner Tellinghuisen stated a correction, wishing to remove agenda item 4.2 Consider Legal Fees for discussion, rather than item 4.3 Consider Opioid Settlement Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the motion as amended.

CONSIDER SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER LEGAL FEES

Commissioner Tellinghuisen inquired as to, and discussion took place regarding, the timing of billing and date of services performed. A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve payment to Nolan, Thompson, Leighton, & Tataryn PLC in the amount of \$22,200.

CONSIDER OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

HAUDENSCHILD LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Commissioner Tellinghuisen inquired as to the address of the property in question. County Administrator Hayes clarified a correction to the spelling of the last name of the applicant, which should be Haubenschild instead of Haudenschild.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-17-24-01: GAMBLING PERMIT FOR ISLE LIONS CLUB

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 09-17-24-01

AUTHORIZING CHARITABLE GAMBLING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve granting an Exempt Permit for Isle Lions Club to hold a Bingo, at the Veterans Club of Onamia in South Harbor Township on the 26th day of October, 2024.

CONSIDER COVID-19 RECOVERY AGREEMENT WITH MILACA SCHOOLS

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CONSIDER CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ONLINE RETRIEVERS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item with input from County Sheriff Kyle Burton. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the contract renewal with OnLine Retrievers for Animal Control services.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

REVIEW AUGUST 2024 NEW HIRES AND LEAVES

Employee Relations Specialist Krystal Kapler reviewed the agenda item.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-17-24-02: APPOINTING COUNTY ATTORNEY AND ESTABLISHING SALARY

Commissioner Whitcomb inquired as to placing the full annual salary on the resolution vs. the remaining calendar year salary. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Whitcomb voting in opposition to adopt Resolution 09-17-24-02: Appointing County Attorney and Establishing Salary.

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 09-17-24-02

APPOINTING COUNTY ATTORNEY AND ESTABLISHING SALARY

WHEREAS, County Attorney Erica Madore has submitted her resignation effective August 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute § 382.02 requires the County Board to make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute § 388.18 calls for the annual establishment of the salary for the County Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Corey Haller to the position of County Attorney effective September 15, 2024, for the remainder of the current term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners that the salary paid for the remainder of 2024 shall be \$41,913.30, effective beginning September 15, 2024.

CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY AND DATA

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to close the County Board meeting at 9:18 a.m. in accordance with M.S. 13D.03, Subd 1. (b).

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to re-open the County Board meeting at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb talked about his upcoming SCHSAC retreat. Commissioner Oslin went with staff to visit 7-8 businesses in the area regarding relief loans. Commissioner Peterson attended the East Central Solid Waste meeting. Commissioners Tellinghuisen and Reynolds did not have any committee reports.

ADJOURN

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

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