

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW 2025 BUDGET

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF PRICE QUOTES FOR CHIPS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 10-01-24-01: SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Resolution No.: 10-01-24-01

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Mille Lacs County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs

to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Mille Lacs County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 12, 2024, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in observance of Operation Green Light, Mille Lacs County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

CONSIDER SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER FOOD PURCHASE FOR STAFF TRAINING EVENT

CONSIDER LEGAL FEES

Legal fees were approved as part of the Consent Agenda to approve payment to Kelly Wolter in the amount of \$26,115.00.

REVIEW CENTERPOINT ENERGY TAX COURT SETTLEMENT

REGULAR AGENDA

REVIEW SEPTEMBER 2024 NEW HIRES AND LEAVES

Employee Relations Specialist Krystal Kapler reviewed the agenda item. Social Worker Jenna Scapanski and SWCD Resource Conservationist-Agriculture Siena Storm were in attendance at the meeting and were introduced to the County Board.

REVIEW OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS FOR QUARTER THREE

Personnel Director Karly Feters reviewed the agenda item. Outstanding Service Awards were presented to nominees, Building Maintenance Worker II Jeremy Polipnick and Employee Relations Specialist Krystal Kapler.

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER ARROWS FAMILY SERVICES HOST COUNTY CONTRACT

Community & Veterans Services Director Beth Crook reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve with host contract with Arrows Family Services for 2025-2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CLASSIFICATION/COMPENSATION STUDY PRESENTATION

Personnel Director Feters and County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item.

CONSIDER THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE CEILING PROPOSAL

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item with input from Facility & Fleet Operations Manager Noelan Lange. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to authorize solicitation of proposals for the Historic Courthouse

Ceiling project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Oslin attended the Emergency Services Board meeting, where the board approved the 2025 meeting schedule. There were no other Committee Reports reviewed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW PRINCETON MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

COMMUNITY & ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE