

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

PC/BOA MERGER DISCUSSION

2025 BUDGET

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Whitcomb, Oslin, Peterson, and Reynolds. Commissioner Tellinghuisen was absent.

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

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

CONSIDER CY2025 POS CONTRACT WITH LIGHTHOUSE CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR LOCAL OPTION DISASTER ABATEMENT

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CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-06-24-01: 2024 AIS PREVENTION AID

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-06-24-01**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AID

WHEREAS 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature and subsequently reauthorized, provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. The amount designated for each county is based on the number of watercraft trailer launches as well as the number of watercraft trailer parking spaces within each County; and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires that Mille Lacs County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of AIS at all access sites within the county; and

WHEREAS the County may appropriate the proceeds directly or may use any portion of the proceeds to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county. Any money appropriated by the County to a different entity or political subdivision must be used as required under this section; and

WHEREAS the County must submit a copy of its guidelines for the use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31 of the year the payments are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners that the 2024 budget listed in the table below is hereby adopted.

Salaries & Wages	\$80,807
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Co Share Health Insurance	\$13,760
Co Share Dental Insurance	\$487
Co Share Life Insurance	\$22
Pera-Co Share	\$6,060
Fica-Co Share	\$5,010
Medicare-Co Share	\$1,171
Phone	\$700
Professional Services	\$4,000
Office Supplies	\$200
Total Expenditures	\$112,217

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-06-24-02: REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED PROPERTY

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-06-24-02**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2024, parcel 21-356-0070 described as Lot 7 Block 1 Hidden Pines Second Addition, forfeited for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS the parcel is in the City of Milaca; this parcel is a residential homestead; with an estimated tax value of \$165,400; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner, Debra L Hinnenkamp has applied to repurchase along with payment in full for the total of all delinquent taxes, penalty, interest and costs.

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 282.241 allows the board of county commissioners to approve the repurchase of tax-forfeited property to an owner only after adoption of a resolution determining that, by allowing the repurchase, undue hardship or injustice resulting from the forfeiture will be corrected, or that permitting the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest. and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners that permitting the repurchase of parcel 21-356-0070 will best serve the public interest by returning the property to the tax rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application to repurchase parcel 21-356-0070 is hereby approved.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-06-24-03: REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED PROPERTY

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-06-24-03**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2024, parcel 09-969-1630 described as Lot 1 Block 6 Port Mille Lacs Golf Acres North, and parcel 09-969-1640 described as Lot 2 Block 6 Port Mille Lacs Golf Acres North, forfeited for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS the parcels are in in Kathio Township; the parcels are contiguous, vacant recreational lots; with an estimated tax value of \$6,300 each; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner, Bryan E Rabe has applied to repurchase along with payment in full for the total of all delinquent taxes, penalty, interest and costs.

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 282.241 allows the board of county commissioners to approve the repurchase of tax-forfeited property to an owner only after adoption of a resolution determining that, by allowing the repurchase, undue hardship or injustice resulting from the forfeiture will be corrected, or that permitting the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest. and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners that permitting the repurchase of parcels 09-969-1630 and 09-969-1640 will best serve the public

interest by returning the property to the tax rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application to repurchase parcels 09-969-1630 and 09-969-1640 is hereby approved.

CONSIDER DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE & PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER COUNTY-OWNED LAND SALE

CONSIDER OCTOBER 15, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

PUBLIC HEALTH CANNABIS FUNDING

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR CANNABIS LICENSE ORDINANCE

CONSIDER SHERIFF ATTENDANCE AT AN OUT OF STATE TRAINING CONFERENCE

REGULAR AGENDA

REVIEW OCTOBER 2024 NEW HIRES AND LEAVES

Personnel Director Karly Fetters reviewed the agenda item. Social Worker Janae Myers and Payroll Accountant/Financial Worker Mandy Schroeder were new hires that were in attendance at the meeting and were introduced to the County Board.

HOUSING TRUST FUND ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Community & Organizational Development Manager Lainy Hoskins reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. Board Chair Peterson called for public input twice. No public input was received. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:04 a.m.

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER MPCA GREATER MN RECYCLING GRANT

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding public outreach as a requirement of the grant, electric vehicles, and current processes and fees for recycling. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and carried on a roll call vote with Commissioner Peterson in opposition to authorize staff to apply for MPCA Greater MN Recycling Grant.

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PRESENTATION OF A LIFE SAVING AWARD TO DEPUTY PAT BROBERG BY SHERIFF BURTON

County Sheriff Kyle Burton presented Deputy Sheriff Pat Broberg with a Life-Saving Award.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER 2025 - 2027 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION AGREEMENT

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the 2025 - 2027 University of Minnesota Extension Agreement.

CONSIDER CHIPS & PUBLIC DEFENDER QUOTES

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item with input from County Attorney Corey Haller. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the low quotes.

CONSIDER 2025 NON-UNION COUNTY INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Personnel Director Karly Feters reviewed the agenda item with input from County Administrator Dillon Hayes.

The county contributions for non-union employees were presented for review as follows:

County premium contributions for single coverage: up to \$934.28/month

County premium contributions for family coverage: \$1,650.00/month

County HSA/VEBA contributions for single coverage for those who elect an HSA-Compatible Plan:

\$1,125.00 for the HSA-Compatible Plan in the Passport Network

\$2,500.00 for the HSA-Compatible Plan in the Elect Network

\$2,750.00 for the HSA-Compatible Plan in the Vantage Plus Network

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb and unanimously carried to approve the County contributions as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER SALT SPREADER ACQUISITION

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item with input from Highway Maintenance Superintendent Ryan Newland. Discussion took place regarding current salting and plowing equipment and procedures. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to authorize the acquisition and installation of a salt spreader from Central Hydraulics for \$11,664.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb attended two Opioid Committee meetings and the Comprehensive Land Use meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb also highlighted Operation Green Light. There were no committee reports for Commissioners Oslin, Peterson, or Reynolds.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

2025 COUNTY DITCH LEVY

REVIEW 2025 LAND SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL