

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW DRAFT SOO LINE TRAIL ORDINANCE UPDATE

REVIEW 2025 BUDGET

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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. A moment of silence was requested by Commissioner Whitcomb, and was observed, for former County Commissioner Timothy Wilhelm who recently passed away.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSIDER FEE SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER CY25-26 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT (CSP) CONTRACT

CONSIDER DELTA DENTAL GRANT APPLICATION

CONSIDER NOVEMBER 6, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER OPIOID SETTLEMENT AWARDS

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-19-24-01: SEPTIC SYSTEM ABATEMENT

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-19-24-01**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING SEPTIC SYSTEM ABATEMENT

Whereas, pursuant to Mille Lacs County *Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (“SSTS”) Ordinance* (hereinafter the “Ordinance”), Mille Lacs County is charged with administering and enforcing the current Minn. Pollution Control Agency Regulations, Minn. Admin. R. 7080-7083, See *also* Minn. Stat. § 115.55, Minn. Stat. § 154A.01 through § 154A.08, and Minn. Stat. § 375.51; and

WHEREAS the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners proposes to abate specified non-compliant SSTS which have been deemed an imminent public health threat (hereinafter referred to as Project); and

WHEREAS the Project work shall consist of retaining the services of a qualified professional to take remedial actions to upgrade or replace specified non-compliant SSTS’s when the Owner, as defined by Minn. R. § 7080.1100, Subp. 56, has failed to take remedial action; and

WHEREAS the specific land and interest identified as an imminent public health threat where

SSTS need abatement is described as:

PID 08-012-0901
GASELL/GEOFFREY & SHANESSA

WHEREAS an Order for Judgment was issued for the property on 7/7/2023; allowing Mille Lacs County to abate the non-compliant septic system and charge the costs of said abatement back to the property through tax assessments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Zoning Administrator to certify the following special assessments to the Auditor-Treasurer for collection beginning with taxes payable in 2025 at 10% interest over a ten (10) year term:

Parcel Number	Owner Name	Amount to be Assessed
08-012-0901	Geoffrey & Shanessa Gasell	\$13,725

CONSIDER CHIPS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

County Auditor-Treasurer Brenda Eklund reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. Board Chair Peterson called for public input three times; no public input was received. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:05 a.m.

CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes reviewed the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the request by Janet Norman for a CUP for a Home Extended Business on parcel 01-010-0406.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Oslin, and unanimously carried to approve the request by William Hill Jr. to rezone parcel 14-240-0420 from A-R Agricultural Residential to R-2 Medium Density Residential.

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the request by Mille Lacs County to rezone parcel 14-240-0090 from A-R Agricultural Residential to C-1 General Commercial.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the request by Mille Lacs County for a Development Ordinance Amendment regarding Cannabis Cultivation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve the request by Mille Lacs County for a Development Ordinance Amendment regarding the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-19-24-02: 2025 MILLE LACS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANZoning Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 11-19-24-02: 2025 Mille Lacs County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-19-24-02**

ADOPTION OF THE MILLE LACS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners is the duly elected governing body for Mille Lacs County and is responsible for the planning, development, and protection of lands under Mille Lacs County’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County has undertaken the task of preparing a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that establishes a long-term vision to guide growth and development decisions; and

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Land Use Plan reflects a community planning process conducted in the year 2024, which was guided by a Study Review Committee composed of a cross-section of stakeholders from across the county; and

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Land Use Plan process solicited input from stakeholders and the public through three Study Review Committee meetings, a public survey and public input map, a pop-up engagement event, and an open house; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was developed through research and analysis of current and future county context, review of prior planning efforts, development of goals and objectives, creation of maps and policy to guide future land use, and development of actions and strategies for implementation; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes Section 394.23 authorizes the county to prepare and a comprehensive plan to provide the basis for official controls; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has considered the proposed Comprehensive Plan and all public comments, and thereafter submitted its recommendations to the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan includes all revisions made during the review process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, to be effective as of the date of this resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

SOO LINE TRAIL MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Stewart Crosby from SRF Consulting Group presented information regarding the Soo Line Trail Master Plan. Discussion took place regarding possible expenses and funding.

CONSIDER HOUSING TRUST FUND ORDINANCE

Community & Organizational Development Manager Lainy Hoskins reviewed the agenda item with input from County Administrator Dillon Hayes. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and unanimously carried to adopt the Housing Trust Fund Ordinance.

CONSIDER THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE TUCKPOINTING RFP

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 RFP for solicitation of proposals to make the necessary repairs to the exterior of the Historic Courthouse.

CONSIDER 2025 COUNTY FLEET AND PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE LEASES

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the potential to donate County vehicles.

The Board Meeting was recessed for a short break at 9:48 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to table this agenda item until the December 3, 2024 County Board meeting to allow time to research possibly offering some of these vehicles at reduced rates to various potential entities.

CONSIDER HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PROJECT BIDS

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the staff recommendation for accepting the low bid. Upon clarification of Commissioner Oslin's motion, Commissioner Reynolds withdrew her second to the previous motion. Commissioner Whitcomb then seconded Commissioner Oslin's original motion, and the motion was carried by a majority vote to accept the low bids from Twin Town Demolition, Innovative Erectors, Yamry Construction, Precise Refrigeration, Heating & AC, Inc., and Granite Ledge Electrical Contractors, Inc., in the amounts of \$48,900.00, \$68,286.00, \$98,500.00 (pending bid alternate/deduct at \$17,500), \$115,114.00, and \$40,620.00, respectively. Commissioner Reynolds opposed.

CONSIDER 2025 DENTAL INSURANCE RATES

Personnel Director Karly Feters reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the 2025 Dental Insurance Rates with no changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb attended the Opioid Grant Committee meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb also attended the Affordable Housing Seminar in Princeton. Commissioner Oslin attended the Lakes & Pines meeting. Commissioner Tellinghuisen attended the Snake River Watershed Plan meeting. The public hearing for this meeting was conducted to finalize the dissolution of this committee. Commissioner Reynolds attended the 4-H Extension meeting last Tuesday 11/12, where the new 4-H Program Educator was introduced. Commissioner Reynolds also attended negotiation sessions with the Mille Lacs County bargaining units. Commissioner Reynolds also attended the AMC Conference last Thursday 11/1 and Friday 11/15.

Commissioner Peterson 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 10:08 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW TRI-CAP CONTRACT RENEWAL

REVIEW 2025 DITCH ASSESSMENTS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT