

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Whitcomb, Tellinghuisen, Reynolds, Bjornson, and Munson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

Board Chair Reynolds announced the reorganization of Regular Agenda items, moving item 5.1 Consider Planning Commission Recommendations to be reviewed after agenda item 5.4 Review Deterra Pilot Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitcomb requested to remove Consent Agenda item 4.3: Consider Citizen Appointments to the Central EMS Region Board for further discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

CONSIDER FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE POLICY

CONSIDER OUT OF STATE TRAINING

CONSIDER CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRAL EMS REGION BOARD

Commissioner Whitcomb requested that County Sheriff Kyle Burton review the applications for this agenda item. County Sheriff Burton reviewed the information from the citizen applications for appointment. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to appoint Brad Guimont from North Ambulance Service as the County's citizen representative, with Gina Becker of Mille Lacs Health System as an alternate for the Central EMS Region Board.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 02-04-25-01: REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED PROPERTY

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 02-04-25-01**

RESOLUTION FOR THE REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCEL 07-018-0401

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2024 parcel 07-018-0401 with a tax parcel description of: Section 18, Township 39, Range 26, part of Frac NW of NW (N ½ of Govt Lot 1) Beg at NW Cor, E 300 Ft, S 650 Ft, SW'LY to a Pt 850 Ft S of NW Cor, N 850 Ft to Begin; with a property address of: 10909 230th St, forfeited for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS the parcel is in Hayland Township; this parcel was homestead; with an estimated tax value of \$141,500; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner, Paul Hesse 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 owners 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 07-018-0401 will best serve the public interest by returning the homestead property to the tax rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application to repurchase parcel 07-018-0401 is hereby approved.

CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES FOR EARLY VOTING AREA REMODEL

CONSIDER COMMISSIONERS MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS - JANUARY 2025

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CITY OF PRINCETON TIF DISTRICT 9-5 AND 9-6 DISTRICT NOTICE

CONSIDER 2025 CONTRACT WITH AVIVO FOR MFIP/DWP SERVICES

CONSIDER FOOD PURCHASE FOR RED CROSS SHELTER TRAINING

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

CONSIDER JANUARY 21, 2025 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER STAFF ATTENDANCE AT OUT OF STATE TRAINING/CONFERENCE

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding township and resident feedback, including the Planning Commission's determination that certain items of concern were determined to be outside the scope of authority of the Planning Commission and Land Services Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the request by KNB Property LLC for the preliminary plat of South Natures Edge.

Discussion took place regarding various aspects of campground regulations, noise restrictions, state and County authority, and potential conditions to impose with approval of Planning Commission recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to table the request by Marty Branch for a CUP for a campground on parcel 09-962-2390 until the February 18, 2025 County Board meeting. The County Board requested that Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes conduct further research regarding County authority to limit the number of citizens per campground lot, and potential registration systems to identify citizen contact information in the event of a complaint, to be reviewed at the February 18, 2025 County Board meeting.

CONSIDER BOA/PC APPOINTMENT

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to appoint Deanna Soderberg to the fill the vacant seat of the combined Board of Adjustment/Planning Committee.

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

County Sheriff Burton presented Public Safety Telecommunicator Cadence Streff with the Sheriff's Exceptional Service Award, and Deputy Sheriffs Jeremie Peterson, Justin Boster, and Jacob Scholten (absent) with Life Saving Awards.

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

REVIEW DETERRA PILOT PROGRAM

CHS Administrator Kris Klopp presented information regarding the DETERRA-Drug Deactivation Pilot Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT

Personnel Director Karly Feters reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to appoint Carla Vita to the Personnel Board of Appeals for a term expiring December 31, 2025, and Damian Patnode for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF TWO ELIGIBILITY WORKER POSITIONS

Financial Assistance Supervisor Beth Sumner reviewed the agenda item with input from Personnel Director Feters, County Administrator Hayes, and Community & Veterans Services Director Beth Crook. Discussion took place regarding the County's 2024 Classification & Compensation Study, and work duties for Eligibility Worker and Case Aide positions. A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve the addition of two Eligibility Worker positions in the Financial Assistance unit of the Community & Veterans Services Department, with the stipulation that the two Case Aide vacancies resulting from the position transfers will not be back-filled.

CONSIDER EXTENSION OF INTERIM ENGINEER AGREEMENT WITH ISANTI COUNTY

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the current employment contract, duration, and termination of contract timeline requirements. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize execution of the interim County Engineer agreement extension with Isanti County.

CONSIDER 2025-2027 AFSCME-CVS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item, noting that the redlined version of the contract is not yet available. The Administrative Services Office will bring the 2025-2027 AFSCME-CVS Bargaining Agreement to the County Board for approval once a copy of this agreement is signed by the union. Discussion took place regarding County family health insurance contributions. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve the 2025-2027 AFSCME-CVS Collective Bargaining Tentative Agreement document.

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR CSAH 2 HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT

County Administrator Hayes reviewed the agenda item, noting that there is an issue where Kanabec and Mille Lacs County meet for corner placement, but the acquisition process is otherwise standard. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to accept the proposal from KLD for preparation of County Highway Right of Way Plat, in an amount not to exceed \$39,590.00, and authorize execution of the contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Munson attended the new commissioners 101 training and the Lakes & Pines Board meeting. Commissioner Bjornson also attended the new commissioners 101 training and the EMS meeting; the SCHSAC meeting was canceled. Commissioner Reynolds attended the Board Chair Leadership hearing with Commissioner Tellinghuisen. Commissioner Whitcomb had no meetings since

the last Board meeting.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

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