

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

LSO PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

REVIEW COUNTY DITCH 1 ASSESSMENTS

REVIEW 2026 BUDGET & LEVY

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Genny Reynolds called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM 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)

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the agenda as amended with item 4.2 removed for discussion.

CONSIDER SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER R & R SEPTIC CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes presented the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding contract amendments and deadlines. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve the R & R Septic Contract Amendments.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-16-25-01: PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENAMING WATERWAY

County Auditor-Treasurer Brenda Eklund reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place concerning the validation of signatures on the petition and who holds veto authority over a name change. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 09-16-25-01: Public Hearing for Renaming Waterway.

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

Resolution No.: 09-16-25-01

NAMING OF UNNAMED PUBLIC WATERS WATERCOURSE

WHEREAS, The required petition was received by the Auditor/Treasurer from legal voters of residence requesting naming of the unnamed watercourse beginning in the West half of the Southwest of Northwest in Section 27, Township 41, Range 26 at Public Water Basin 18-35 (Korsness Pool) then west across North Half of Sections 28 and 29 ending at the Rum River; Mille Lacs County. Such petition was filed with the Mille Lacs County Auditor-Treasurer on the 28th day of August 2025. This petition met the statutory requirements of Minnesota Statute 83A.05, sub. 2.; and

WHEREAS, The Auditor-Treasurers office is requesting that the County Board order a public hearing to be held more than 30 days after the order is made; and

WHEREAS, The notice of the public hearing will be published in the official newspaper of the County on the following dates; September 25, 2025, October 2, 2025, October 9, 2025. Service of the notice of hearing will be made to the Commissioner for the Department of Natural Resources, the Director of Waters, and the town board chair by certified mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners orders a public hearing to be held on October 21, 2025, at 9:00am in the Mille Lacs County Boardroom.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY (ECRL) PRESENTATION

Executive Director Carla Lydon presented the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the 2026 budget.

CONSIDER UPDATED HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Personnel Director Karly Feters reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve the Updated Health Educator Position Description.

CONSIDER NEW SENIOR FISCAL OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Personnel Director Karly Feters and County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve the new Senior Fiscal Officer and Chief Financial Officer position descriptions and to authorize recruitment.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-16-25-02: 2026 PRELIMINARY LEVY

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the Probation line items, with further discussions on the Probation budget to follow. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 09-16-25-02: 2026 Preliminary Levy.

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

Resolution No.: 09-16-25-02

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 PRELIMINARY LEVY

WHEREAS department heads have submitted their proposed 2026 budgets and were subsequently provided with an opportunity to discuss their requests with the Administrative Services Office and/or the County Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners approves a 2026 Preliminary Maximum Levy in the amount of **\$26,027,922** which represents a 3% increase over the 2025 Levy.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-16-25-03: BANK SIGNATORIES

County Administrator Dillon Hayes reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding removing Paul Prokosch and adding Doug Hansen as an authorized signatory onto all county bank accounts per current staffing changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 09-16-25-03: Bank Signatories.

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

Resolution No.: 09-16-25-03

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR COUNTY BANK ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota statutes § 375.16, the county board is required to designate the depositories of county funds and authorize individuals to sign for and withdraw such funds; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to update the authorized signatories on all county financial institution accounts to reflect staffing and organizational changes; and

WHEREAS, the county board previously authorized Paul Prokosch, Fiscal Supervisor, and Dillon Hayes, County Administrator as signatories; and

WHEREAS the county board desires to remove Paul Prokosch and designate Doug Hansen, Land Services Director, alongside Dillon Hayes, County Administrator, as authorized signatories for all county bank accounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Dillon Hayes and Doug Hansen to act as official signatories on all county bank accounts, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all prior authorizations inconsistent with this resolution are hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to all affected financial institutions and take all necessary actions to implement this change.

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF SAP 048-601-035 – CSAH 1 RECONSTRUCTION

Public Works Director Wesley Davis reviewed the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding expenditures coming in under budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve the Final Acceptance of SAP 048-601-035 – CSAH 1 Reconstruction for \$339,280.01.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Whitcomb attended the East Central Waste Management Commission Meeting and the CMJTS committee meeting. Commissioner Reynolds attended the AMC Fall Policy Conference and the General Government Policy Committee meetings. Commissioner Bjornson attended the EMS meeting, a library meeting, and the Environment of Natural Resources Policy Committee meetings. Commissioner Munson attended two Lakes and Pines meetings.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 AM.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

FLEET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Genny Reynolds
County Board Chairperson