

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW 2027 BUDGET PROCESS

REVIEW LOST RESOLUTION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Genny 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)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDER 2026 COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING DATE

ADOPT RESOLUTION 01-20-26-01: LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT FOR MILACA GOLF CLUB

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 01-20-26-01

Resolution Authorizing Lawful Gambling Permit

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve granting an Exempt Permit for Milaca Golf Club to hold a bingo and raffle event on April 12, 2026, at Milaca Golf Club, 15679 Central Ave, Milaca, MN 56353 in Milaca Township.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

APPROVE PURCHASE AND REPAIR OF JAIL DOOR LOCKS

OPIOID AWARD-WELLNESS IN THE WOODS

CONSIDER DECEMBER 30, 2025, COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER JANUARY 6, 2026 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER REDUCTION IN HOURS FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Personnel Director Karly Feters, presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve modification of Public Health Nurse Nancy Dahlstrom's hours to 30 hours/week, retaining benefits' eligibility.

CONSIDER COUNTY SURVEYOR AND ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN I POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND AUTHORIZE RECRUITMENT OF SAME

Personnel Director Feters presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve County Surveyor and Engineering Technician I position descriptions.

CONSIDER 2025 EMPLOYEE EXIT SURVEY RESPONSES

Personnel Director Feters presented the agenda item.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Community and Organizational Development Manager Lainy Hoskins presented the agenda item, Commissioner Reynolds recommended modification of the section on external partners to include the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve the County Communications Plan with the noted change.

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT OF CP 048-2025-01 PAVEMENT MARKINGS PROJECT

Public Works Director Wesley Davis presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve final payment in the amount of \$6,954.48 to KAMCO for CP 048-2025-01.

CONSIDER EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION

Public Works Director, Wesley Davis presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve THE 5 Year/5,000-hour motor grader lease from CAT.

CONSIDER THE FACILITIES' CLOSEOUT STATUS FOR THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE CEILING

Facility and Fleet Operations manger Noelan Lange presented the agenda Item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to authorize closeout and final payment on the HCH ceiling project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Munson attended Extension Committee, Soil and Water Conservation District and State of the Band Address.

Commissioner Bjornson attended the State of Band address, and the plow truck naming at Isle Elementary School.

Commissioner Reynolds attended the State of Band address, Extension Committee, MNDOT area three transportation partnership program, and East Central Regional Library meeting.

Commissioner Whitcomb attended the Central MN Jobs and Training meeting, Opioid Committee, East Central Solid Waste Committee, and the State of the Band address.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

HRA BOARD

2025 HRA Board Chair Commissioner Dan Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Whitcomb, Tellinghuisen, Reynolds, Bjornson, and Munson.

HRA Board Chair Whitcomb opened the floor for nominations for 2026 HRA Board Chair. Commissioner Reynolds nominated Commissioner Whitcomb; Commissioner Bjornson seconded the nomination. HRA Board Chair Whitcomb called the question, all were in favor, nomination carried.

HRA Board Chair Whitcomb opened the floor for nominations for 2026 HRA Board Vice Chair. Commissioner Bjornson nominated Commissioner Munson; Commissioner Tellinghuisen seconded the nomination. HRA Board Chair Whitcomb called the question, all were in favor, nomination carried.

The HRA Board discussed State Housing Affordability Aid with Community & Organizationl Development Manager Lainy Hoskins and County Administrator Dillon Hayes. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen and unanimously carried to direct staff to present the proposed policy for utilization thereof at an upcoming meeting of the County Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

ATTEST:

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Genny Reynolds
County Board Chairperson