

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW ELECTIONS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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 Bjornson seconded by Whitcomb and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb seconded by Commissioner Munson and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended with item 4.8 removed for discussion.

CONSIDER 2026 AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE PATROL CARS

CONSIDER FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

CONSIDER OPIOID SETTLEMENT AWARD TO MILLE LACS HEALTH SYSTEM

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 02-17-26-01: LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT FOR DUCKS
UNLIMITED ZIMMERMAN CHAPTER

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota*

Resolution No.: 02-17-26-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve granting an Exempt Permit for Ducks Unlimited Zimmerman Chapter #309 to hold a raffle event on April 10, 2026, at Northern Lights Banquet Center at 10376 112th Ave, Milaca, MN 56353 in Milo Township.

CONSIDER WELLNESS COMMITTEE SHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

ADOPT RESOLUTION 02-17-26-02: GMRPTC GRANT APPLICATION: SOO LINE TRAIL
ARCHAEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Community and Organizational Development Manager Lainy Hoskins presented the agenda item. Discussion took place on what restrictions are in place regarding archaeology. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson and unanimously carried to adopt resolution 02-17-26-02: GMRPTC Grant Application: Soo Line Trail Archaeology and Environmental Studies.

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

Resolution No.: 02-17-26-02

GREATER MINNESOTA LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION: SOO LINE TRAIL

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County has the right and authority to sponsor a grant funding request to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC).; and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County has a right and authority to act as Legal Sponsor for the State Grant Application (the “Application”) and will work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), in developing a Grant Agreement relating to the funding which may be awarded by the GMRPTC.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners certifies it has read and understands the Office of Grants Management Conflict of Interest Policy 08-01, will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and monitor and report any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest to the GMRPTC and DNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners confirms all of the information in its Application and further confirms that it has no expectation of, or entitlement to, reimbursement of costs incurred prior to grant agreement execution date and, if applicable, it has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire property described in its Application if grant funds are to be used for the purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners has or will acquire a fee interest ownership or permanent easement over the land described in the Application for regional parks and regional special feature parks as applicable. The applicant has or will acquire a fee interest, permanent or perpetual easement or minimum twenty (20) year lease over the land described in

the Application for regional trails or regional special feature parks, as applicable and approved, before the project proceeds.

CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ECRDE EDA GRANT APPLICATION

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER TOWNSQUARE MEDIA AGREEMENT

CHS Administrator Kris Klopp presented the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the type of advertising and media content that would be promoted. A request was made to update the board throughout the campaign. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve the Townsquare media agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESENTATION

Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Susan Morris presented the agenda item.

CONSIDER COUNTY ADMINITRATOR RECRUITMENT

County Administrator Dillon Hayes presented the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the candidates and whether the salary range for the position is appropriate. The posting is now closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson to conduct a second-round interview with the candidate that was interviewed on 2/10/26, motion failed with no second. Additional discussion took place regarding candidate options. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson and unanimously carried to approve conducting a second-round interview with the candidate that was interviewed on 2/10/26 at the 3/3/26 Board Meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PAY EPS FOR CAPITAL PROJECT ELECTRICAL WORK
INVOICE #10668-ERICKSONVILLE

Facility & Fleet Operations Manager Noelan Lange presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve authorization to pay invoice #10668 with EPS for \$9,598.02 for Capital Project electrical work at the Ericksonville facility.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR INSTALLED
EQUIPMENT LOCKERS-ERICKSONVILLE FACILITY

Facility & Fleet Operations Manager Lange presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve authorization to pay capital expenditure for installed equipment lockers in the amount of \$6,924.40 from schoollockers.com at the Ericksonville facility.

CONSIDER WSB CONTRACT AMENDMENT 1 FOR SAP 048-601-036

Public Works Director/County Engineer Wesley Davis presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to approve WSB contract amendment 1 for SAP 048-601-036 for \$28,662.00.

CONSIDER WSB CONTRACT AMENDMENT 2 FOR CSAH 3 SP 048-603-003

Public Works Director/County Engineer Davis presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve WSB contract amendment 2 for CSAH 3 SP 048-603-003 for \$12,000.00.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 2026 EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND
SERVICES

Public Works Director/County Engineer Davis presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve authorization to solicit bids for 2026 equipment, supplies and services for Public Works and Facilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Munson attended the SWCD meeting and the juvenile detention meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb attended East Central Regional Waste Commission meeting. Commissioner Reynolds attended the Transportation Alternative meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

PROBATION

ATTEST:

Mille Lacs County Board Meeting,
February 17, 2026

Dillon Hayes
County Administrator

Genny Reynolds
County Board Chairperson