

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW TOWNSHIP ZONING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Genny Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:59 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 Bjornson and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended with the deletion of item 4.3 and 4.4 and the addition of 5.6- Consider Resolution 03-03-26-02 Resolution to Support the City of Princeton's Efforts to Secure Funding for the Radio Communications Tower.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Munson and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSIDER FEBRUARY 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

CONSIDER CONTRACT WIC STAFF

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER COMMISSIONERS MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS – FEBRUARY 2026

CONSIDER REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

CONSIDER EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD CITIZEN APPOINTMENT

GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM FOR THE 2027-2028 CALENDAR YEARS

CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF MILACA

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-03-26-01: FEDERAL RECEREATION TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 03-03-26-01

Federal Recreation Trail Program Grant Application: Soo Line Trail

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreation Trail Program. The application is to repair, repair, and enhance 4.5 miles of the Soo Line Regional Trail; and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County recognizes that a local match of \$50,000.00 has been secured; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if Mille Lacs County is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Mille Lacs County agrees to accept the grant award and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. Mille Lacs County will comply with all applicable state and federal laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant has read the Conflict-of-Interest Policy contained in the Trail Program Grant Manual and certifies it will report any actual, potential, or organizational conflicts of interest upon discovery to the state related to the application or grant award

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes presented the agenda item. Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the rezoning of the parcels. Each parcel was requested to have a separate motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve 08-004-0700/1000/1300.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance amendment regarding Manufacturing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Munson and carried with Commissioner Whitcomb, Bjornson, Reynolds, and Munson voting in favor, and Commissioner Tellinghuisen voting opposed to approve 01-019-0306.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance amendment regarding side yard setbacks in the Agricultural zoning district.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

REVIEW 2025 EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Personnel Director Karly Feters presented the agenda item.

REVIEW FEBRUARY NEW HIRES AND LEAVES

Employee Relations Specialist Krystal Erickson presented the agenda item.

CONSIDER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY AND AUTHORIZE NEXT STEPS

Personnel Director Karly Feters presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb and carried with Commissioner Tellinghuisen, Whitcomb, Bjornson, and Reynolds voting in favor, and Commissioner Munson voting opposed to approve the offer of County Administrator to Doug Hansen and authorize the executive committee to negotiate terms.

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR CSAH 12 BRIDGE 48509 REPLACEMENT

Public Works Director/County Engineer Wesley Davis presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson and unanimously carried to approve the Professional Services Consultation and authorize proceeding with the Professional Services Agreement for LHB in the amount of \$114,483.00.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRINCETON'S EFFORTS TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER 03-03-26-02

Board Chair Genny Reynolds presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Munson and unanimously carried to adopt resolution 03-03-26-02 Resolution to Support the City of Princeton's Efforts to Secure Funding for the Radio Communications Tower.

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 03-03-26-02

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON'S EFFORTS TO SECURE
FUNDING FOR THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

***WHEREAS**, reliable and interoperable radio communications infrastructure is essential to the effective delivery of emergency services, including law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical response, and disaster management; and*

***WHEREAS** gaps in radio coverage, signal degradation, and infrastructure limitations can significantly impede emergency response times, compromise responder safety, and reduce the effectiveness of coordinated multi-agency operations; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Princeton has identified the need for a new or upgraded radio communications tower to strengthen emergency communications capacity, improve coverage reliability, and ensure interoperability among local, county, regional, and state public safety agencies; and*

***WHEREAS** enhanced radio infrastructure will support continuity of operations during natural disasters, severe weather events, public safety incidents, and other emergencies requiring coordinated response; and*

***WHEREAS** investment in critical communications infrastructure is consistent with regional public safety priorities and supports the protection of life, property, and public welfare; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Princeton is pursuing state, federal, and/or other grant funding opportunities to finance the construction and implementation of the proposed radio tower project.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners as follows:*

- 1. The Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its formal support for the City of Princeton's efforts to secure funding for the development, construction, and implementation of a radio communications tower to enhance emergency services communications.*
- 2. The Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners recognizes the regional public safety benefits of improved radio coverage and interoperability and affirms its support for collaborative efforts to strengthen emergency communications infrastructure.*
- 3. The Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners authorizes the appropriate officials to provide letters of support, documentation, or other reasonable assistance as may be necessary to advance funding applications related to this project.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the City of Princeton and to relevant funding agencies as evidence of support.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Munson attended Lakes and Pines and DAC board meetings. Commissioner Bjornson attended Leadership meeting. Commissioner Tellinghuisen attended Fair Board Meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb attended Local Mental Health Community.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

ATTEST:

Doug Hansen
Interim County Administrator

Genny Reynolds
County Board Chairperson