

County Administrator Pat Oman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioners Reynolds, Tellinghuisen, Oslin, and Peterson. Cmsr Wilhelm was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Two (2) supplemental documents were presented in consideration to the County Board for the following items:

- 5.7 Consider 2025 Transportation Alternatives Grant Applications – Great MN Transportation Alternatives Solicitation;
- 6.3 Mille Lacs County Stakeholder Presentations – MRC 2021 Legislative Priorities.

Cmsr Peterson motioned to accept the agenda as amended; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cmsr Peterson seconded by Cmsr Reynolds, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve 12/22/2020 Special County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Consider County Auditor's Warrants;
- Consider CY2021 Kanabec County Family Services Contract;
- Approve Commissioners' Mileage and Per Diems- December 2020;
- Set 2021 County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting;
- Consider Abatement Request for Parcel 05-008-8118;
- Consider 2025 Transportation Alternatives Grant Application;
- Consider Wahkon Transportation Alternatives Grant Resolution.

Motion carried.

#### ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MILLE LACS COMMISSIONERS

Administrator Oman proceeded with the oath of office for the newly elected Mille Lacs County Commissioners. Cmsrs Reynolds, Oslin, and Peterson proceeded with the oath of office. The newly elected Mille Lacs County Commissioners were congratulated.

#### ELECT 2021 CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Administrator Oman requested nominations for the 2021 Chairperson for the Mille Lacs County Board. Cmsr Tellinghuisen nominated Cmsr Oslin. Cmsr Peterson nominated Cmsr Reynolds. Cmsr Peterson motioned to nominate Cmsr Reynolds as Chairperson for the Mille Lacs County Board; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Peterson and Reynolds voted aye. Cmsrs Oslin and Tellinghuisen voted nay. Motion failed.

Cmsr Tellinghuisen motioned to nominate Cmsr Oslin as the Chairperson for the Mille Lacs County Board; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Reynolds voted aye. Cmsr Peterson voted nay. Motion carried.

Cmsr Oslin requested nominations for the Vice Chairperson for the Mille Lacs County Board. Cmsr Peterson nominated Cmsr Reynolds. Cmsr Peterson motioned to nominate Cmsr Reynolds as Vice Chairperson for the Mille Lacs County Board; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Reynolds, Tellinghuisen, Oslin, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

#### APPOINT 2021 MILLE LACS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES POLICY COMMITTEE AND VOTING DELEGATES

Administrator Oman presented the proposed Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2021 Policy Committee members, following the review of the previous year's members. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the 2021 AMC Policy Committee appointees; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPOINT 2021 MILLE LACS COUNTY COMMITTEES

Administrator Oman reviewed the proposed board representatives for various community committees. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners concerning committee memberships. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the 2021 Mille Lacs County Committees, with the exception of removing the Land Use Committee; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. Motion carried.

#### SET 2021 COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATES

Administrator Oman reviewed the proposed regular County Board meeting schedule for 2021. Regular County Board meetings would continue to be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:00

a.m. Cmsr Tellinghuisen motioned to approve the 2021 County Board Meeting Dates; Cmsr Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 01-05-2021-01, APPROVING SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR E911 FUNDS

County Auditor-Treasurer Eric Bartusch presented Resolution No. 01-05-2021-01, Approving Separate Bank Account for E911 Funds. Bartusch stated that the new statutory requirement indicated that E911 funds would need to be kept in an independent checking account. Cmsr Tellinghuisen motioned to adopt Resolution No. 01-05-2021-01, Approving Separate Bank Account for E911 Funds; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER MILLE LACS COUNTY PANDEMIC ECONOMIC RELIEF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Economic Development Manager Michael Wimmer presented the proposed Pandemic Economic Relief Grant Applications and Guidelines. Wimmer discussed the guidelines and application process for local small businesses. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners concerning the Pandemic Economic Relief Grant program. Administrator Oman discussed the Small Cities Development Loan program that may also assist area businesses. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the Mille Lacs County Pandemic Economic Relief Grant Applications and Guidelines; Cmsr Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

MILLE LACS COUNTY STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATIONS

County Administrator Pat Oman introduced the Minnesota Rural Counties Executive Director Daniel Larson. A supplemental document concerning the MRC 2021 Legislative Priorities was distributed to the Commissioners. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Larson for the presentation.

CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION MEETING TO DISCUSS TRIBAL LITIGATION

A motion was made by Cmsr Peterson to close the meeting at 10:33 a.m., in accordance with M.S. 13D.05 Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3 (b). The meeting was closed under attorney client privilege to discuss legal issues, legal advice and litigation strategy arising from the federal lawsuit filed by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Sara Rice and Derrick Naumann versus Mille Lacs County in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Court File No. 17-cv-5155. Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried. Cmsr Peterson motioned to reopen the meeting at 11:19 a.m.; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. Motion carried.

Cmsr Reynolds motioned to adjourn the meeting 11:19 a.m.; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/Holly Wilson  
Holly Wilson  
Assistant County Administrator

/s/Genny Reynolds  
Genny Reynolds  
County Board Vice Chairperson