

Chairperson Oslin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioners Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to accept the agenda as presented; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsr Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve 07/20/2021 County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Review of Auditor's Warrants in the Amount of \$791,492.50
- Approve Commissioners' Mileage and Per Diems – June 2021 in the Amount of \$244.96;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services to Kelley, Wolter, & Scott in the Amount of \$17,944.50;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services to Taft in the Amount of \$56,031.15;
- City of Milaca Annual TIF Disclosure Report-Information Only;
- Schedule Special Meeting to Conduct County Coordinator Interviews on August 9, 2021;
- Community Health Services Board to be held August 20, 2021-Information Only;
- Advertisement of Bid-SAP 048-601-034 (CSAH 1) Slope Repair Project-Information Only.

Cmsr Reynolds requested that consent agenda item 4.6, Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services, be pulled for discussion. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT TO COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Cmsr Reynolds indicated that a grammatical error existed in the agenda request form for consent agenda item 4.6, Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services. Human Resources Coordinator Karly Fetters confirmed that the error would be corrected. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services to Taft in the amount of \$14,327.00; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 08-03-2021-01, ANNUAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

Community and Veterans Services Director Beth Crook presented the annual County Veterans Service base grant and noted that the same amount of funding had been received as previous years. Cmsr Peterson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 08-03-2021-01, Annual County Veterans Service Operational Enhancement Grants; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of County Commissioners

Mille Lacs County, Minnesota

Resolution No.: 08-03-2021-01

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mille Lacs County that the County enter into the attached Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Operational Enhancement Grant Program. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing the services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12. Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by Mille Lacs County that Taylor Tollefson, the County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON, the above resolution was adopted at a Mille Lacs County regular board meeting this third (3rd) day of August, 2021.

PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT/HOUSING SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR NEW PROVIDER

Community and Veterans Services Director Crook presented the request for the approval of a new Service Agreement and Housing Support Agreement for new adult foster care provider, Donna Collings. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement and Housing Support Agreement for Donna Collings; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF HOUSING SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR 2021-2022

Community and Veterans Services Director Crook presented the request for the approval of a Housing Support Agreement for Project Forward, Inc. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Housing Support Agreement for Project Forward, Inc.; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER TYLER TECHNOLOGIES MUNIS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Technology Services Manager Michael Virnig presented the proposed amendment and noted that the amendment was being evaluated by the County Attorney's Office. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Tyler Technologies Munis Contract Amendment pending County Attorney approval; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

AWARD BID ALTERNATE FOR COUNTY ROAD CROSSINGS ON COUNTY DITCH 2

Land Services Director/Land Commissioner Chris Berg reviewed the bid previously received and accepted by the Board from Land Pride Construction, LLC for the repair of County Ditch 2 in the amount of \$193,665.30. Berg also recommended awarding the Bid Alternate 1 – Mille Lacs County Roads to Land Pride Construction. Berg noted that allowing the Drainage Authority to construct the road crossing would allow road project expenses to be contributed to the County's bond. Cmsr Peterson motioned to award Bid Alternate 1 – Mille Lacs County Roads for the County Road crossings of County Ditch 2 to Land Pride Construction, LLC; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Cmsr Wilhelm abstained. Motion carried.

RATIFY SIGNATURE ON AUTO THEFT GRANT RENEWAL WITH THE MN DEPT OF COMMERCE

Sheriff Don Lorge presented the request for the renewal of the MN Department of Commerce Grant for the Auto Theft Prevention Specialist. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the renewal of the Auto Theft Grant with the MN Department of Commerce; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLOSURE OF COUNTY ROAD 36 IN MILACA ON SEPTEMBER 25TH

County Engineer Neal Knopik introduced the request from the City of Milaca for the closure of County Road 36 for the Mega Meet Cross Country Race on September 25, 2021. Knopik noted a grammatical error in the recommend action on the agenda request form. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the closure of County Road 36 on September 25, 2021; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIREARM UPGRADE/TRADE IN

Chief Deputy Kyle Burton discussed the handgun upgrade/trade in proposal and stated that the expense to the County would be \$5,435.00 following the trade in. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Sheriff's Office Firearm Upgrade/Trade In; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER

Human Resources Coordinator Feters requested approving the recruitment of an Assistant County Engineer. Feters presented the proposal of advertising an Assistant County Engineer position in conjunction with the current Construction Services Manager position. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the recruitment of Assistant County Engineer in Conjunction with the Construction Services Manager posting; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Reynolds and Peterson voted aye. Cmsrs Wilhelm, Oslin, and Tellinghuisen voted nay. Motion failed.

CONSIDER CHARITABLE GAMBLING PERMIT

Human Resources Coordinator Feters presented Resolution No. 08-03-2021-02, concerning a charitable gambling permit for the Rum River Sno Riders. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 08-

03-2021-02, Approval of Charitable Gambling; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No: 08-03-2021-02
Approval of Charitable Gambling*

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby approves granting a Premises Permit for Rum River Sno Riders to conduct ongoing gambling operations at Chico's Place, located at 29992 US Hwy 169, Onamia, MN 56359

Adopted this 3rd day of August, 2021

REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FROM THE MILLE LACS COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Assistant County Attorney III Brian Wold presented the request to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for temporary staffing to address the increased demands from the Minnesota Judicial Branch. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners. Cmsrs Oslin and Reynolds indicated that this request should be reviewed by the ARP Committee prior to Board approval. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to table the Request for American Rescue Plan Funding from the Mille Lacs County Attorney's Office; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cmsr Wilhelm discussed the need for volunteer drivers in the area and the significant suicide rates among veterans, as presented at the recent Veterans Services Officers meeting. Cmsr Reynolds discussed the Extension Committee's difficulty filling internship positions and the need for volunteers and County staff to assist with the County fair. Cmsr Reynolds reviewed legislative funding and population health concerns within the State of Minnesota, as presented at the Emergency Medical Services Board meeting. Cmsr Reynolds also provided information concerning the high level of calls from Mille Lacs County to the Senior Linkage Line, as reported by the Central Minnesota Council on Aging. Cmsr Peterson stated that the Mille Lacs County Area DAC was recovering from COVID-19 closures, but remaining optimistic as clients return.

Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to adjourn the meeting 10:12 a.m.; Cmsr Tellinghuisen seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Herges
Lisa Herges
Interim County Coordinator

/s/Genny Reynolds
Genny Reynolds
County Board Chairperson