

Chairman Tellinghuisen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioners Reynolds, Wilhelm, Oslin, and Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Three requests were added to the agenda:

- Authorize Sale of Retired Fleet Vehicles via Sealed Bid Process
- Authorize County Administrator to Sign Resolution in Support of Managed Care Organizations
- Approve Commissioners' Mileage and Per Diems – June 2019

Additional information was added to the agenda item for public comment session on wheelage tax and to the agenda item for the presentation by Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to accept the agenda as amended; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve 06/04/19 County Board Meeting Minutes;
 - Review of Auditor's Warrants;
 - Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services;
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 - Approve Infant Mental Health Consultant Agreement;
 - Authorize Board Chair Signature on MTM Social Service Contract Termination Letter;
 - Authorize Award of County-Wide Reflectorized Pavement Markings;
 - Authorize Cooperative Construction Agreement between Onamia Township and Mille Lacs County;
 - Adopt PWD Resolution No. 2019-6-18-19-13: Awarding Project SAP 048-600-011 (Onamia Township Road Construction Project);
 - Authorize the City of Bock to Close a Portion of CSAH 1 for the 4th of July Parade;
 - Authorize Appraisal Work for CSAH 14;
 - Approve Sheriff's Office to Scrap 1999 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - Information Only – Announcement: Community Health Services Board Meeting 8/06/19;
- Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – WHEELAGE TAX

County Administrator Pat Oman provided information to the County Board regarding the current wheelage tax and when it was approved last. Oman noted that the County Board has not approved an increase to wheelage tax, but has approved public comment on wheelage tax. Oman noted that 2 years ago the state statute provided for legislation to increase the wheelage tax in whole dollar increments up to \$20. Oman noted 53 of 87 counties have a wheelage tax with 12 of them currently having a \$20 wheelage tax.

Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to open the public comment session at 9:06 a.m.; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried. Cmsr Tellinghuisen asked if anyone would like to speak or comment.

Roxanne Gerads, tax payer and small business owner in Mille Lacs County addressed the County Board. She questioned the additional \$10 per vehicle proposed wheelage tax. Gerads stated they have commercial vehicles and personal vehicles and she feels it would be detrimental as they are already overtaxed, with the additional ½ cent sales tax added prior to this. She stated with property taxes already doubling and with an increase in wheelage tax per vehicle, it will be over burdening to them as tax payers.

Pete Pederson, speaking on behalf of the City of Milaca and on behalf of himself. He stated he's been on the City Council since 1975 excluding 3 years. Every year the City Council have talked about keeping the levy low because they know the County will raise the tax yearly. The City of Milaca is currently working on City Budgets to be submitted in September and they already don't know where they stand on a couple taxes that are in question. Pederson stated the Dispute tax has been asked to be on the agenda four times and denied four times. Pederson questioned when and why this wheelage tax came up and how long has the county been discussing it with now such short notice to the City.

Pete Pederson addressed the County Board as a taxpayer stating that raising taxes overburdens the citizens. Mr. Pederson stated that Mille Lacs County is the lowest income highest taxed county. They are overtaxed and enough is enough. By doubling the tax from \$10 to \$20 it would be too hard and many people are on a fixed budget.

Gene Powell, Small Business Owner and Senior Citizen Resident stated the extra \$10 would be hard on seniors and is just too steep.

County Administrator Oman stated that the county received four responses via Facebook. Those citizens were asked to email us with their comments but no comments were received.

Jeff Gaslin, via email, questioned why we don't charge the Amish for road use as they do in Indiana. He stated if there is an accident we have to pay and they don't.

Gerald Nohner asked if the wheelage tax were passed will it trickle down to the townships. Townships have no money for road grading. Mr. Nohner stated that if the revenue from the wheelage tax trickled down to the townships, he would be more in favor of the increase.

Administrator Oman explained the difference of LOST funds vs. wheelage tax funds. LOST funds are for specific roads that are reviewed at public hearings whereas wheelage tax is a general tax for Public Works purposes. These proposed funds will be used to purchase Public Works heavy equipment on the five- year Capital Plan. The option to trickle down to a township is there, but is not being proposed to the County Board at this time.

Pete Pederson asked if the County Board was asked in an open or closed County Board meeting. Oman stated that the County Board would not be able to go into closed session regarding wheelage tax as it would not meet state statute. Oman reviewed that this has been brought up in all open meetings and work session meetings even as long as two years ago when the tax increase initially got passed at the Legislator.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to close the public comment session at 9:20 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION – CENTRAL MINNESOTA JOBS AND TRAINING SERVICES

Barb Chafee, CEO, Tammy Sieben, Youth Employment Specialist and Tricia Bigaouette, Finance Director presented information to the County Board about Central Minnesota Jobs and Training, Chafee noted this is the 35th year of CMJTS and thanked both Cmsr Wilhelm and staff for their continued support.

Sieben spoke about employment transition services for youth. Bigaouette spoke about the annual fiscal audit and noted no issues of concern or deficiencies.

APPROVE LIQUOR, BEER & WINE LICENSES

Auditor-Treasurer Phil Thompson presented to the County Board the list of six (6) licenses for renewal: Izaty's Acquisition Corp. DBA Izaty's Golf and Yacht Club, Chico's Place of Onamia Inc. DBA Chico's Place, Richard James Robertson DBA White Cap Inn, Eddy's Resort LLC DBA Eddy's Resort, Forbs Inc. DBA Bayview Bar and Grill, Portland Corporation DBA Trophy's. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve Liquor, Beer & Wine licenses: Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion Carried

APPROVE SHIP AGREEMENT – BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

Community and Veterans Services Director Beth Crook presented to the County Board the SHIP agreement and explained that the agreement from the state needs to be approved in order to be utilized. This agreement is for Mille Lacs County to be a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and compensate Alisha Fussy, SHIP Coordinator for her time. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the SHIP Agreement for a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion Carried

APPROVE SHIP AGREEMENT – HEALTHY EATING

Community and Veterans Services Director Crook presented to the County Board the SHIP agreement and explained that the agreement from the state needs to be approved in order to be utilized. This agreement is for Mille Lacs County to utilize SHIP Funding to purchase an EBT Machine for the Farmers Market. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the SHIP agreement for Healthy Eating; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion Carried

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MORRISON COUNTY SFTP FILE SHARING SITE

Community and Veterans Services Director Crook presented to the County Board that this file sharing agreement was presented to the County Board in the a.m. work session. Crook noted the agreement is to be able to transfer child support and income maintenance case files securely between counties. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the Contract with Morrison County for SFTP File Sharing Site; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion Carried.

APPROVE EAW FINDINGS AND DECLARATION RESOLUTION

Environmental Resources Manager Dillon Hayes presented to the County Board the request for approval of the findings of fact for and EAW for the Rum River Campground. Hayes recommended a negative declaration and to proceed without a need for an EIS. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve EAW Findings and Declaration Resolution 6-18-19-01 Need for a need for an EIS; Cmsr Peterson seconded. Motion Carried.

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 6-18-19-01*

A RESOLUTION REGARDING DECISION ON THE NEED FOR AN EIS

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for the preparation of a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Rum River Campground (“Project”) in accordance with Minnesota Rule 4410.4300 Subpart 20; and

WHEREAS, the 30-day comment period on the EAW ended on May 29, 2019 with four (4) comments received and the response to the comments received are incorporated in the Findings of Fact and record of decision in accordance with Minnesota Rule 4410.1700 Subpart 3; and

WHEREAS, the EAW does not demonstrate that the Project has the potential for “significant environmental effects” in comparison to the impacts that may be reasonably expected to occur from the project based on the criteria outlined in Minnesota Rule 4410.1700 Subpart 7; and

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby makes a negative declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the Project.

AUTHORIZE SALE OF RETIRED FLEET VEHICLE VIA SEALED BID PROCESS

County Administrator Pat Oman presented to the County Board the sale of retired fleet vehicles via sealed bid. Oman noted they would be available for view prior to sale. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the Sale of Retired Fleet Vehicles via Sealed Bid Process; Cmsr Peterson seconded. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

County Administrator Oman presented to the County Board the resolution presented at the a.m. work session allowing the County Administrator to sign in support of Managed Care Organizations. Oman noted that the resolution is currently in the County Attorney’s office for review. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve a resolution in support of Managed Care Organizations; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion Carried.

APPROVE COMMISSIONERS’ MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS – JUNE 2019

County Administrator Oman presented the County Board with the June 2019 Commissioner Per Diem claims to be reviewed. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve Commissioners’ Mileage and Per Diems – June 2019; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION MEETING FOR ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE DISCUSSION

Cmsr Tellinghuisen read the appropriate language for a closed session. A motion was made by Cmsr Oslin, seconded by Cmsr Wilhelm to close the meeting at 9:50 a.m. in accordance with M.S. 13D.05 subd. 3(b) to discuss legal issues, legal advice and litigation strategy regarding an active grievance filed by Local 49, BMS Case number 19PA0576. Cmsr Peterson motioned to reopen the meeting at 11:03 a.m.; Oslin Seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports

Cmsr Oslin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.; Cmsr Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Pat Oman _____
Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/ Roger Tellinghuisen _____
Roger Tellinghuisen
County Board Chairperson