

Chairman Tellinghuisen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioners Reynolds, Wilhelm, Oslin, and Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Four requests were added to the agenda:

- Approve Tri-Cap Social Service Transportation Contract;
- Approve Mille Lacs County and Princeton School District Agreement;
- Consider Out of State Travel for County Commissioners;
- Approve SHIP Grant Applications for Wellness Incentives;

Cmsr Wilhelm 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:

- Review of Auditor's Warrants;
- Authorize Gale-Tec Engineering, Inc. to Perform Work for CSAH 1;
- Authorize Carlson McCain to Perform Additional Site Investigation Services;
- Authorize Sale of Retired Fleet Vehicles via Sealed Bid Process;
- Authorize Resolution Re-Approving the Simple Plat of Mille Lacs Channel View;
- Approve Resolution in Support of the CMTC RTCC;

Motion Carried.

Approve 06/18/19 County Board Meeting Minutes

County Administrator Pat Oman stated that the approval of the 6/18/19 County Board Meeting Minutes were an add-on for today's Board Meeting. He asked the Board of Commissioners to review the minutes before approval. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the 6/18/19 County Board Meeting Minutes; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION – MILLE LACS ACADEMY

Mille Lacs Academy Executive Director Jan Gibson Talbot presented information regarding the Mille Lacs Academy to the County Board. Talbot had previously retired in February of 2015, but is now "back in the saddle." Talbot stated that there are a variety of fun activities occurring for the children, especially as Independence Day approaches. Talbot noted that the Mille Lacs Academy is down to fifteen staff members; however, these staff members make an excellent team. Talbot mentioned that she is glad to be back and serving our community.

APPROVE LIQUOR, BEER & WINE LICENSES

Auditor-Treasurer Phil Thompson presented to the County Board one request for a temporary liquor license: Outlaw Grass Drags DBA Rum River Trail Association. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the requested temporary liquor license; seconded by Cmsr Reynolds. Motion carried.

APPROVE TOBACCO LICENSES

Auditor-Treasurer Thompson presented to the County Board twelve requests for tobacco licenses: East Side Township: Hunter's Point, Johnson's Portside; Kathio Township: MLV Convenience Store; Onamia Township: Gateway Café & Station; South Harbor Township: Trophy's Liquor Warehouse, Bayview Bar & Grill, Izatys; City of Bock: Newgards Bock Garage; City of Foreston: Foreston Liquor Store, D & L Express; and City of Wahkon: Wahkon Inn Bar & Restaurant, Morning Star Market. Cmsr Peterson as to the cost for a tobacco license. Thompson indicated that the fee is typically \$100.00, unless the license is submitted late or an inspection is required. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the twelve tobacco license requests; seconded by Cmsr Wilhelm. Motion carried.

REVIEW QUOTES FOR PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Environmental Resources Manager Dillon Hayes referenced the previous County Board authorization from June 4, 2019, for a solicitation of quotes for the appraisal for a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey of the two parcels, 14-032-0400 and 14-033-0800 for development of an Off Road Vehicle (ORV) park. Hayes stated that the MNDOT archaeological review is required for reimbursement of acquisition expenses from

the Federal Recreational Trail Program grant. Hayes stated that staff had solicited quotes from eight qualified archaeological consultants; all consultants were requested to submit two quotes. Quote 1 involves conducting a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey of the full project area, while Quote 2 involves the survey of the first phase of the project. Two consultants submitted quotes. Merjent, Inc. – Quote 1: \$88,438.00; Quote 2: \$61,882.00. Duluth Archaeology Center – Quote 1: \$4,825.07; Quote 2: \$2,970.56. Cmsr Wilhelm inquired as to if the company with the lower rate was a new company. Hayes stated that this was not the case, and that Duluth Archaeology Center has been completing this work for 25-30 years. Cmsr Wilhelm noted the expansive difference in the quotes provided; Hayes noted that Duluth Archaeology Center was recommended by the DNR and held good standing. Hayes stated that staff recommended proceeding with Quote 1 from Duluth Archaeology Center. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the proposed quote from Duluth Archaeology Center; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

ACCEPT QUOTE FOR ACQUISITION OF A sUAS

Environmental Resources Manager Hayes and Economic Development Manager Mike Wimmer referred to the previous County Board June 4, 2019, authorized solicitation of quotes for a DJI Matrice 210 V2 sUAS. Hayes noted that quotes submitted from licensed DJI vendors were very similar with a mere difference of \$1-2. Hayes stated that staff recommends accepting the Frontier Precision quote of \$16,713. Cmsr Oslin inquired as to if Hayes was comfortable with the purchase of this product. Hayes stated that he was comfortable with the purchase and that DJI produces sUASs that do well in moisture, rain, and any other circumstances that may be encountered in emergency situations. Hayes noted that the DJI Enterprise Shield Warranty includes up to two replacements units within the first year, with a slight deductible. Wimmer stated that the proposed quote includes the purchase of the DJI Matrice 210 V2, 5x camera, 30x camera, Elite Rapid charger, 4 additional WB37 intelligent batteries, landing pad, and training. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the purchase of the proposed sUAS from Frontier Precision; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Environmental Resources Manager Hayes stated that the Volunteers of America (VOA) “Our Home” in Wahkon and Isle requires an environmental review in order to receive funding from Continuum of Care (CoC) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The environmental review was prepared by VOA and reviewed by the Minneapolis HUD field office. Staff recommended that the Board allows authorization of the Board Chair to sign the environmental review. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the environmental review; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVE SEPARATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILLE LACS COUNTY, IUOA LOCAL 49, AND SHAWN STEINBRECHER

Cmsr Tellinghuisen stated that he does not agree with the proposed motions in this matter. Cmsr Tellinghuisen stated that he believes we live in a society where we use attorneys and compensation to resolve matters, rather than addressing the issues directly. Cmsr Tellinghuisen stated that if the appropriate forms required the Board Chair’s signature, he would decline from signing. Personnel Director Holly Wilson indicated that the employment separation agreement had been put together by Susan Hanson; the agreement concluded that the County will pay \$30,000 to Shawn Steinbrecher. Wilson noted that the staff recommendation is to approve this agreement. Cmsr Oslin stated that he appreciates the Chairman’s comments and thoughts on this matter. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the employment separation agreement; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called regarding the approval of the Separation Agreement between Mille Lacs County, IUOA Local 49, and Shawn Steinbrecher: Cmsrs Oslin, Peterson, Reynolds, and Wilhelm voted aye. Cmsr Tellinghuisen voted nay. Motion carried.

APPROVE TRI-CAP SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Community and Veterans Services Director Beth Crook stated that the County will save significant money by moving social service transportation from MTM to Tri-Cap Inc. Crook stated that the contract would take effect on August 1, 2019, if approved. County Administrator Pat Oman stated that the contract is currently being reviewed by the County Attorney’s Office (CAO), and the approval would be pending confirmation from the County Attorney. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Tri-Cap Inc. transportation contract, pending review by the County Attorney’s Office; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVE MILLE LACS COUNTY AND PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Community and Veterans Services Director Crook requested the approval of the Mille Lacs County and Princeton School District Agreement, pending the review and finalization of the contract from the County Attorney's Office (CAO). Crook stated that the contract formalizes the responsibility in both coordinating and determining the financial responsibility to provide transportation to the home school district of children placed in foster care. Crook noted that the financial responsibility varies based on the location of the child and the location of the home school. Crook stated that this would be incorporated within reason. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the Mille Lacs County and Princeton School District Agreement, pending finalization from the County Attorney. Cmsr Peterson seconded. Cmsr Wilhelm abstained. A roll call vote was called concerning the Mille Lacs County and Princeton School District Agreement: Cmsrs Oslin, Peterson, Reynolds, and Tellinghuisen vote aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Administrator Pat Oman stated that the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is hosting the sixth of ten State Leadership Day events on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. This meeting will be specifically designated for local elected officials (county and municipal) from Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The meetings will include briefings and discussion with Senior Administration Officials on shared Federal/State/Local priorities. Oman stated that any commissioners interested in this event, should acknowledge their interest. Cmsr Reynolds stated that she would be interested in attending, as did Cmsrs Peterson, Oslin, and Wilhelm. Cmsr Tellinghuisen stated that he would be unable to attend. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the out of state travel for the County Commissioners; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES

Public Works Director Holly Wilson referenced the previous approval from the June 18, 2019 County Board Meeting where the County Board authorized SML Appraisals, Inc. to perform appraisal work on CSAH 14. Since then SML Appraisals, Inc. has prepared and signed an agreement for appraisal services. Wilson stated that staff recommend that the County Board approve the SML Appraisals contract for CSAH 14, pending approval from the County Attorney's Office. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the SML Appraisals, Inc. contract, pending approval by the County Attorney. Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVE SHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR WELLNESS INCENTIVES

HR Generalist Karly Fetters requested approval to submit SHIP grant applications. Fetters stated that the Mille Lacs County Wellness Committee is applying for three Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) mini-grants. These grants will assist in improving staff wellness by allowing the purchase of permanent water filtration systems for the Milaca and Wahkon Public Works Shops. In addition to purchasing raised gardening beds and materials for the Community and Veterans Services office building and bicycle cargo racks for the Wellness bike fleet. Fetters noted that if the grants are approved, the County must provide a 10% in-kind match for each project, per SHIP guidelines. Cmsr Wilhelm inquired as to if the Wellness bike fleet was used often. Fetters stated that yes, the bikes are being used and that a reminder would also be listed in the County's employee newsletter. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the SHIP grant applications; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cmsr Reynolds stated that the East Central Regional Library (ECRL) budget increased 1.8% due to employee raises. Cmsr Reynolds also noted that at the recent AMC Board Meeting, there had been discussion regarding Native American relations. Cmsr Reynolds stated that the AMC Indian Affairs Committee had recently been renamed to the AMC Tribal Relations Committee. Cmsr Reynolds mentioned that the One Watershed, One Plan committee was slowly making progress and that a consultant is actively working on a plan for the committee.

Cmsr Oslin reported that the Emergency Service Board recently had an audit that went over exceptionally well. Cmsr Oslin stated the Next Gen 111 committee has thirty-one peace apps up and running. Cmsr Oslin noted that Mille Lacs County is a leader in getting Next Gen up and running. Cmsr Oslin stated that the budget should be the exact same as last year, due to good planning on the

committee's part. Cmsr Oslin confirmed that the budget will be completed by the end of the month and that he would be speaking with the Sheriff further regarding the budget.

Cmsr Reynolds stated that she has been invited to join Representative Pete Stauber's Women's Advisory Group. Cmsr Reynolds stated that this group discusses issues that affect business women in the region. Cmsr Reynolds was informed to contact Representative Stauber in regards to the upcoming White House trip.

County Administrator Pat Oman stated that the Labor Management Committee's (LMC) annual employee picnic was well attended and considered a success. Oman mentioned that the current revenue for the picnic comes from the pop fund, which is supported from the County vending machines. However, as the vending machines are gradually being eliminated, a new source of revenue may be needed. Oman stated that the NACO Conference will be next week; Oman and Cmsr Reynolds will be attending the two day conference in Nevada.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/Pat Oman
Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/Roger Tellinghuisen
Roger Tellinghuisen
County Board Chairperson