

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.

One additional document was provided for consideration for item 5.4 Review Residential Recycling Drop Site Contractor Bids.

Five requests were added to the agenda:

- 5.8 Consider Accepting Donation of Equipment;
- 5.9 Consider Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Snow Removal from Sidewalks;
- 5.10 Consider Vendor for Mille Lacs County Campus Snow Removal;
- 5.11 Department of Transportation Open House on Future Highway 169 Reduced Conflict Intersections;
- 5.12 Consider Reappointment East Central Regional Library Board Trustee.

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

Cmsr Tellinghuisen recognized that the City of Milaca Mayor Pete Pedersen was interested in speaking. County Administrator Oman communicated to the County Commissioners there is no Public forum, and the Mille Lacs County Board Meeting Agenda Rules and Procedures require an agenda request be submitted to be on the regular Board agenda. Cmsr Tellinghuisen stated that he would allow Mayor Pedersen to speak at the County Board Work Session after adjournment of the County Board Meeting, as Mayor Pedersen did not have an agenda item scheduled for the meeting. Mayor Pedersen stated he did not intend to wait and exited the meeting.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve 10/29/19 County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Review of Auditor's Warrants;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services;
- Consider Association of Minnesota Counties 2020 Delegates;
- Consider CY2020 Lighthouse Child and Family Services Contract;
- Consider CY2020 Brass Contract;
- Consider CY2020 Lakeview Psychological Contract;
- Consider County Burial Rate Increase;
- Consider Benton Telecommunication Grant Award;
- Consider Employment & Training Contracted Services;
- Approve ProWest Server Migration and ESRI License Upgrade;
- Approve CenturyLink 911 VIPER Equipment Replacement;
- Cancel CodeRed Contract and Contract with Rave Mobile Safety;
- Accept Donation from the Milaca Fire Department;
- Approval of the Disposal of Abandoned Property;
- Approve the Disposal or Sale of Abandoned Property.

Motion Carried.

#### PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION: EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Economic Development Manager Mike Wimmer introduced East Central Regional Development Commission's (ECRDC) Executive Director, Bob Voss. Voss distributed the East Central Regional Development Commission's 2019 Annual Report and discussed the ECRDC economic development programs, money-lending programs, and the Mille Lacs Lake area scenic byway. Voss also discussed the entrepreneurs programs and assistance programs available. The County Commissioners thanked Bob Voss for presenting the ECRDC information.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION: GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION OF FINANCIAL  
WORKER CASE AIDE DAY

Financial Assistance Services Supervisor Beth Vanderplaats introduced the County's Financial Workers and Case Aides to the County Board. Vanderplaats then proceeded to read the Governor's Proclamation of Financial Worker Case Aide Day. The County Commissioners thanked the Financial Workers and Case Aides for their service.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-05-19-01, PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT

Economic Development Manager Wimmer referenced the August 6, 2019 and the September 3, 2019 County Board work sessions, where discussions occurred regarding the Community Development Block Grant. Wimmer stated that if approved, Resolution No. 11-05-19-01 would make Mille Lacs County the legal sponsor for the Small Cities Development Program application, which would be submitted on November 15, 2019. Wimmer stated that the County is working with Lakes and Pines on this grant application. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution No. 11-05-19-01, Participation in Community Development Block Grant; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

REVIEW RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING DROP SITE CONTRACTOR BIDS

Environmental Resources Manager Dillon Hayes stated that residential recycling drop-site contractor bids were requested for two options. Hayes noted that both bids are significantly higher than the current option the County uses. Hayes stated that Option 1: Contractor-Administered Sites is a complete privatization of the recycling program. This is the operating model currently in use. Option 2: Contracted Hauling Services is a hybrid program where the County would contract for hauling services only; with Option 3: County-Administered Sites, the County would assume full responsibility for drop-site operation. The bids were reviewed and discussion occurred among the Commissioners regarding the most efficient long-term option for the County. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to authorize staff to proceed with Option 3: County-Administered Sites and review recycling options in September of 2020; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Reynolds, Oslin, and Tellinghuisen voted aye. Cmsrs Wilhelm and Peterson voted nay. Motion carried.

Cmsr Peterson motioned to close the recycling drop site bidding process; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 10:13 a.m. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

County Administrator Pat Oman requested the cancellation of the Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m. regular County Board Meeting, as the Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing was approved by the Board and scheduled for that date at 6:00 p.m. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to cancel the regular County Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Administrator Oman requested a Special County Board Meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the Special County Board Meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Administrator Oman requested a Special County Board Meeting for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in order to approve the 2020 County budget. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the Special County Board Meeting for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF EQUIPMENT

Administrator Oman stated that Highway Maintenance Superintendent Kevin Schultz wishes to donate equipment for the Public Works Department. Oman noted that the donated equipment will be used to repair the County sign truck. Cmsr Oslin motioned to accept the donation of equipment; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SNOW REMOVAL FROM  
SIDEWALKS

County Administrator Oman stated that a Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Snow Removal from Sidewalks was requested for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Oman stated that this sidewalk snow removal ordinance was specific to the City of Princeton. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners regarding ordinances pertaining to County roads and cities. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Snow Removal from Sidewalks; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER VENDOR FOR MILLE LACS COUNTY CAMPUS SNOW REMOVAL

Facilities Manager Noelan Lange presented the one quote received from Hjort Excavating for snow removal services for the 2019-2020 season, as no other quotes were received from contacted vendors. Lange noted that the proposed rate was \$125 per hour, with a 3-hour minimum; the County would provide salt for the parking lots. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the Hjort Excavating quote for the Mille Lacs County Campus Snow Removal; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE ON FUTURE HIGHWAY 169 REDUCED  
CONFLICT INTERSECTIONS

Administrator Oman stated that the Department of Transportation will be hosting an open house on future Highway 169 Reduced Conflict Intersections on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse. Oman stated the open house allows residents to provide feedback regarding the three intersections that will be reviewed; Highway 169 and County Road 11; Highway 169 and County Road 12; Highway 169 and County Road 13. The County Commissioners thanked Oman for providing the open house information.

CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

Administrator Oman stated that the reappointment of Linda Boettcher to the East Central Regional Library Board had been discussed at a previous work session. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the Reappointment of East Central Regional Board Trustee Linda Boettcher; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Oman stated that both he and Cmsr Oslin had attended the annual Mille Lacs County Township Meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Oman noted that the meeting was well-attended; Sheriff Don Lorge and Soil and Water Conservation (SWCD) Director Susan Shaw had also attended the meeting. Oman noted that the meeting focused on legislative platforms and the status of the appointed Auditor-Treasurer. Oman stated that Shaw discussed watersheds and the importance of townships reaching out to SWCD for assistance with wetlands.

Cmsr Oslin stated that Susan Shaw gave explanation for the Wetland Conservation Act during the Township Meeting. Cmsr Oslin noted that townships were made aware of the County drone, which is used by Environmental Resources to review ditches in the area. It was noted that the drone is not used for law enforcement activities.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/Pat Oman  
Pat Oman  
County Administrator

/s/Roger Tellinghuisen  
Roger Tellinghuisen  
County Board Chairperson