

Chairman Tellinghuisen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., with the following members present via interactive teleconference: Commissioner Wilhelm at 10287 55th Street, Princeton, MN 55371; Cmsr Reynolds at 807 N 3rd Street, Princeton, MN 55371; Cmsr Oslin at 39635 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342; Cmsr Phil Peterson at 13827 140th Street, Milaca, MN 56353. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Tellinghuisen took a roll call vote to verify that all five (5) commissioners were present.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve 4/21/2020 County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Review of Auditor's Warrants;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services;
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- Consider Accepting NextGen 911 GIS Grant;
- Approve Joint Powers Agreement Amendment With Department Of Corrections;
- Consider ECE Distributed Generation and Load Curtailment Program Agreement;
- Approve Soo Line Bridge Inspection Proposal.

A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GATEWAY CAFÉ & STATION, INC.

Auditor-Treasurer Eric Bartusch introduced the request for an off-sale liquor license. Bartusch noted that due to technical difficulties at the last Board meeting, the public hearing must be held once more. Cmsr Oslin motioned to open the public hearing at 9:09 a.m. for the proposed liquor license; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. No one came forward to speak. Cmsr Oslin motioned to close the public hearing at 9:11 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the liquor license for Gateway Café & Station, Inc.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye.

CONSIDER MILLE LACS ACADEMY 2019 HOST COUNTY CONTRACT EXTENSION

Community and Veterans Services Director Beth Crook reviewed the request to extend the current contract with Mille Lacs Academy. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Mille Lacs Academy 2019 Host County Contract Extension; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE ADDITIONAL COST TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY ROADS 106, 112, 151 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Public Works Director Holly Wilson reviewed the amendment to the construction services agreement with WSB. Wilson stated that the additional cost was estimated at a total of \$73,717.37. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners regarding the expense. Cmsr Peterson motioned to table the approval of the additional cost to the Professional Services Agreement for County Roads 106, 112, 151, Engineering Services until the Tuesday, May 19, 2020 regular County Board Meeting; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 05-05-2020-01, ABATE PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAXES

Auditor-Treasurer Bartusch stated Minnesota State Statute 279.01, subdivision 2 allows counties to abate tax penalties when necessary. Bartusch stated that providing a forty-five (45) day property tax

extension during the COVID-19 pandemic would extend the deadline to June 30, 2020, and provide necessary assistance to County residents. Extensive discussion occurred among the Commissioners regarding the advantages and disadvantages of extending the deadline. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 05-05-2020-01, Abate Penalties and Interest on Property Taxes; Cmsr Peterson 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. : 05-05-2020-01*

**RESOLUTION OF MILLE LACS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THAT THE MILLE LACS COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER ABATE THE PENALTY
ON LATE PAYMENT OF**

PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2020

*WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-02, ordering the temporary closure of all public and private schools to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and
WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-04, ordering the temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of accommodation to help slow the spread of the pandemic; and
WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-05, providing certain relief to employers and unemployed workers during the COVID-19 emergency; and
WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-20, requiring Minnesotans to stay at home; and
WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order 20-05 recognizes that the economic insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will be a major concern for many Minnesotans; and
WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order 20-15 recognizes that the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will result, either directly or indirectly, in the closure of many of Minnesota's small businesses; and
WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County desires to provide temporary relief to its residents and businesses within the County that have been directly or indirectly impacted by the economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County recognizes that as a result of unemployment, lost or reduced wages and the loss of business income, the prompt payment of property taxes will be a major economic pressure for many County residents this year; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 279.01, subd. 2, the County Board may, with the concurrence of the County Treasurer, abate the penalty for late payment of property taxes; and
WHEREAS, the County Board finds that imposing the full penalty for late payment of property taxes in 2020 would be unjust and unreasonable, and further finds that partially abating the penalties associated with the late payment of property taxes in 2020 furthers the economic interests of the County and its residents and business owners; and
WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs County Auditor-Treasurer has indicated that he concurs with the Board's findings and its desire to partially abate the penalty for late payment of taxes in 2020.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners as follows:*

- 1. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 279.01, subd. 2, the County Board hereby delegates to the Mille Lacs County Auditor-Treasurer the power to abate the penalty provided in Minn. Stat. § 279.01 for the late payment of property taxes payable in 2020, to the extent provided for in this Resolution.*
- 2. The County Board further requests that the Mille Lacs County Auditor-Treasurer impose the following modified penalties for late payment of property taxes due and payable in 2020 for all applicable property classifications:*
 - a. For taxes paid between May 16, 2020 and June 30, 2020: a penalty of 1% of the unpaid tax otherwise due and owing.*
 - b. For taxes paid between July 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020: a penalty of 2% of the unpaid tax otherwise due and owing.*
 - c. For taxes paid on or after August 1, 2020: the penalty otherwise imposed by law. For reference purposes only, the penalty schedule currently in effect is shown below.*
- 3. This Resolution does not limit the authority of the County Board or the Auditor-Treasurer to abate taxes or property values as otherwise provided by law.*

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 05-05-2020-02, ISSUE A ONE-TIME CREDIT TOWARDS THE RENEWAL OF ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES

Auditor-Treasurer Bartusch stated that if approved, local businesses would receive a one-time credit of \$283 towards the cost of renewing their on-sale liquor license. Bartusch noted that this credit would be budget neutral. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to adopt Resolution No. 05-05-2020-02, Issue a One-Time Credit Towards the Renewal of On-Sale Liquor Licenses; Cmsr Oslin 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. : 05-05-2020-02*

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WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County desires to provide temporary relief to its residents and businesses within the County that have been directly or indirectly impacted by the economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County recognizes that an on-sale liquor license is a significant expense incurred by small businesses to serve alcohol and the businesses in possession of an on-sale liquor have been unable to benefit from on-sale liquor revenue due to the aforementioned Emergency Executive Orders.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Mille Lacs County Auditor to provide a one-time COVID-19 relief credit of \$283 for businesses seeking to renew their annual on-sale liquor license for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. This credit is equal to the cost of the on-sale liquor license for two months.*

ACCEPT VEGA-2 GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Auditor-Treasurer Bartusch reviewed the VEGA-2 grant. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to accept the Vega-2 Grant and Authorized the Purchase of Election Equipment; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING: APPROVE WALMART SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

County Administrator Pat Oman stated that a closed meeting was likely not needed. County Attorney Joe Walsh reviewed the settlement agreement with the Board. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the Walmart Settlement Agreement; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

SELECT VENDOR FOR THE APPLICATION OF HERBICIDE ON COUNTY DITCH 3

Environmental Resources Manager Dillon Hayes reviewed the quotes received and recommended accepting the lowest quote received from Central Applicators Inc. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to accept the quote from Central Applicators Inc. for the Application of Herbicide on County Ditch 3; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING: SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY

A motion was made by Cmsr Oslin to close the meeting at 10:37 a.m., in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3 (c). Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3 (c) the meeting will be closed to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property. The property that is the subject of the closed meeting is parcel 14-568-0040, Parcel 4 of Mille Lacs County Highway ROW Plat Number 8, Township 41, Range 26. Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll

call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to reopen the meeting at 10:55 a.m.; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the Counter-Offer Value and Hire a Broker at a 5% Commission Rate; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cmsr Reynolds discussed the virtual meeting with Congressman Stauber. Administrator Oman stated that the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) has asked Mille Lacs County to host the fall District 5 conference on Monday, October 26, 2020.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/Pat Oman
Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/Roger Tellinghuisen
Roger Tellinghuisen
County Board Chairperson