

Chairman Tellinghuisen called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioners Reynolds, Wilhelm, Oslin, and Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

One request was added to agenda:

- Consider Resolution with the Intent to Consider Establishing the Appointed Office of County Auditor-Treasurer and Set a Public Hearing for August 27, 2019.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve 07/16/19 County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Approve 07/30/19 Special County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Review of Auditor's Warrants;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services;
- Approve Amended DOC Joint Powers Agreement;
- Approve Foster Care Transportation Contract with the Milaca School District;
- Approve Housing Support Agreements for 2019-2020;
- Authorize CSAH 36 Street Closing (Milaca Meet Cross Country Race) ;
- Transfer Excess CSAH Municipal Construction Funds to CSAH Regular Construction;
- Approve Policy for Supporting Breastfeeding Employees, to be included in the Personnel Policy;
- Approve Application for Recognition as a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace;
- Accept Donation to Sheriff's Office.

Motion Carried.

APPROVE THE COMBINATION OF TAX FORFEITED PARCELS

Land Specialist Nancy Eibes stated that the tax-forfeited parcels in the Port Mille Lacs Area are too small to develop individually. Eibes stated that combining parcels would increase the marketability of the forfeited parcels. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the combination of tax-forfeited parcels; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE COMBINATION OF TWO FORFEITED PARCELS IN CITY OF FORESTON

Land Specialist Eibes stated that combining the City of Foreston parcels 19-004-4500 and 19-440-0100 would be ideal, as parcel 19-004-4500 is landlocked. Eibes noted that it is in the County's best interest to combine these two parcels. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the combination of two forfeited parcels in City of Foreston; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

ORDER HEARING ON REPAIR OF COUNTY DITCH 2

Environmental Resources Manager Dillon Hayes referenced the March 27, 2019 petition regarding the repair of County Ditch 2. Hayes stated that on April 2, 2019, the Drainage Authority confirmed that the drainage system needs repair. Hayes stated that a public hearing on the repair report must be held; the proposed date is August 27, 2019. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the hearing on repair of County Ditch 2; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called regarding the public hearing for County Ditch 2: Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Peterson, and Tellinghuisen voted aye. Motion carried.

ADOPT THE REVISED MILLE LACS COUNTY SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Environmental Resources Manager Hayes referenced the April 2, 2019 public hearing, which was held to receive public input regarding revisions to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Hayes noted that while the previously proposed mandatory curbside recycling language was removed from the ordinance, the increased parcel fee has been included. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the revised Mille Lacs County Solid Waste Ordinance; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called regarding the revised Solid Waste Ordinance: Cmsr Wilhelm voted nay. Cmsrs Reynolds, Oslin, Peterson, and Tellinghuisen voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A TEMPORARY COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE 384.07

Personnel Director Holly Wilson referenced the County Board's previous acceptance of Auditor-Treasurer Phil Thompson's resignation, effective August 23, 2019. Wilson stated that Minnesota Statute 384.07 allows the County Board to appoint a Temporary County Auditor-Treasurer; the recommended individual for appointment is Paul Prokosch. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the resolution to appoint a temporary County Auditor-Treasurer pursuant to Minnesota Statute 384.07; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER

County Administrator Pat Oman stated that the Administrative Services Office has accepted the resignation of County Engineer Bruce Cochran, effective August 23, 2019. Oman stated that per Minnesota Statute 163.07, the County is allowed to appoint an Interim County Highway Engineer. Oman stated that the recommended individual for appointment is Holly Wilson. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to approve the resolution to appoint an Interim County Highway Engineer; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT TO UNIVERSITY OF EXTENSION FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

County Administrator Oman stated that the University of Minnesota Extension Office has requested reimbursement for a 40-hour temporary Extension employee to assist with the upcoming Mille Lacs County Fair, August 7-11, 2019. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve the reimbursement to University of Minnesota Extension for the temporary employee; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

County Administrator Oman requested that a Special Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for budget discussion. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the authorization of the Special County Board Meeting; Cmsr Oslin seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION WITH THE INTENT TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTED OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 27, 2019

Personnel Director Wilson stated that with the Board's acceptance of County Auditor-Treasurer Phil Thompson's resignation, and in accordance with the laws of Minnesota 2019, chapter 10, article 2, Sections 17-22 amended Minnesota Statutes 2018; Section 375.08, Section 375A.10; and Section 375A.12; and adopted Minnesota Statute Section 375A.1205, that the County may consider filling the vacancy of the elected office of County Auditor-Treasurer by appointment. Wilson stated that the legislation requires posting a public notice, holding a public hearing, and approving the vote by supermajority. Wilson noted that a public petition can overturn the Board's resolution and that the public can initiate a reverse referendum to return the office back to an elected position at any time after three years. Wilson stated that the proposed public hearing would occur on August 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Cmsr Oslin motioned to approve Resolution No. 8-6-19-05, Intent to Consider Establishing the Appointed Office of County Auditor-Treasurer, and to set a public hearing for August 27, 2019; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cmsr Wilhelm stated that the Mille Lacs County Fair is August 7-11, 2019, and welcomed everyone to attend the fair.

Cmsr Oslin stated that the 2020 budget was to be voted on at the recent Central Region Emergency Service Meeting. However, Meeker, Benton, and Swift County representatives were not present; therefore, the meeting was recessed due to their absence. Cmsr Oslin stated that a region wide outage in the armor system led to an unfortunate chain of events in the southwest region. Cmsr Oslin noted that the outage lasted almost 8 hours on June 15, 2019; during that time, a farming accident occurred with a 12-year-old child. Cmsr Oslin stated that additional steps are being taken to prevent another outage from occurring. Cmsr Oslin stated that the next Central Region Emergency Service Meeting would be held on September 25, 2019.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

s/s Pat Oman _____
Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/Roger Tellinghuisen _____
Roger Tellinghuisen
County Board Chairperson