

August 27, 2020

Mille Lacs County Commissioners &
Mr. Patrick Oman, County Administrator
635 2nd St SE
Milaca, MN 56353

Re: Emergency Management & Public Safety Simulcast System coverage

Dear Patrick & Commissioners,

The City strongly supports the efforts of Mille Lacs County to improve the emergency communications system for Mille Lacs County. This is especially true in the southern part of the County in and around the Princeton area which lacks sufficient coverage. There are gaps in coverage creating situations in which our public safety officials working for the County and City enter conditions where lack of reliable communications becomes a safety concern. This is prevalent in key environments such as in school buildings and other venues where gathering occurs and communications are weak, nonexistent and unreliable when needed.

The City of Princeton encourages the County and state to proceed with the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program DECN (SECB).

Please accept this letter in support to Mille Lacs County applying for the grant and the State funding a reliable simulcast system for the area. This simulcast system will provide enhanced radio service for Public Safety in Mille Lacs County and have an immediate and long-lasting impact for the region and our community.

We appreciate and support the continued efforts of the project and look forward to working towards a common goal of creating and enhanced radio system in Mille Lacs County.

Sincerely,

Mayor Schumacher