

This is a preliminary draft of the April 13, 2021, minutes as interpreted by the Clerk of the Board for use in preparing the official minutes. It is expected that there will be corrections, additions, and/or omissions before the final minutes are reviewed and officially approved by the County Board.

The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in regular session this 13th day of April, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Commissioners Marc Prestby, Larry Hindt, Randy Dahl, Mitch Lentz and Duane Bakke; Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Brent Kohn, Maintenance Supervisor; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; Jill Brown, PR Consultant for Jill Brown Public Relations, Monte Niemi, First State Tire Recycling; Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Also, present via WebEx: Lori Affeldt, Finance; Chris Hahn, CEDA; Kristi Ruesink, Accounting Technician; Lindsie Engle, Accounting Technician; Bonita Underbakke and Tom Kaase.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda, adding a request for approval of a contract with Minnesota Energy for installation of LP lines for the generators.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda:

- 1. April 6, 2021 County Board minutes
- 2. Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club license for Preston Golf & Country Club
- 3. Successful completion of probation for Jason McCaslin, County Assessor

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioners' Warrants.

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the access permit to widen the existing driveway for Danny & Jeanette Serfling.

Highway Engineer, Ron Gregg, gave a brief power point presentation that explained the land bridge project using recycled shredded tires.

Jill Brown, PR Consultant for Jill Brown Public Relations, and Monte Niemi, First State Tire Recycling were present. Monte Niemi provided a presentation of how recycled shredded tires are used in highway projects. Drew Hatzenbihler, the Solid Waste Administrator, on behalf of Governor Walz presented to the Fillmore County Highway Department the Governor's Certificate of Recognition.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting opened and closed at 9:29 a.m.

Administrator Bobbie Hillery was present.

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby the board unanimously approved the contract with Minnesota Energy to run LP lines for the generators. Cost is estimated at \$7,335.79 to be paid through Infrastructure dollars with the possibility of using the new COVID relief dollars.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the re-evaluation of Shop Foreman job description which would put the position at Grade 12 on the pay plan. This change will be brought to the Local 49ers Union as a Memorandum of the Understanding for their approval.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the title for Head Mechanic to Mechanic. This change will be brought to the Local 49ers Union as a Memorandum of Understanding for their approval.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved to hire Jeff Quam as replacement Shop Foreman, effective 5/6/21 at Grade 12/ Step 3 at \$29.25 per hour in accordance with Local #49 contract as recommended by Highway Engineer and based upon approval by the Local 49ers Union as a Memorandum of Understanding for their approval for the Shop Foreman piece.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved to advertise for replacement Mechanic within the Local #49 member posting as requested by the Highway Engineer.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously voted to bring back a second reading of draft changes to Compensation policy.

A review of the calendar was done with the following committee reports and announcements given: Lentz - Workforce Development, DAC, Jail Needs Assessment; Bakke - Planning Commission, Historical Society, SWCD; Dahl - SEMCAC, Dahl/ Hindt – Facilities.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.