

This is a preliminary draft of the July 14, 2020, 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 14th day of July, 2020, 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. Also present were: Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Present by Webex: Kristi Ruesink, Office Support Specialist, Sr.; Chris Hahn, EDA; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Bonita Underbakke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda.

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

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

The Finance Department Warrants were reviewed.

Lori Affeldt, Finance Director, presented the proposed 2021 Finance Department budget.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved an access permit for Emanuel Raber, Jr. for a new drive in Section 30, Bristol Township, as recommended by the Highway Engineer and Zoning Administrator.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the reclassification recommendation by David Drown Associates Company for Registered Dietician at Grade 12, effective on the next pay period.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the classification for Lead Public Health Nurse at Grade 14, as recommended by David Drown Associates Company, with the understanding this is a new position.

A motion was made by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, to implement EASE online benefit software as recommended by the Benefits Committee. It was noted that this software program requires no additional cost to the County. Employees would be required to enroll/re-enroll for their health benefits online. The Chair called for a vote, Commissioners voting "aye": Prestby, Dahl, Hindt, Lentz. Commissioners' voting "nay": Bakke. Motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, to hire Mary Miner as a temporary election employee at \$12.99/hour as requested by the Auditor/Treasurer. Discussion ensued. Chair called for a vote, Commissioners voting "aye": Prestby, Dahl, Hindt, Bakke. Commissioners' voting "nay": Lentz. Motion prevailed.

The citizens input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:30 a.m.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

Discussion ensued regarding COVID-19, Hillery noted work has begun to gather documentation for CARES funding, she also encourages staff to continue practicing safety measures. Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing, spoke as to the postings provided by Minnesota Department of Health and the work being done by our County Public Health Department.

A review of the calendar was done with the following committee reports and announcements given:

Prestby – Safety/Emergency Management, Personnel

Dahl – Personnel

Lentz – DAC

Hindt – Safety/Emergency Management

Bakke – Chatfield Township Zoning, voter registration

Discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 related to township and city funding. Bakke mentioned the option of assisting the schools financially with unspent CARES dollars.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Bakke, the Board chair adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.