

This is a preliminary draft of the September 10, 2019, 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 10th day of September, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Marc Prestby, Randy Dahl, Larry Hindt and Mitch Lentz. Members absent: Commissioner Duane Bakke. Also present were: Bobbie Vickerman, Coordinator/Clerk; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator; Marty Walsh, Economic Development Authority; R. Ross Reichard, D.D., and Monica Kendall, P.A., Southern MN Medical Examiner's Office; Gretchen Mensink-Lovejoy, Republican Leader; Bonita Underbakke and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Dahl, the agenda was unanimously approved.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda:

1. September 3, 2019, County Board Minutes
2. Successful completion of probation for Alex Hartley, Deputy, effective 9/21/19 as recommended by Sheriff DeGeorge

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

R. Ross Reichard, M.D. and Monica Kendall, P.A. (ASCP), F-ABMDI, Southern MN Regional Medical Examiner Office, were present.

A review of the 2018 medical examiner services was given.

Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the 2020 proposed budget for her department.

The citizens input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:36 a.m.

The Board conducted an interview with Karla Ambrose for the County Assessor position. The Board recommended to offer her the position and discuss options for her work schedule.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer, was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved to remove the closed session and continue with discussion with possible action for the LELS agreement.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the LELS agreement with changes as presented by Human Resources Officer, Kristina Kohn.

Vice Chair, Prestby recessed the meeting at 10:11 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:16 a.m.

On motion by Dahl, and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire Carrie Enright as the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor effective 10/1/19 at a starting wage of \$14.70/hour as recommended by the Community Services Committee. As discussed at the August 27, 2019, meeting this is 100% grant funded, no benefits, 6.5 hours/week.

Marty Walsh, Economic Development Authority, was present and presented the 2020 proposed budget.

Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator, was present.

On motion by Lentz, and seconded by Dahl, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION 2019-040: setting current market value for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) at \$72.86 in pursuance of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297H

Bobbie Vickerman, Coordinator/Clerk was present

A discussion ensued regarding the 2020 budget, noting that Vickerman was unable to provide all the cuts necessary to get to the 3% range. She noted that there are some areas that she can take a look at and that some department heads have come up with some cuts. The two requests for full-time positions were discussed and it was noted that at this time the Board would not be interested in adding in any full-time positions. The Board asked Vickerman to bring back proposed cuts including the requested positions, but an option of a part-time position for the Recorder department due to abstracting needs. Vickerman stated she would reach out again to some of the department heads that had significant changes to their budgets and larger budgets to seek further cuts.

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

1. Dahl – SEMCAC met in Kasson and toured the new bus garage
2. Lentz – DAC
3. Prestby/Hindt – Safety/EM – no new updated items for Hazard Mitigation and no employee injury reports; health fair was discussed and department inspections are completed
4. Vickerman noted that she and Lentz will not be attending policy committee due to change in agenda

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.