

This is a preliminary draft of the October 1, 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 special session this 1st day of October, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Commissioners Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Larry Hindt and Mitch Lentz. Commissioner Randy Dahl was absent. Also present were: Bobbie Vickerman, Coordinator/Clerk; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Nathan Barker, Fraud Investigator, Wabasha County; Ron Gregg, County Highway Engineer; Al Thorson, Erickson Engineering; Sheriff John DeGeorge; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Anne Koliha, Engineering Technician/Conservation Planning and Laura Christensen, District Administrator, Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD); Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer; Bonita Underbakke; Gretchen Mensink-Lovejoy, Republican Leader and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the agenda was unanimously approved.

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

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Nathan Barker, Fraud Investigator, Wabasha County gave the annual Fraud Prevention efforts presentation. Barker noted that the fraud collection has increased to \$37,049 year ending June 20, 2019.

Ron Gregg, County Highway Engineer and Al Thorson, Erickson Engineering, were present.

The Board reviewed documentation that was provided by Al Thorson regarding County State Aid Highway No. 5 road repair. Discussion ensued and it was noted that there have been 30 years of issues with CSAH 5 which is West of Chatfield. Gregg and Thorson recommend installing a land bridge. The State Aid construction account will cover the cost, it was determined that this is the best option moving forward on this project. Bakke noted the advertisement for bids should be put together and brought before Board.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Prestby, the Board voted unanimously to allow Engineer Gregg to move forward with this project.

The citizens input portion of the meeting opened and closed at 9:37 a.m.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator, was present.

On motion of Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2019-043: Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Section 605.04(9), Performance Standards in the Ag District.

Adkins was joined by Laura Christianson, District Administrator and Anne Koliha, Engineering Tech/Conservation Planning, SWCD. Collectively, they presented the following Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) Agreements with the State of MN; Local Water Management, Wetland Conservation Act, Shoreland for 2020/2021, and Septic Treatment Systems for 2020.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) Agreements for FY 2020-2021 with the State of Minnesota.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer, was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire Sarah Hall as replacement Social Worker in Public Health, at \$27.98/hour, grade 12/step 3, effective 10/17/19 as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire Sharon Miller as replacement Case Aide in Social Services, at \$20.61, grade 7/step 1, effective 10/16, 2019, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

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

- Fillmore County Solar Project Meeting at Faith United Methodist Church October 9th from 6pm to 8pm
- Flu shots October 8th, 2019
- Wellness/Activity – Bakke – New employee leading reviewed the year and looking forward to next year.
- Discussed regional meeting coming up on October 28th at Dodge County from 8am – 1pm
- Discussed Association of Minnesota Counties
- Discussed Annual Meeting December 8th – 11th
- Reviewed Judge Ross Leuning thank you letter for the Veterans Court.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, Chair Bakke adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.