

This is a preliminary draft of the September 7, 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 special session this 7th day in September, 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. Tim Penny, President & CEO of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Diane Olson, Lead Fiscal Officer; Jason Marquardt, Veterans Services Officer; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Andrew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator; Brent Kohn, Shop Foreman Highway; Darrell Schmitt, Highway Engineering Supervisor; Chris Hahn, CEDA; Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer; Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Bonita Underbakke and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Also, present via WebEx: Lynn Mensink, SEMCAC; Loni Kemp; Tara Kraling, Accounting Technician; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Kristi Ruesink, Accounting Technician; Brett Corson, Attorney; Justin Kroeger, Gallagher Representative; Lauren Hanson, Court Administrator.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

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

- 1. August 24, 2021 County Board minutes
- 2. Approve Serenity Hills Liquor License Renewal
- 3. Approve 2021 Tobacco Licenses

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioner's Warrants.

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Lynn Mensink, SEMCAC was present via WebEx.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the following Resolution was adopted unanimously: Resolution 2021-043: Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt approval to purchase additional chairs from Schmidt Goodman with grant funding at a cost of \$14,905.50 for 30 chairs and \$623.25 for a receptionist stool.

Erickson provided a COVID update as well as some temperature system options for testing prior to entrance into the Fillmore County Buildings.

Tim Penny, President and CEO of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation was present.

Tim Penny presented his annual presentation for Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

Citizens input opened at 9:41 a.m.

Bonita Underbakke was present to speak.

Ms. Underbakke stated that she thinks that the County could avoid the costs of temperature checking machines if the County would implement a mask mandate to keep people safe.

Loni Kemp was present via WebEx to speak.

Ms. Kemp spoke regarding the County spraying ditches. She stated that it causes environmental harm. She is concerned about wiping out wild flowers and various plants. She thanked the Board for hearing her concerns.

Citizens input was closed at 9:48 a.m.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Jason Marquardt, Veterans Services Officer; Diane Olson, Lead Fiscal Officer were present to review their 2022 Community Services Budgets.

Jessica Erickson proposed her 2022 Public Health budget.

Diane Olson proposed her 2022 Social Services & Local Collaborative budget.

Jason Marquardt proposed his 2022 Veterans Services budget.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:19 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:36 a.m.

Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator was present.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: **Resolution 2021- 044** to set current market value for MSW at \$81.67 in Pursuance of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297H.

Brent Kohn, Shop Foreman Highway & Darrell Schmitt, Highway Engineer Supervisor were present.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved moving the surface reconditioning project for CSAH 30 into the year 2022 and moving the CSAH 2 surface reconditioning project to the year 2024.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved weed spraying on the south half of the County for fall. Noting that unallocated funds in the Highway department should be used first for the cost and then using a repair line item dollars within the budget for fall spraying.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved entering into a continued agreement with the owners of the Thompson Pit for two years to continue to obtain winter sand for use on County Roads.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: **Resolution 2021-045** a final payment of \$1,378.42 for the 2021 Contracted Rock for Orval Sorum & Sons.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Prestby, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: **Resolution 2021-046** a final payment of \$846.16 for the 2021 Contracted Rock for Milestone Materials.

Chris Hahn, EDA was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved resolution for Fillmore County EDA's participation in the initial feasibility and planning process for a potential regional application to the Federal EDA – Build Back Better Regional Challenge as recommended by the Fillmore County EDA Board.

Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire a temporary part time up to full time Building Maintenance position to cover current employee's leave of absence.

Justin Kroeger was present via WebEx to present Fillmore County Health Insurance 2022.

Mr. Kroeger explained our insurance options, noting that Southeast Service Cooperative would be changing providers and moving to Medica as of January 1, 2022 and that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota has also provided a quote for insurance benefits with them for 2022. Kroeger noted that with Medica all employees would have one plan design on and access to all Networks in the area. He noted that if the County continued with BCBS of Minnesota the County would continue to provide two plans, one that includes Mayo Clinic and a high value plan that does not. It was noted that with Medica, Preventative RX would be included that provides numerous prescriptions at no cost to the employees.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved to continue to work with the Southeast Service Cooperative and transition to Medica as of January 1, 2022.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request to initiate contract with Medsurety for COBRA and retiree outsourcing.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

Board discussed the contract but would like to revisit the University of Minnesota Extension Agreement for 2022-2024 at a future meeting.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of John Zanmiller to Community Corrections Task Force At-Large Seat.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Tom Mosher to Community Corrections Task Force District 1 Seat.

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

Hindt/ Lentz: EDA

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.