

This is a preliminary draft of the October 5, 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.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in regular session this 5th day in October, 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. Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer; Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Julia McCaslin, Account Technician; Bonita Underbakke; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Jason Marquardt, Veteran Services Officer; Terry Schultz, Building Maintenance Supervisor; and Chris Hahn, Economic Development Authority.

Also, present via WebEx: Tara Kraling, Accounting Technician; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Kristi Ruesink, Accounting Technician; Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Kevin Olson, Social Services Director; and Tom Kaase.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

1. Approve September 28, 2021 County Board minutes.

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Jason Marquardt, Veteran Services Officer was present.

Marquardt requested to approve the 2022 CVSO operational enhancement grant and grant expenditures. Minnesota provides a \$10,000 grant for use of office enhancement and updates. Marquardt gave examples for uses of the grant such as new software, star markers on veteran's graves, technology and office equipment.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to approve the 2022 CVSO operational enhancement grant and grant expenditures.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administration was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the access permit for Mitchell & Nikita Albrecht, section 10 of Fillmore Township.

Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer was present.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the request to keep Alexis Hall at 0.9 FTE permanently following the 3 month trial period initiated 6/25/21.

Hillery gave a brief description of Hall's position.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

Hillery opened up discussion regarding American Recovery Act Dollars. Hillery provided some options for the use of the dollars. One of them needed additional added positions in the county. Fillmore County has seen an increase in adult mental health cases and currently has one caseworker handling the caseload. Hillery gave an estimate of the cost for five positions being \$1,305,020.01. Dahl noted we have one of the highest caseloads in the state. Kevin Olson, Director of Social Services was present via Webex and stated he will provide a report by the end of the month on the caseloads per employee in comparison to other counties. Olson noted another social worker would help with the increase in commitments and guardianships.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present via Webex. She spoke about staffing for social services and public health. Erickson asked the board to approve staffing as she is expecting the workload to go up.

Commissioner Dahl requested this be put on next week's agenda as the board wants to move forward.

Another item discussed for American Recovery Act Dollars was the HVAC system in the county buildings being updated. Terry Schulz, Building Maintenance Supervisor was present and quoted \$70,000 for cleaning the air handlers. Schultz will reach out to other vendors for estimates and verify what can be used with the American Recovery Act Dollars.

The preliminary budget is due January 2022, however a temporary budget can be set and Hillery asked to explore more ideas.

Citizen's Input opened at 10:14 a.m. and closed at 10:14 a.m., as there was no one present to speak.

A review of the calendar was made with no announcements.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.