

This is a preliminary draft of the September 28, 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 special session this 28th 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. Others present were: Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Julia McCaslin, Accounting Technician; Sarah Monroe, DFO Victim Services; Laura Nauman, Women's Shelter; Jessica Erickson, Public Health Director of Nursing; Brent Kohn, Highway Maintenance Supervisor; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Lisa Dierks, University of Minnesota, Regional Director Southern MN; Michael Cruse, Ag Educator; Lukas Phillips, Youth Development Educator; Bonita Underbakke and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Also, present via WebEx: Tara Kraling, Accounting Technician; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer; and Travis Warmka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

1. Approve September 14th, 2021 County Board minutes

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Sara Monroe, DFO Victim Services and Laura Nauman, Women's Shelter were present.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the proclamation for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The various activities for the month were discussed; October 5<sup>th</sup> Soup for the Soul, October 12<sup>th</sup> Open House, October 19<sup>th</sup> "Why Does She Stay" and October 26<sup>th</sup> Wear Purple. A flyer of all activities was presented to the Board.

Lisa Dierks, Lukas Phillips & Michael Cruse, Representatives for the University of Minnesota, Extension were present.

Ms. Dierks discussed the corrected Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) contract removing the recommendation for the Ag Intern. She also verified the agreement is three years, which allows counties to budget the 4-H intern along with the Extension agreement.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the corrected MOA Addendum for 2022-2024.

Lisa Dierks introduced the new Youth Development Educator for Fillmore County. Phillips noted that he is excited to work in Fillmore County and looks forward to the opportunities in his new role.

Michael Cruse, University of Minnesota Ag Educator for Fillmore and Houston Counties informed the board that after 6 years he will be leaving his position for a position with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. He appreciated the opportunity he had here and wishes the Board the best as they search for a new candidate to fill his role.

Ms. Dierks provided an overview of the Agriculture Educator position and the hiring process. The Extension Committee from Fillmore and Houston County are looking for a permanent hire, but will hire an interim in the meantime.

Kevin Olson, Social Services was present.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2022/23 Foster Care transportation contract between Fillmore Central, Kingsland, Lanesboro, Rushford-Peterson, Mabel-Canton School districts and Fillmore County Social Services.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved an access permit for Jerry Gingerich, section 34 of Amherst Township.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the **RESOLUTION 2021-048**: for Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement.

Citizens input opened at 9:30 a.m. and closed at 9:30 a.m., as there was no one present to speak.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present to speak.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the **RESOLUTION 2021-049:** for the 2021 Bruening Rock Products contract.

Mr. Gregg requested board approval for himself and Darrell Schmitt to attend the American Concrete Pavement Association Conference in California. Gregg informed the Board that Fillmore County is receiving an award for the County 1 project and that they would like to be able to be present at the conference to receive the award.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved Ron Gregg and Darrell Schmitt from the Highway Department to do out of state travel to attend the American Concrete Pavement Association Conference, with the ability to exceed the \$500 out of state travel policy as long as they travel within their department travel budget.

Mr. Gregg also informed the board that for a second year in the row the bridges in Fillmore County are 100 % in compliance during inspection. Gregg noted Darrell Schmitt has done an excellent job leading the team and wants to ensure the public they are on top of bridge inspections. The board noted they appreciate the work bridge inspectors have done with bridge compliance.

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a motor grader. Gregg noted there is \$350,000 in the 2022 budget for a motor grader. Paperwork was handed out with a quotes from John Deere and Ziegler. No decision was made at this time. Gregg just wanted to provide the information ahead of the request that will be coming in a few weeks.

The chair recessed the meeting at 10:34 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:40 a.m.

John DeGeorge, Sheriff was present by Webex.

DeGeorge presented a draft of a proposed All- Terrain Vehicles ordinance. Administrator Hillery gave a breakdown on what steps would need to be taken to enact an ordinance. Discussion ensued. Bakke provided some word omits and changes. DeGeorge noted he would bring back the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> draft at the next Board meeting.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

Ms. Hillery presented the 2022 Budget numbers and a proposed Preliminary Levy for 2022. The insurance changes to the budget numbers along with suggested adjustments was provided in a spreadsheet which concluded with a suggested preliminary levy increase of 3.49% from 2021 to 2022.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the **RESOLUTION 2021-050:** Preliminary Levy for 2022.

A review of the calendar was made with the following committee reports and announcements given: Bakke- historical society annual meeting is October 30th talking about German POWS stationed in Minnesota. Bakke went over the One Watershed One Plan. Bakke and Lentz Wellness met last week with and listed upcoming events in the county. Bakke and Lentz – AMC Policy Committee meetings.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.