

This is a preliminary draft of the February 2, 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 2nd day of February, 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; Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Ron Gregg, Highway; Brent Kohn, Highway; Cristal Adkins, Zoning; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Present via WebEx: Kristine Oman, Accounting Technician; Jessica Erickson, Public Health; Brett Corson, Fillmore County Attorney; Kevin Olson, Social Services; Andrew Hatzenbihler, Sanitation; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Chris Hahn, CEDA; Jason Marquardt, Veteran's Services; Jason McCaslin, Assessor; Gretchen Mensink-Lovejoy; Matt Hilgart, AMC Representative; Representative Greg Davids; Senator Jeremy Miller; and Bonita Underbakke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of the request to hire roster nurses.

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

1. January 26, 2021 County Board minutes
2. Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit – Eagle Bluff ELC for the period of April 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Ron Gregg and Brett Kohn, Highway were present.

Discussion ensued regarding rotation of vehicles for the Highway Department, specifications needed for the vehicles and types of vehicles available, including engine type, for state bids.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a Flame Red 2021 Dodge for the Fillmore County Highway Department from the State Contract from Dodge of Burnsville at a cost of not to exceed \$28,300, it was noted that the color change and the smaller gas tank were the changes made by the board from the recommended bid.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting opened and closed at 9:39 a.m.as no one was present to speak.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously awarded Minnowa Construction for the Bridge Replacement Project in Sumner Township, Project SAP 023-599-209, for the low bid of \$177,326.96.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously awarded Minnowa Construction for the Bridge Replacement Project in Carimona Township, Project SAP 023-599-205, for the low bid of \$275,947.32.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously adopted: **RESOLUTION 2021-006:** Final payment to ICON Constructors for the Land Bridge SAP 023-605-038 at a total cost of \$64,623.96.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:00 a.m.

Fillmore County's Legislative Priorities were reviewed.

Senator Miller thanked everyone for all their good work and encouraged everyone to reach out to him with questions or needs.

Representative Davids thanked the County Board and Department Heads for all they do every day.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resource Officer was present.

Human Resources Officer Kohn presented the first reading of the draft changes to the "Probationary Period" policy. She will bring the policy back with the changes as recommended as a second reading.

Human Resources Officer Kohn presented the first reading of the draft updates to the "Mileage Reimbursement & Travel Policy" policy. Discussion was held regarding use of County vehicles and their availability. Some kind of tool to monitor and manage mileage and usage was discussed. She will bring the policy back with the changes as recommended as a first reading again.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the resignation of Jennifer Peterson, Eligibility Worker, effective 2/18/2021. The Board thanked her for her 14 years of service.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request to recruit roster nurses for COVID clinics.

Bobbie Hillery, County Administrator was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2021-007: 11th Extension of Declared State of Emergency, extended through March 2, 2021.

Hillery noted that she would be presenting the technology road map that was included in the packet with price quotes for the next Technology/Land Records/GIS meeting on February 16th. She noted that the one project missing was the badge readers and cameras for the County Office Building.

The consensus among the Board was to hold the February 23, 2021 Board meeting as an all-virtual meeting due to the Marco installing the audio/visual equipment in the Board room for virtual meetings.

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

Bakke: Wellness & Activities, Historical Society Annual meeting will be October 30th

Lentz: EMS Committee, Community Services and Wellness/Activities

Dahl: Community Services

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Bakke, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.