

This is a preliminary draft of the September 1, 2020, 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 September, 2020, 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, and Duane Bakke. Also present were: Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Cristal Adkins, Zoning; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Nicholas Meldahl; and Tom Vonbische.

Also present via Webex: Commissioner Mitch Lentz, Kristi Ruesink, Office Support Specialist, Sr.; Bonita Underbakke; Gretchen Mensink Lovejoy, Chatfield Newspaper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

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

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

The Finance Department Warrants were reviewed.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-047: Timberwolf Wind for a Meteorological Tower Conditional Use Permit in Harmony Township.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-048: Powder River Development Services for Telecommunications Tower Conditional Use Permit in Norway Township.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Bakke, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-049: Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 604.03(13) of the Fillmore County Zoning Ordinance, Conditional Uses in Ag District.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-050: Fillmore County SSTS Ordinance amendment.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the resignation of Julie Loven, Public Health, effective 11/30/2020. The Board thanked her for her 26 years of service.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved advertising for Lead Public

Health Nurse as requested by the Director of Nursing.

On motion by Hindt seconded by Dahl, the Board voted unanimously to eliminate one Transfer Station Attendant position effective 9/1/2020 due to declining revenues over the past few years and department history of having only two staff members; as recommended by the Solid Waste Committee. It was noted that the staff from Building Maintenance could be used for busy times/additional needs.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved adjusting Sydney Gilbert, Public Health Nurse, from 1.0 FTE to 0.8 FTE for the period of 1/1/2021 to 6/30/2021 as requested by the Director of Nursing.

On motion by Hindt seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the MCIT 2020 Dividend of \$72,808 allocated to the Infrastructure Fund.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Bakke, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-051: 6th Extension for Declaring State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

Hillery noted that the COVID-19 business grant applications are available and 3 applications have been received so far.

The 2021 Preliminary Budget was discussed, Hillery noted the levy change is 2.94%. Board members noted that they are comfortable with that preliminary levy percentage.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was opened at 9:50 a.m.

Tom Vonbische, representing NextEra Energy approached the Board to thank them for approval of the recent Conditional Use Permits for Meteorological Towers and give an update of these projects in Fillmore County.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting closed at 10:13 a.m.

Hillery gave the Board an update regarding the status of office relocations within the Courthouse.

A review of the calendar was done with the following committee reports and announcements given:
Bakke – AMC policy committee reminder for upcoming electronic meetings and upcoming DFO meeting due to budget discussions.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Dahl, the Board chair adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.