

This is a preliminary draft of the November 3, 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 3rd day of November, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present by WebEx: Commissioners Marc Prestby, Larry Hindt, Randy Dahl, Mitch Lentz and Duane Bakke. Also present were: Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Kristi Ruesink, Office Support Specialist, Sr.; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Bonita Underbakke, Aaron Swartzentruber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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

The Finance Department Warrants were reviewed.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION 2020-061: 8th Extension of Emergency Declaration

Discussion was had regarding a request regarding telecommuting purchases with CARES dollars. It was noted that office furnishings, other than technology needs, are provided only in the County Offices. It was noted that the Board would like to review the Telecommuting Policy and also plans from those departments that would like to continue some form of telecommuting for further deliberation.

Hillery requested the Board consider purchasing additional squad technology with CARES dollars, she wanted to find out the thoughts of the Board before quoting out an additional 4-5 units.

Hillery gave an update of the Election process, noting staff are doing their best to follow COVID-19 recommendations and clean surfaces between voters. She reported that 3258 absentee ballots have been sent out, 2897 absentee ballots have been received; 361 absentee ballots outstanding as of this morning. There were 3294 mail-in ballots sent out, 2343 mail-in ballots have been received, leaving 951 mail-in ballots outstanding.

Commissioner Prestby thanked everyone for their hard work, noting it has been a unique election.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:33 a.m. as no one was present to speak.

A review of the calendar was done with the following committee reports and announcements given: Dahl – SEMCAC; Lentz, Bakke and Hindt – AMC; and Hindt and Prestby – Solid Waste

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board chair adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.