

This is a preliminary draft of the November 10, 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 regular session this 10th 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, Cristal Adkins, Zoning; Ron Gregg, Highway; Kevin Olson, Social Services; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; Jessica Erickson, Public Health; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Chris Hahn, EDA; Sr.; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Bonita Underbakke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the agenda. Chair Prestby noted that the road tour has been cancelled for today.

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.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved an Access Permit request for Matt & Abbey Hellickson on property located in Section 26, Carimona Township.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved a Detour Agreement with MN/DOT to use CSAH 25 from TH 30 to TH 16 through the City of Peterson.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION 2020-062: Detour Agreement with the MN/DOT for the use of CSAH 25.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to advertise for the CSAH 21 Concrete Overlay, SP 023-621-023.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the low bid in the sum of \$89,357.50 to Minnowa Construction for the replacement of Bridge No. 88927, Project LOST 88927-102.

Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2021-2022 Crest Initiative Cooperative Agreement between the Region 10 Counties.

John DeGeorge, Sheriff was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Ram Crew Cab pickup squad with equipment from the City of Mabel in the amount of \$36,746.75, as recommended by Sheriff DeGeorge. DeGeorge noted that the County would own this vehicle and the City of Mabel will be billed accordingly within their contract.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:36 a.m. as no one was present to speak.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Squad car and equipment to replace city owned Harmony squad car in the amount of \$37,962.30; with operating costs of \$12,828.29 being built into the contract for the City of Harmony.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Ram Crew Cab Pickup squad and equipment in the amount of \$43,293.30 to replace the 2016 Dodge Ram Crew Cab pickup squad.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved a change in grade for Erika Draper from 2-year RN (Grade 11) to 4-year RN (Grade 12) effective 11/13/2020 as recommended by the Director of Nursing.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved to hire David Terbeest as intermittent deputy at Grade 11/Step 1, \$25.37/hour, effective 11/13/2020 as recommended by the Sheriff.

Safety/Emergency Management Committee report was given.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved publication of notice for public input regarding the legislative option to appoint the Auditor/Treasurer rather than keep it an elected position. The timeline for publication and public input was discussed.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the December meeting schedule as follows, noting all meetings will be held with the WebEx option:

- December 1, 3:00 p.m. with Truth In Taxation at 6:30 p.m.
- December 8, 9:00 a.m.
- December 22, 9:00 a.m.

Hillery gave an update regarding the CARES dollars.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing, joined the meeting to update the Board regarding COVID-19 cases and procedures throughout the County. Discussion ensued specifically regarding vaccines and school procedures.

An election update was given by Administrator Hillery. She noted that 2,932 Absentee ballots were received out of the 3,262 that were sent out, 2,759 of the mail ballots were received of the 3,504 that were sent out. The Auditor/Treasurer office staff continued to track ballots the week following the election based upon the

Secretary of State Office, it was noted that so far 11 ballots have been received after the election with some being UOCAVA's. Canvassing will be done by WebEx on Thursday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Hillery, joined by Brett Corson, County Attorney, discussed the calculation of Tax Increment Financing and the adjustment of the amount for a property that had its value reduced. Discussion continued expressing the need for a policy.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to allow the Auditor/Treasurer to make the necessary adjustments due to the Tax Increment Financing for the property on parcel #36.1179.00.

It was consensus of the Board to have the County Attorney work with the Assessor and Auditor/Treasurer to create a policy to define a process for Tax Increment Financing or Tax Abatements so that this situation would be handled in case of future needs.

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

Dahl – SEMCAC

Lentz – DAC

Prestby – Score Grant

Bakke – AMC - reminded everyone that they should be receiving invites to their policy committee meetings

Hillery – Jail Assessment

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Dahl, the Board chair adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.