

This is a preliminary draft of the December 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 regular session this 1st day of December, 2020, at 3:00 p.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; Wendy Ebner; Social Services; Cristal Adkins, Zoning; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Ron Gregg, Highway; Jessica Erickson; Public Health; Kristi Ruesink, Office Support Specialist, Sr.; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Gretchen Mensink-Lovejoy, Bonita Underbakke, Harvey Benson, Nathan Dull, Nancy Bratrud.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

1. November 24, 2020 County Board minutes
2. Closure of County Road 21 for Holiday Parade in Canton on December 12, 2020 preapproved by Sheriff and Highway Engineer

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

The Finance Department Warrants were reviewed.

The Public input portion of the meeting for Auditor/Treasurer position was opened at 3:10 p.m.

Nancy Bratrud, Preston citizen spoke in favor of the change to appoint this position. She noted that when the voting took place for the referendums she wasn't in favor of it, but due to a better understanding of the position and all it entails she has changed her position.

Administrator Hillery read an email message from Bonnie Haugen supporting the appointment of the Auditor/Treasurer position.

An email message from Loni Kemp was also received and read by Hillery. Kemp supports appointing this position.

Commissioner Bakke received a text message from Jason Resseman of Lanesboro. Resseman stated that he felt the County Auditor/Treasurer position should be appointed due to the requirements of the position.

The Public input portion of the meeting for Auditor/Treasure position was closed at 3:16 p.m.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-066: variance for the Bridge L4870 replacement project.

Highway Engineer was instructed to work with Jordan Township for a resolution between Fillmore County and Jordan Township, releasing Fillmore County from liability.

The Citizens input portion of the meeting was open at 3:31 p.m.

Administrator Hillery read a message from Harvey Benson as he was unable to connect previously. Harvey would like to see the Auditor/Treasurer position become appointed.

The Citizens input portion of the meeting was closed at 3:32 p.m.

Wendy Ebner, Social Services Supervisor was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2021-2022 Children's Mental Health Screening Grant.

Commissioner Dahl noted that Social Services received a thank you note from the mother of a vulnerable adult who was traveling through Fillmore County and received assistance from the City of Rushford and Fillmore County Social Services. He thanked Wendy and the staff for what they do every day.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2021 Medical Consultant Contract.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-067: Rezoning, Caleb Benson, Newburg Township.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-068: Meteorological Tower Conditional Use Permit, Timberwolf Wind, LLC, York Township.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-069: Sawmill Conditional Use Permit, Reuben & Barbara Hershberger, Canton Township.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved access permit for Brothers Farmland, LP, section 29, Bloomfield Township.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved access permit for Daniel & Mary Zook, section 5, Canton Township, noting the access will be widened to the allowable maximum width of 24 feet.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-070: 9th Extension of Declared State of Emergency, extended through January 5, 2021.

Hillery shared a presentation with a breakdown of CARES Dollars, outlining amounts spent and available.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of all general items, such as supplies and payroll as needed.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously awarded the bid from Morem Electric for generators, to serve as a backup for the Courthouse and County Office Building, with the low quote of \$85,780.00, understanding that additional costs will be acquired to activate the lines.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the purchases needed to upgrade the conference rooms, not to exceed the previous bid from Marco of \$72,000.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to provide Soil & Water Conservation District \$4,500 to upgrade their technology for virtual meetings.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved to purchase additional technology of four TVs with wall mounts, as well as office chairs if they are a justified purchase.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2020-071: Appointed Auditor/Treasurer.

Discussion was had regarding the transition from an elected Auditor/Treasurer to an appointed Auditor/Treasurer. Hillery noted the appointment becomes effective 30 days upon approval of the Resolution. Hillery will bring back a summary for the next Board meeting.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2021 Fillmore County Snowmobile GIA contracts/agreements for the following snowmobile clubs: Tri-County Trail, Mabel Trail Busters, Bluff Valley Trail, Hiawatha I & II.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the service agreement with Schneider Geospatial for three years.

Discussion ensued regarding processes and who has the responsibility of making property line changes for GIS. Hillery noted that she will bring those departments together to discuss processes for changes. Engineer Gregg and Assistant Zoning Administrator Ruesink both noted that they are using the Beacon site and it has benefitted them greatly. They both noted how more layers and changes will be added, however time has been an issue.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved accepting the 2020 MCIT Dividend and allocating to the Infrastructure Fund and payment for Safety Training for two participants, for a total amount of 72,808.

A review of the calendar was done with the following committee reports and announcements given:
Discussed AMC Annual Conference logistics.
Lentz – EMS and COVID updates; Prestby – Law Library

The Chair recessed the meeting at 5:13 p.m. and resumed back in session at 6:10 p.m.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board chair adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.