

This is a preliminary draft of the December 8, 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 8th day of December, 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; Mark Lennox, Timberwolf Wind Developer; Cristal Adkins, Zoning; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Dave Kiehne, County Recorder; Ron Gregg, Highway; Jessica Erickson; Public Health; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; Chris Hahn, EDA; Kristi Ruesink, Office Support Specialist, Sr.; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Gretchen Mensink-Lovejoy, Bonita Underbakke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

- 1. December 1, 2020 County Board minutes
- 2. December 1, 2020 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing minutes

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

Due to a staff shortage because of COVID-19, the Finance Department Warrants will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Mark Lennox, Timberwolf Wind Developer presented an update regarding NextEra Energy Timberwolf Wind Project.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Septic Treatment Systems grant agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources for 2021.

The Citizens input portion of the meeting was open and closed at 9:30 a.m.

An elected official conference was conducted with Brett Corson, County Attorney. He provided a summary of his experience, legal duties, and responsibilities. County Attorney Corson is requesting \$122,000 for his 2021 salary in comparison to his 2020 salary of \$117,750, which is approximately 3.6%.

An elected official conference was conducted with Dave Kiehne, County Recorder. He provided a summary of his experience and responsibilities. County Recorder Kiehne is requesting \$80,600 for his 2021 salary in comparison to his 2020 salary of \$73,750, which is approximately 9.3%.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-072: Transportation Alternative federal funding.

Commissioner Lentz left the meeting due to a prior appointment.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-073: Local Road Improvement Grant.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of Newborn Oximeter and accessories for a total amount of \$956.53.

Erickson presented the Governor's Proclamation for County, City, Tribal, and State Health & Human Service Worker Day.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved a County Proclamation for County, City, Tribal, and State Health & Human Service Worker Day.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources was present

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the request for retirement for Randy Brevig, Transfer Station Attendant, effective 4/2/2021. The Board thanked Randy for his more than 8 years of service.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the request for early retirement for Brian Hoff, Property Appraiser, effective 3/1/2021, thanking him for 12 years of service.

County Administrator, Bobbie Hillery was present.

Discussion was had regarding the 2021 Fillmore County Levy and the 2021 Fillmore County Budget, it was consensus of the Board members present to bring both resolutions back to the December 22nd Board meeting so all board members could be present for final approval.

Hillery updated the Board regarding the final purchases for CARES funding, as well as an update of COVID-19 cases throughout the County and within the County offices.

The Commissioners gave a review of the AMC Annual Conference Sessions.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Dahl, the Board chair adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.