

This is a preliminary draft of the February 14, 2023, 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.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in a Regular session this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Commissioners Larry Hindt, Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Randy Dahl, and Mitch Lentz.

Others present: Bobbie Hillery, Administrator; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Darrell Schmitt, Engineering Supervisor; Josh Lensing, Engineer in Training; Tim Jeanetta, Local LELS; Dan Dornink, Investigator; Lindsy Engle, Human Resources Officer; Wanda Berg, Social Services Director; Pete Filippi, Contegrity Group; Christy Smith, Finance Director; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Jason Marquardt, Veteran Services Officer; and Bonita Underbakke.

Others present via WebEx: Tom Jensen, Community Corrections Director; Kristi Ruesink, Account Technician; Karen Reisner; and Tom Kaase.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda that added an updated on the Jail Project by Pete Filippi from Contegrity Group and discussion with possible action regarding a social security issue with Sheriff Deputies.

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

1. Approve February 7, 2023, County Board minutes
2. Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Pete Filippi, Contegrity Group was present.

An update was presented to the Board regarding the Jail Project. He noted that the plans have been completed and requests for bid submissions will be published. He noted that the bids are projected to come before the Board on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved Dunn Blacktop's bid for the surface reconditioning project on CR No. 112 Project LOST 112P-1 in the amount of \$904,669.42.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved ASTECH Corp.'s bid for the 2023 Micro Surfacing program in the amount of \$1,127,274.69.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved Ulland Bros bid for the reconstruction of CSAH 8 in Spring Valley SAP 023-608-045 in the amount of \$2,049,010.29 subject to the City of Spring Valley approving the project.

The citizen's input portion of the meeting was opened at 9:32 a.m. and closed, as no one was present to speak.

Tim Jeanetta, LELS Representative, and Dan Dornink, Investigator were present.

It was noted that the Administration worked with David Drown & Associates and LELS to review the numbers. The suggestions were as follows:

- 3 Year agreement at 4.5%, 3% and 3% for General Wage Increase
- 12L positions move to 13L as presented for 2023
- Approve Juneteenth once the County recognizes it as a Holiday
- Uniform allowance increase of \$5.00 per month

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the LELS #85 Union Proposal.

Lindsi Engle, Human Resources Officer was present.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to transfer Brooke Harmening, Finance Accounting Technician, to Sheriff's Department Accounting Technician effective February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as recommended by the Sheriff and the Hiring Committee.

On a motion by Lentz and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire from the list for the replacement Finance Department Accounting Technician as requested by the Finance Director and the Personnel Committee.

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request for additional pay for Auditor/Treasurer and Finance Director Fill-in duties. Brooke Harmening, Finance Account Technician for \$260.00; Christy Smith, Finance Director for \$390.00.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire part-time Jailer Brooke Johnson, effective February 17, 2023 as recommended by Sheriff and the Hiring Committee.

Hillery spoke about an issue regarding eight deputies that had social security pulled from their checks when they should not have been. She asked for approval to fix the prior issue dating back to 2017.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved Administrator Hillery to pay back employees for the years of social security, provided updated W-2's, and update 941's.

The Public Hearing for the Extension of the Local Option Sales Tax was called to order by Chair Hindt.

Public Hearing members present: Darrell Schmitt, Engineering Supervisor; Josh Lensing, Engineer in Training; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Wanda Berg, Social Services Director; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Jason Marquardt Veteran Services Officer, Bonita Underbakke, Diane Olson, Merit Fiscal Officer; Deb Curry, Eligibility Worker; Alison Tufte, Child Support Officer; Gretchen Schwichtenberg, Account Technician and Breanna Johnson, Registered Nurse.

Highway Engineer Ron Gregg provided a presentation that outlined how the Local Option Sales Tax has benefitted the County. He also presented projects that if the Local Option Sales Tax would continue how many more projects could be done, especially with the 4% projected cuts in County State Aid. A review of the proposed projects was provided. Bonita Underbakke noted that she appreciated the detailed information.

Chair Hindt closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the resolution for Transportation Local Option Sales Tax Project Designation.

The Board moved forward with the Employee Recognition, Wellness Participation Recognition, and Safety Award Ceremony:

The following employees were recognized for their participation in 2022 Wellness Activities:

Tier 1 Gold (25+points): Jessica Holst (33) Erin Doering (32) Lindsi Engle (32) Bailey Peterson (30) Paula Melver (28) Mitch Lentz (27) Brenda Pohlman (26) Carrie Boyum (25)

Tier 2 Silver (13-24 points): Sharon Miller (20) Traci Corson (20) Christy Smith (15) Darrell Schmitt (14)

Tier 3 Bronze (1-12 points): Ryan Welscher (9)

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to Fillmore County:

Kristi Ruesink (35), Todd Kokinos (30), Dale Brand (25), Terry Schultz (25), Leroy Eickoff (25), Brett Corson (20), Shelly Skindeliem (20), Karla Franzen (20), Diane Olson (15), Elizabeth Fuglestad (15), Debra Curry (10), Michele Gatzke (10), Bobbie Hillery (10), Alison Tufte (5), Breanna Johnson (5), Heath Mensink (5), Gretchen Schwichtenberg (5), Roxane Kraling (5), Bailey Peterson (5), Jeffery Quam (5)

The following employee was recognized for his commitment to safety in the County: Chris Larson, Custodian (Building Maintenance).

Calendar review, Committee Reports, and Announcements:

Hindt: Semcac- Gave an update on programs and details on what has been done

Bakke: Noted there was no Basin Alliance; Historical Society is every Third Tuesday, not Thursday

Lentz: RAC- Strategic summary and information booklet

On a motion by Prestby and seconded by Bakke, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.