

This is a preliminary draft of the March 7, 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.

The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in a Special session this 7th day of March 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; Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer; Wanda Berg, Social Services Director; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Jason Marquardt, Veteran Services Officer; Matt Eidem, MN Historical Society; Karen Reisner, and Bonita Underbakke.

Others present via WebEx: Tara Kraling, Account Technician; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Tom Jensen, Community Corrections Director; Roxane Kraling, Recorder; Chris Hahn, EDA Director, and Tom Kaase.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

1. Approve February 28, 2023, County Board minutes
2. Sarah Swanson, Social Worker completed probation effective 3/1/2023

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioners’ Warrants.

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved Rochester Sand & Gravel bid results for the Surfacing Reconditioning of CSAH 8 from the City limits of Spring Valley to East 6.4 miles, SAP 23-608-046 in the amount of \$3,055,775.39.

On a motion by Prestby and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 fuel bids from Hovey Oil Co.

LOCATION	ESTIMATED QUANTITYNR	GRADE OF FUEL	TANK SIZE	HOVEY OIL CO. 125 HWY 52 E HARMONY, MN 55939 507-886-2550 OVERHEAD & PROFIT/GAL.	
Peterson	6,500	#2 Diesel Premium	1,000	0.1000	\$ 650.00
	1,500	#1 Diesel		0.1000	\$ 150.00
	1,000	Ethanol Blend Gasoline	500	0.3600	\$ 360.00
Total					\$ 1,160.00

Chatfield	6,000	#2 Diesel Premium	1,000	0.1000	\$ 600.00
	1,200	#1 Diesel		0.1000	\$ 120.00
	1,000	Ethanol Blend Gasoline	500	0.3600	\$ 360.00
Total					\$ 1,080.00
Spring Valley	3,800	#2 Diesel Premium	1,000	0.1000	\$ 380.00
	1,500	#1 Diesel		0.1000	\$ 150.00
	1,000	Ethanol Blend Gasoline	500	0.3600	\$ 360.00
Total					\$ 890.00
Cherry Grove	6,000	#2 Diesel Premium	1,000	0.1000	\$ 600.00
	1,400	#1 Diesel		0.1000	\$ 140.00
	800	Ethanol Blend Gasoline	500	0.3600	\$ 288.00
Total					\$ 1,028.00
Canton	11,500	#2 Diesel Premium	1000 & 2000	0.1000	\$ 1,150.00
	3,000	#1 Diesel		0.1000	\$ 300.00
	2,000	Ethanol Blend Gasoline	500	0.3600	\$ 720.00
Total					\$ 2,170.00
Preston shops	17,000	#2 Diesel Premium	(2) 1000	0.1000	\$ 1,700.00
	3,500	#1 Diesel		0.1000	\$ 350.00
	25,000	Ethanol Blend Gasoline	2,000	0.3600	\$ 9,000.00
Total					\$ 11,050.00

Gregg handed out a road restriction map based on tonnage and the 2023 construction maps, which he reviewed and discussed. He noted that since Tuesday is the township meetings that these maps should be helpful as they meet with their respective townships. Gregg noted by this time next year Fillmore County will have 14 more miles of 10-ton roads due to construction projects.

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved **Resolution 2023-010**: for a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Grant for a request of funding to rehabilitate the Forestville Bridge #6263.

Gregg stated that he would be bringing the Cooperative Agreement for the short-term fix for Forestville Bridge #6263 back to the next board meeting for further discussion and approval.

The citizen's input portion of the meeting was opened at 9:38 a.m. and closed, as no one was present to speak.

Lindsay Engle, Human Resources was present.

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved hiring Travis Batzel as a Highway Maintenance Specialist, at Grade 8/ Step 2 at \$24.39/hour, based on his four years of DOT experience; effective March 8, 2023, requested by the Highway Engineer and Hiring Committee.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved adding an additional RN/PHN shared position for Public Health and Social Services as requested by the Director of Nursing, Social Services Director and the Personnel Committee.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved hiring from the current list from the recent RN/PHN hire.

Wanda Berg, Social Services Director was present.

Berg explained to the Board that Fillmore County is one of five counties in MN that contract out for their children's mental health case management. She noted that by bringing Children's mental health services back into Social Services it will allow for better service and all around knowledge of what is happening with the children and families.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved adding and advertising for three Social Worker Children's Mental Health Positions in the Social Services Department as requested by the Social Services Director and the Personnel Committee.

On a motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved adding the position of PSAP Public Safety Answering Point Manager, based upon the job description; with moving budgeted dollars from the Operating Expense account into the Sheriff's office as requested by the Sheriff and the Personnel Committee.

Calendar review, Committee Reports, and Announcements:

Bakke/Lentz: Community Corrections Advisory Board- reviewed bi-laws, a report from Community Corrections Director; interactions between clients and discussion of programming needs

Prestby/Hindt: Solid Waste meeting, Hauler licenses will be coming to the Board next meeting; repairs on gutter at the Recovery Center; and the illegal house burns

Dahl/Bakke: DNR/ Historical Society/Forestville Bridge

On a motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.