

This is a preliminary draft of the March 15, 2021, 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 15th day of March, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Commissioners Marc Prestby, Larry Hindt, Randy Dahl, Mitch Lentz and Duane Bakke; Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued regarding COVID Business Grant dollars totaling \$18,000 that could not be awarded due to liens on two originally awarded businesses. It was noted that the committee had met and recommended to distribute the dollars equally to the business that were awarded this round, but did not receive any dollars the first round of grants. Lentz noted that it took a lot of work to narrow down the grants and that a good process was used. He recommended going with the committee's recommendation. Prestby noted that he felt the Mabel Barber Shop should have received this round of grants since they did not receive a grant the first round and were a similar business to others that were awarded grants this round. Commissioner Bakke suggested that the funds be distributed to the Old Barn, Pedal Pushers and the Aroma Pie Shoppe due to restaurant category.

A motion was made by Bakke and seconded by Prestby award the \$18,000 of grant dollars to the Old Barn, \$9,000; Pedal Pushers, \$4,000; Mabel Barber Shop, \$3,000; and Aroma Pie Shoppe, \$2,000. The Chair called for a vote. Commissioners voting "aye": Dahl, Hindt, Bakke, Prestby. Commissioners voting "nay": Lentz. The motion prevailed.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the chair adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.