

FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

December 01, 2020

This is a preliminary draft of the December 1, 2020 Truth in Taxation 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 for the purposes of a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing, pursuant to MN Statutes, this 1st day of December, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following Commissioners present: Mitch Lentz

Others present: Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Brad Thacher, Grant Boadwine, Robert Maust

The following members present by WebEx: Commissioners Marc Prestby Randy Dahl, Larry Hindt, and Duane Bakke. Also present by WebEx were: Jason McCaslin, Assessor; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Drew Hatzenbihler, Sanitation; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Chair called the 2021 Fillmore County Truth in Taxation Public Hearing to order at 6:35 p.m.

Bobbie Hillery, County Administrator, reviewed the following with a power point presentation:

- Review of 2020 Operations
- Performance Measures Report Results Summary
- Planned 2021 Operations
- 2021 Preliminary Expenditures and Trends
- 2021 Preliminary Revenues and Trends
- 2021 Proposed Budget & Levy

Commissioner Dahl inquired about the pass through dollars from Social Services, Public Health, and Veterans Offices. Hillery explained that these are dollars from State and Federal funding and the County acts as the financial agent, she will research and bring that information back to the Board.

Commissioner Bakke noted that there was an increase in values for parcels from the proposed valuation notice as compared to the estimated property tax statement. McCaslin noted that ordered changes to valuations came from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for Rushford Village, Lanesboro and Preston. The Board will address concerns regarding timing of value changes with State Legislators, because due to the timing, parcel owners are not allowed the opportunity to appeal their increases in value.

Citizen Robert Maust asked questions regarding why the Board would not be considering bonding when the interest rates are low especially regarding roads. Hillery noted that the Road & Bridges fund decreased from 2020 to 2021 budget, stating that more work is being done for an overall higher budget, but the funds are coming from the State and Federal governments not the levy.

Robert Maust expressed gratitude to the County Board for the great job they are doing.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Chair adjourned the hearing at 7:16 p.m.