

The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in special session this 17th day of December, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Commissioners Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Larry Hindt, Randy Dahl and Mitch Lentz. Also present were: Bobbie Vickerman, Administrator/Clerk; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; David Kiehne, Recorder; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Brent Kohn, Highway Maintenance Superintendent; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Andrew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator; Sheriff John DeGeorge; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; Bonita Underbakke; Pam Seebach; Gretchen Mensink, Republican Leader and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

1. December 3, 2019 County Board Minutes
2. December 3, 2019 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Minutes
3. Closure of County Road 21 for Holiday Parade in Canton on December 14, 2019 preapproved by Sheriff and Highway Engineer
4. Overnight stay (3 nights) for Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Jones to attend annual Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) Conference February 11-13, 2020

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

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Commissioners' Warrants		
Fund	Name	Amount
1	County Revenue Fund	\$34,413.35
13	County Road & Bridge	\$202,772.28
14	Sanitation Fund	\$9,438.79
23	County Airport Fund	\$3,293.53
	Subtotal	\$249,917.95
Finance Department Warrants		
1	County Revenue Fund	\$11,275.90
13	County Road & Bridge	\$2,484.59
14	Sanitation Fund	\$6,139.99
23	County Airport Fund	\$192.28

73	Greenleafon Septic Project	\$352.74
87	State Revenue & School Fund	\$1,646.50
	Subtotal	\$150,813.50
Totals		\$400,731.47

Lori Affeldt, Finance Director, was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved to pay warrants that are emergency in nature or regular and ordinary for 2019 before December 31, 2019. All bills will be due to the Finance Department by December 26th, reviewed by Chair and Vice Chair on December 27th with checks being printed on December 31st.

Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer, was present.

Jones presented an estimate on the Presidential Nomination Primary costs, noting that Fillmore County will be reimbursed for the costs associated with this additional election. Jones will keep the Board informed.

Jones will be starting the process to apply for grant funds from the State of Minnesota Election Grant.

Jones presented her 2020 elected official salary request. Jones is seeking a salary for 2020 of \$94,932.74 or would like to make significant progress towards that salary goal. Her salary for 2019 is \$77,500 and this request is a 22.494% increase.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was opened at 9:37 a.m.

Bonita Underbakke addressed the Board to discuss the recent Presidential Executive Order that was sent down regarding refugees. She does not feel that refugees should have to get

permission to come to our communities and feels it is a scary notion that County Boards have to choose who can settle here.

Pam Seebach encouraged the Board to support the refugee resettlement. She stated it makes sense to welcome others as we all were immigrants at one time. Seebach reviewed passages from the Bible that reference welcoming others.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was closed at 9:40 a.m.

Dave Kiehne, Recorder, presented his 2020 elected official salary request. Kiehne is requesting his 2020 salary to be \$76,000, his salary for 2019 is \$71,600, this request is a 6.145% increase.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer, was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to pay delivery costs for TDA Green Aggregate for the Land Bridge Project on CSAH 5, SAP 023-605-038.

Gregg discussed that half of the county was sprayed for weeds in the Fall of 2019 at a cost of about \$43,000, noting we were unable to spray the entire county at that time. Gregg stated that the sprayer recommended we wait to make a decision to spray the whole county in one year as it may be beneficial to continue to spray 1/2 of the county per year.

The Board discussed the purchase of a Feedlot vehicle with grant dollars. A state bid was compared alongside the Spring Valley dealership. The option of keeping the trade-in and purchasing a vehicle outright was discussed.

Prestby and Bakke gave the Highway Committee report: All 2019 projects have been completed. Some roads need to be reviewed, so the Board will be conducting a road tour yet today. The bike trail through Harmony was discussed, noting there will be a City/County agreement regarding the responsibilities. A report was given regarding the LOST receipts to date. Revenue generated from the Wheelage Tax is at \$869,000.

Brent Kohn assisted with information regarding the earlier vehicle purchase discussion.

A motion was made by Dahl and seconded by Hindt to purchase the 2020 LS Equinox from Spring Valley Chevrolet with no trade in the amount of \$24,483 plus taxes and fees, pending Feedlot Grant dollar approval. Commissioners voting "aye": Prestby, Dahl and Hindt. Commissioners voting "nay": Bakke and Lentz. Motion prevailed.

Kevin Olson, Social Services Director, was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Contract between Workforce Development, Inc. and Fillmore County.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Contract

between Hiawatha Valley and Fillmore County.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Targeted Case Management Contract between Fillmore County and Zumbro Valley Mental Health.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Crisis Management Contract between Fillmore County and Zumbro Valley Mental Health.

Olson updated the Board about an accounting error by the MN Department of Human Services for Substance Use Disorder and Institutions for Mental Disease reimbursements.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to the MN Department of Human Services as drafted by the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Olson discussed the Refugee Resettlement. Discussion ensued regarding the politics of this situation. It was noted that the agenda item could be brought back in January, 2020.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and resumed back in session at 11:18 a.m.

Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator was present.

A motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, to approve the updated pricing and tipping fees for 2020. Commissioners voting “aye”: Prestby, Dahl, Lentz and Hindt. Commissioners voting “nay”: Bakke. Motion prevailed.

FILLMORE COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER PRICE LIST

All materials must have been generated in Fillmore County. No out of county waste will be accepted

LANDFILL MATERIAL (PER TON)-----

\$100.00

(Minimum Charge of \$5.00 for loads 80 pounds or less)

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TAX-----

17%

OUT OF COUNTY RECYCLABLES (PER TON)-----

\$117.00

UNSECURED LOAD-----

\$20.00

SPECIAL HANDLING-----

\$20.00

WHITE GOODS

HOUSEHOLD SIZE (NON-FREON: Washers, Dryers, Microwaves, Water Heaters/Softeners, Furnaces)-----

\$10.00

HOUSEHOLD SIZE (FREON: Refrigerators, AC units, De-Humidifiers, Water Coolers)-----

\$15.00

COMMERCIAL-----

\$20.00

ELECTRONICS

- TVs, COMPUTER MONITORS (with desktop, printer, keyboard, mouse), LAPTOPS (EACH)--- \$15.00
- ALL OTHER ELECTRONICS (printer, desktop, scanner, fax machine, copier, stereo, VCR, DVD/Blu-Ray Player, Game Console, mouse, keyboard, tablets etc.)-----\$0.25/lb (min. \$2.50)

TIRE PRICES: ALL TIRES MUST BE DRY WITH MUD AND DIRT REMOVED

TIRES LEFT ON THE RIM WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FEE

- OFF RIM BICYCLE, LAWN MOWER-----\$1.00
- OFF RIM CAR, LIGHT TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE, SMALL TRAILER, WAGON, ATV-----\$3.00
- OFF RIM LARGE TRUCK/SEMI AND IMPLEMENT-----\$10.00
- OFF RIM SMALL AGRICULTURE TIRE-----\$30.00
- OFF RIM LARGE FRONT AND REAR TRACTOR-----\$45.00
- OFF RIM OFF ROAD TIRES (manure spreader, combine, loader etc.)-----\$50.00
- VEHICLE TREADS/TRACKS-----\$0.25/lb

LIGHT BULBS:

- 4 FOOT OR LESS-----\$0.50
- OVER 4 FOOT, U-SHAPED, CIRCULER, LED, HALOGEN AND SHIELDED-----\$1.00
- HIGH INTENSITY, ULTRA-VIOLET, HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM, METAL HALIDE, MERCURY VAPOR -----\$2.50
- NEON FIXTURES-----\$4.00/lb

OIL FILTERS:

- ONE QUART OR SMALLER-----\$.50
- OVER ONE QUART-----\$1.00

BALLASTS:

- NON PCB CONTAINING-----\$.50
- PCB CONTAINING-----\$3.50

Batteries: All types accepted at our Preston Facility Free of charge

Sharps: Household quantities accepted for Free. Must be placed in hard-sided, plastic container such as a detergent bottle

Ink Cartridges: All types accepted for recycling at our Preston Facility Free of charge

Recycling: Recycling is free and available at our Preston Facility & Remote Sites

John DeGeorge, Sheriff, was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved Axon Taser Replacement Purchase for 18 X26P Basic Tasers to be paid from DWI Forfeiture Funds at \$5,238/year for 5 years, for a total of \$26,190.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Motorola Service Agreement in the amount of \$9,068.16 to be paid from 911 grant

funds.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Ancom Service Contract in the amount of \$17,221.20 to be paid from 911 grant funds.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources, was present.

Kohn presented the 2020 phone stipend list. County Administrator, Vickerman requested to be removed from the list.

A motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt to approve the 2020 phone stipends, Commissioners voting “aye”: Bakke, Prestby, Dahl, and Hindt. Commissioners voting “nay”: Lentz. Motion prevailed.

The Board discussed the continuation of temporary employee or part-time needs in the County Recorder’s Office. No decision was made at this time.

Bobbie Vickerman, County Administrator, was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved for Vickerman to work on a contract for a temporary appointed County Assessor.

The Board requested that Vickerman work on an agreement for the Women’s Shelter to be housed in the Courthouse.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the 2.5% market increase for Non-Union position wage scale effective January 1, 2020 as budgeted.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved Administrator Vickerman to continue to participate in the Southeast Minnesota Public Leadership Growth Group Training in 2020 in the amount of \$600 plus the cost of books associated with training.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2019-050: Final 2020 Budget.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2019-051: Final 2020 Levy.

A review of the calendar was done with the following committee reports and announcements given: SWCD – Bakke
Historical Society now meets at 10 a.m.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.