

**FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**June 4, 2019**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in special session this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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, Randy Dahl and Mitch Lentz. Also present were: Bobbie Vickerman, Coordinator/Clerk; Judge Ross Leuning, Freeborn County; Brandon Schad, MN Department of Natural Resources; Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF); John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Jason Marquardt, Veteran Services Officer; Kevin Beck; Gretchen Mensink, Republican Leader; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Lentz, seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda.

On motion by Lentz, seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to pull the May 28, 2019 County Board minutes from the consent agenda.

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

- 1. ~~May 28, 2019 County Board minutes~~
- 2. Application for display of fireworks/pyrotechnic at Eagle Cliff Campground, 35455 State Hwy 16, Lanesboro, on July 5, 2019

On motion by Lentz, seconded by Dahl, the Board voted unanimously to adjust the May 28, 2019 minutes to read, "A motion was made by Dahl and seconded by Lentz to approve **the Land Records/Assessor requested trainings including the Appraisal training at the Minnesota site or the alternative location, if necessary, at full reimbursement with the use of a county vehicle. Commissioners voting "aye": Dahl, Lentz and Bakke; Commissioners' voting "nay": Prestby. The motion prevailed.**"

On motion by Bakke, seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to remove the payment to Further from the Commissioner warrants as it is already under the Auditor warrants.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioner warrants with a change in line item for Department 034 in the amount of \$1,149.60 to Department 060.

The Auditor's warrants were reviewed.

Judge Ross Leuning, Freeborn County, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Third Judicial District Veterans Treatment Court.

Judge Leuning explained what treatment court does and noted that it has been a successful program. Currently the program has 10 participants, but eventually would like to work up to 20-25 participants. Judge Leuning noted that on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. there will be Veterans Treatment Court in Steele County if anyone would like to view it. Moving forward, the intent is to divide the Veterans Treatment Court for the District into East and West and have two Veterans Courts. At this point the group has discussed having the eastern half to take place at the Court in Fillmore County. It was also noted that the Minneapolis Veteran Administration Outreach Officer attends all court cases. Fillmore County has been informally leading in this as the Veteran

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Services Officer and County Attorney have already been doing this process in an informal way. This would be a more structured program. Commissioner Bakke asked about funding and Judge Leuning noted that there is a three (3) year grant of \$500,000 from the Federal program, then a supplemental grant that could extend it another three (3) years. The State grant is in place for treatment courts that ran out of funding, so could take place after six (6) years.

Citizen's Input portion of the meeting open and closed at 9:38 a.m., as no one was present to speak.

Brandon Schad, MN Department of Natural Resources, was present.

On motion by Prestby, seconded by Dahl, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION 2019-024:** Sale of 0.9 acre access drive, adjacent to the existing Choice WMA, allowing public and management access

Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) was present to review programs that SMIF has been a part of in 2018. She thanked Fillmore County for their support.

John DeGeorge, Sheriff, was present.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Sentencing to Service (STS) agreement.

On motion by Prestby, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2-year contract with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) Program.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer, was present.

Human Resources Officer Kohn presented the first reading of the draft updates to the "New Employment" policy. She will bring the policy back as a first reading again.

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On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request for Early Retirement Incentive Program for Kathy Thiss, Public Health Registered Nurse, effective May 30, 2019 and thanked her for 10 years of service.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:37 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:45 a.m.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer, was present.

Engineer Gregg answered the question from last week regarding the tractor purchase that was approved in December 2018 but paid warrant in 2019.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved to award Minnowa Construction at the low bid in the amount of \$199,717.19 for the Carimona Township Bridge replacement project SAP 023-599-197.

Commissioner Dahl inquired as to the result of the highway funding in the legislative session.

Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer, was present.

Auditor/Treasurer Jones reviewed the letter for jurisdictions regarding the Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation – Tax Court Refund. She also discussed the breakdown. She noted that she would be sending the check to MERC by the end of the week and the letters will be distributed to the taxing jurisdictions as well.

A review of the calendar was done and the following committee reports and announcements were given:

- Benefits committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Technology/LR/GIS committee meeting has been rescheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Bakke/Lentz/Vickerman – Region 9 Association of MN Counties (AMC) meeting – Bakke reviewed the legislative changes

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.