

The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in special session this 3rd day of March, 2020, at 9:00 a.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. Also present were: Bobbie Vickerman, Administrator/Clerk; Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator; Kevin Olson, Social Services Manager; Steve Hacken, County Assessor; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Ron Gregg, Highway; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Gretchen Mensink, Republican Leader and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the agenda was unanimously approved with the amended agenda, adding additional property appraiser and question regarding poll pads usage.

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

1. February 25, 2020 County Board minutes
2. Successful completion of probation for Kayla Pierce, Account Technician, effective 3/18/2020 as recommended by the Account Technician Lead/Assistant to the Assessor

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioners' Warrants.

Commissioners' Warrants		
Fund	Name	Amount
1	County Revenue Fund	\$30,722.92
13	County Road & Bridge	\$482,428.12
14	Sanitation Fund	\$27,689.05
23	County Airport Fund	\$196.62
	Subtotal	\$541,036.71
Finance Department Warrants		
1	County Revenue Fund	\$33,752.41
13	County Road & Bridge	\$3,494.58
14	Sanitation Fund	\$3,444.03
23	County Airport Fund	\$754.69
73	Greenleafon Septic Project	\$377.13
87	State Revenue & School Fund	\$12,274.00
	Subtotal	\$54,096.84
Totals		\$595,133.55

The Finance Department Warrants were reviewed.

Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Hauler licenses as presented.

Kevin Olson, Social Services was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Child Support Program Interagency Cooperative Agreement between Fillmore County and the State of Minnesota.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the Office Building Parking Lots replacement project to Rochester Sand & Gravel with the low bid of \$208,322.07

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the purchase a 2020 Ford Explorer from Ford of Hibbing in the amount of \$32,920.14 for the Highway Department. The current Chevy Equinox in the Highway Department will be moved into the County wide carpool fleet.

The Board discussed the future turnover of the Engineer's vehicle into the fleet. The County Highway Engineer will bring this item back for discussion in 3 years.

It was noted that road restrictions will go into place on Friday, March 6th at 12:00 midnight.

Bakke reviewed Highway Township packets that are provided for the upcoming Township meetings.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:37 a.m. as no one requested to speak.

Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer was present to address the question from the Board as to why the poll pads are not being used for this election. Jones noted that she missed the deadline to be able to use them for the election. The Board noted that they want the poll pads used for every State/Federal elections moving forward.

County Assessor, Steve Hacken updated the Board regarding his contracted services and presented a review of the work he has been doing.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:05 a.m.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the request to retire from Vicky Giese, Social Worker, with Early Retirement Incentive package effective August 6, 2020 and thanked her for 28 years of service to Fillmore County.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the request to hire an additional property appraiser as requested by the Assessor.

Bobbie Vickerman, County Administrator was present.

Vickerman updated the Board regarding technology projects.

It was noted that at the last meeting that the Account Technician approved for hire in the Auditor/Treasurer Office and since has accepted the positions was Shannon Smidt.

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

Extension – Bakke/Lentz – discussed farm family of the year, Mike Cruse trainings, and discussed needed members.

AMC Legislative Conference – Bakke/Lentz/Hindt/Vickerman – met with Senator Jeremy Miller and reviewed

AMC priorities – Bakke reported on Environment and Natural Resources Committee noting that counties should try to use recycled plastic for garbage bags (we need to check – revolutionary plastic – state contract – revolution bags) Vickerman reported on Health/Human Services

Personnel – Prestby/Dahl

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Bakke, the Board chair adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Attest: _____
Administrator and ex-officio
Clerk of County Board

Signed: _____
Chair of the Fillmore County
Board of Commissioner