

This is a preliminary draft of the July 27, 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 regular session this 27th day of July, 2021, 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. Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Dave Kiehne, Recorder; Krista Ross, SELCO Representative; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Pam Schroeder, Highway/Airport Office Manager; Lindsie Engle; Human Resources Officer; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Christy Smith, County Auditor/ Treasurer; City Library Representatives; Larry Gifford, Mabel Public Library; Stephanie Silvers Morse, Harmony Public library; Monica Erickson, Chatfield Public Library; Beth Anderson, Preston Public Library; Tara Johnson, Lanesboro Public Library; Bonita Underbakke; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

Also, present via WebEx: Tara Kraling, Accounting Technician; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; Kristi Ruesink, Accounting Technician; Jason McCaslin, Assessor; Chris Hahn, CEDA; Bailey Peterson; Paralegal; Renee Zachman, LELS.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion Hindt and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approve the Agenda.

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

1. July 13, 2021 County Board minutes
2. Approve the following correction to the June 22, 2021 meeting minutes Consent Agenda portion as follows per state licensing request:
 - ~~Isle of Dreams gambling license~~ Approve Spring Valley VFW Post 4114 to conduct lawful gambling at Isle of Dreams Event Center

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioner's Warrants.

The Finance Department warrants were reviewed.

Public input for option for Recorder position to be appointed rather than elected.

Dave Kiehne, Recorder noted that he has provided a letter notifying the Board that he was not rerunning to get the process moving for the option of training someone in for his position.

Bonita Underbakke, stated that she supports the Recorder position being appointed due to the positions requirements, attention to detail and coordination with other departments. She feels the position needs to have a person appointed that understands the position and the knowledge needed.

Dave Kiehne, Recorder was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the Option A quote from Arcasearch in the amount of \$126,822, with annual upgrades in the amount of \$2,768 for upgrades of Images and Search software for deed records in old books Quote from Arcasearch, to be paid with American Recovery Act dollars.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the E-Commerce quote from Arcasearch in the amount of \$2,495, with annual upgrades in the amount of \$1,399 for public search capabilities of the images, to be paid with American Recovery Act dollars.

Recorder Kiehne reviewed his proposed 2022 budget. He noted that the main difference is the additional Accounting

Technician Lead moved to his office for training purposes if approved by the Board. He noted that he would like to start training a candidate by November 1, 2021 if not earlier.

Citizens input opened and closed at 9:42 a.m. as no one was present to speak.

Krista Ross, SELCO and Local Libraries representatives were present.

A presentation of Fillmore County Libraries was given regarding the services the libraries were able to provide during the pandemic and some new programs they implemented to continue to serve the public.

Hillery noted that the Library Committee met with the SELCO team to discuss options for another contract. She stated that the committee is recommending a \$7,000 increase each year for a 3 year contract. Hillery had sent out the contract to commissioners.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby the Board unanimously approved the 2022-2024 contract with no changes other than the following annual appropriations:

2022 – \$251,809

2023 – \$258,809

2024 – \$265,809

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of four 800 MHZ Radios from Motorola using Public Health COVID grant funds in the amount of \$14,415.05.

Brett Corson, County Attorney was present.

Attorney Corson reviewed the septic litigation.

Attorney Corson presented his 2022 proposed Attorneys Budget.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:33 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:40 a.m.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby the Board unanimously approved the resolution for final payment of \$13,786.92 for the Township Bridge Replacement Project SAP 23-599-205 in Carimona Township.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the resolution accepting the grant and agreeing to the terms and conditions for participation in the State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program in the amount of \$121,047.45 for Bridge Bonding funds for County State Aid Highway No. 15 Bridge Replacement project SAP 23-615-015 in Carimona Township.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved Zenke Incorporated bid at \$180,991.50 for the Bridge replacement project SAP 23-629-010 on County State Aid Highway No. 29 in Newburg Township.

Highway Committee report was given. Updates on projects were given and discussion occurred regarding timing of projects. Working on extension of current agreement with MNDOT for Chatfield Shop. Difficulty filling Surveyor positions.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved an access permit for a new drive way for Jeremy & Harlea Wood, Section 34 of Bristol Township.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved an access permit to widen existing drive way for Larry Broadwater, section 13 of Carimona Township.

Christy Smith, County Auditor/ Treasurer was present.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to deduct the recent MN Energy property adjustment settlement from the other governmental entities as has been done in the past. The Board in their motion requested to send out letters to affected entities noting that the amounts will be deducted from their next settlement based on the MN Energy lawsuit reconciliation, with the County included the total amount deducted will be \$40,862.96.

On motion by Hindt and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to add the marriage record amendment application in the amount of a \$40 fee as requested by Auditor/Treasurer Smith.

Auditor/Treasurer Smith reviewed her 2022 proposed budget. Election equipment was discussed.

Lindsie Engle, Human Resources Officer was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved request to hire Dacia Inglett as Office Support Specialist, Senior at Grade 6/ Step 1 in Social Services effective 8/17/2021 with starting wage of \$20.69.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Kristy Ziegler for District 5 Extension Committee representative

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved Resolution for County Staff Recognition Day to be on July 27.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved training request for up to two staff members for "Managing the Human Resource".

A review of the calendar was made with the following committee reports and announcements given:
Marc Prestby- No calendar updates. Duane Bakke- August 9 Groundbreaking for Veterans Home; History Center- June attendance 180 people; Hindt/Lentz- EDA meeting last Thursday. Lots going on in Spring Valley, Preston, Chatfield, and Harmony. Things are improving throughout the County. Lentz- Emergency Communication- 23rd- EDA; Fillmore County Fair Commissioner Lentz and Sherriff DeGeorge received feedback on the jail, Commissioner Lentz was impressed with how many people knew about it. Dahl- No calendar updates.

The Fillmore County Board began the 2022 LELS union negotiations.

Hillery noted that LELS had originally proposed a 3.5% increase for 2 years; 6.2% increase for Grades 12 & 13, along with Injury on Duty and Short-Term disability.

Hillery noted that based upon the proposal provided by LELS, that David Drown & Associates was asked to review the grade 12 and 13 positions that they rated in the recent compensation study conducted for Fillmore County to verify the numbers provided by the Union.

Hillery on behalf of the County Board presented the Union with the counter offer from Fillmore County with the following:

Three year agreement with a 2.25%, 2.5% and 3% proposed wage increase, a 30 day Injury on Duty proposal and moving the Captain position from a grade 13 to a grade 14

The LELS negotiation team bring back a counter offer at the September 14th meeting.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.