

FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

July 2, 2019

This is a preliminary draft of the July 2, 2019 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 this 2nd day of July, 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; Kurt Wayne, Principal Planner from MnDOT District 6; Michael Doherty, Public Engagement & Communications from MnDOT; Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer; Kevin Beck; Bonita Underbakke; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; and Gretchen Mensink-Lovejoy, Republican Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

- 1. June 25, 2019 County Board minutes as presented.
- 2. June 18, 2019 Board of Appeal & Equalization minutes as presented.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously voted to pull the Sheriff bill for \$600 (\$300/person) for Corner House training from the Attorney's Office, allowing time for Attorney Corson and Sheriff DeGeorge to discuss. Attorney Corson noted that forfeiture monies were allocated to pay for the training, which was \$8,000 and the bills were sent out to attendees to recoup the costs associated.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the Commissioner warrants.

The Auditor's warrants were reviewed.

Michael Doherty, Public Engagement & Communications, and Kurt Wayne, Principal Planner, from MnDOT District 6 gave a presentation on MnDOT's D6 Work Plan along with a summary update for this area.

Citizens input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 10:07 a.m.

Drew Hatzenbihler, Solid Waste Administrator, was present.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved working with Revolution Plastics to provide agricultural plastic recycling with dumpsters at the Recycling Center area. The Board requests that any agreements be brought back for their review.

Solid Waste Administrator Hatzenbihler updated the Board about options for facility improvements/renovations to the Resource Recovery Center for 2021-2022, using the MN Capital Assistance Program (CAP) grant. Grant dollars are available for funding 50% - 75% for projects that increase recycling, energy efficiencies and composting. The Board is interested in looking at further recycling options and asked Hatzenbihler to continue to work with his committee to explore the possibilities.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Winneshiek County Hauler Permit for July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 at a rate of \$70/ton.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:32 a.m. and resumed back in session at 10:41 a.m.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer, was present.

On motion by Prestby, seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a Punjear Jack Hammer, survey tool, from Fastenal with the low bid of \$4,269.00.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add discussion with possible action for a resolution to declare a State of Emergency due to the June 27th and 28th flood events from heavy rain.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-028: Declaring a State of Emergency

On motion by Lentz, seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved a letter be sent to Mr. Joseph Kelly, Director, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management requesting assistance to conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) for the State Public Assistance Program.

County Coordinator Vickerman and County Attorney Corson gave an update regarding the Northern Natural Gas Tax Court Ruling. Corson reviewed the Northern Natural Gas Tax Court Ruling and summarized that the Department of Revenue is struggling with how to assess values.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer, was present.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved to hire Erika Draper as replacement Registered Nurse effective August 12, 2019 at \$24.75/hour, Grade 11/Step 1, as requested by the Director of Nursing and recommended by the Hiring Committee.

No committee reports or announcements were given.

Prestby motioned to adjourn the meeting, and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. per that request, noting that a second was not needed.