

The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in special session this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following member was present: Commissioner Marc Prestby

The following members were present by Webex: Commissioners Larry Hindt, Randy Dahl, Mitch Lentz and Duane Bakke. Also present by Webex were: Bobbie Hillery, Administrator/Clerk; Kristi Ruesink Office Support Specialist, Sr.; Lori Affeldt, Finance Director; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Pam Schroeder, Office Manager; Jessica Erickson, Public Health; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Chris Hahn, EDA; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Gerald Wolf, Bonita Underbakke and Gretchen Mensink, Chatfield News.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Lentz and seconded by Hindt, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda, to include reviewing the Highway Equipment Budget.

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

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

The Finance Department Warrants were reviewed.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator was present.

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-024:** Conditional Use Permit request for ITC Midwest, LLC, for an Electric Substation on property located in Section 4, Sumner Township.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer & Pam Schroeder, Office Manager were present.

Gregg presented bids for the CSAH 5 Land Bridge Project SAP 023-605-038. He also noted the Engineer Estimate was \$1,328,021.00 which is an increase from the previous estimate as the length and slope for water retention was updated.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved ICON Constructors the CSAH 5 Land Bridge Project SAP 023-605-038, Jordan Township, at the low bid of \$1,191,290.00, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer.

It was noted that the project was estimated the year before at less than a million. It was noted that the land bridge had increased cost due to a longer time span, water retention and an increase in piling depth to 50'.

Schroeder came forward to provide additional and supporting information regarding the Airport Consultant selection process. Interviews were completed and score sheets were provided in accordance with the FAA Advisory Circular 10/5100-14E for Engineering and Planning Consultant Services for Airport Grant Projects.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved selecting SEH, Inc. to serve as the Airport Consultant for the Fillmore County Airport as recommended by the Highway Engineer.

Discussion ensued regarding the Highway Equipment Budget.

The citizens input portion of the meeting was opened at 9:35 a.m.

Gerald Wolf supported Sheriff DeGeorge and Fillmore County Deputies for their efforts during this uneasy time due to rioting.

The citizens input portion of the meeting was closed at 9:38 a.m.

Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing was present.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the Disaster Planning & Response Compact for Southeast Minnesota Disaster Health Coalition, authorizing signature by the Director of Nursing.

Bobbie Hillery, Administrator was present.

Hillery reviewed the thank you letters sent to Winona County Commissioners and Winona County Assessor regarding the completion of the Interim Assessor contract. Discussion ensued regarding a letter received from Steve Hacken, Interim Assessor with recommendations moving forward. Bakke noted that the board members should keep that letter and refer back to it, noting that changes will need to be made and this letter supports the upcoming work that the new Assessor will be working towards.

Hillery updated the Board of the recent efforts and procedures by County Departments during this COVID-19 event. Protective shields are set up and we opened our doors to the public yesterday, June 1, 2020. All seemed to go well. The Board thanked Hillery for the update and all Departments for their work during this unprecedented time.

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

Bakke – DFO Joint Powers next week, AMC regional meeting

Dahl – SEMCAC next week

Lentz – Community Services, Communications Board, AMC regional meeting

Hindt – none

Prestby – none

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Hindt, the Board chair adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator and ex-officio  
Clerk of County Board

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Fillmore County  
Board of Commissioner