

FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

April 9, 2019

This is a preliminary draft of the April 9, 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 regular session this 9th day of April, 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; Brett Corson, County Attorney; Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator; Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer; Brenda Pohlman, Health Educator; Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer; Brian Hoff, Land Records Director; Heidi Jones, Auditor/Treasurer; Jessica Erickson, Director of Nursing; Terry Schultz, Building Maintenance Supervisor; John DeGeorge, Sheriff; Kevin Beck; Jordan Fontenello; Bonita Underbakke; Ryan Altman, Congressman Hagedorn's Office; Gretchen Mensink, Republican Leader; and Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved to pull the April 2, 2019 County Board minutes from the Consent agenda.

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

1. ~~April 2, 2019 County Board minutes~~
2. Closing of Coffee Street East from Hwy 250 (Parkway Ave N) to Kenilworth Ave N. (the block from Iron Horse to the Post Office) in Lanesboro, MN on May 11, 2019 and September 21, 2019 for Girls Day Out as approved by Sheriff DeGeorge and Highway Engineer Gregg.
3. Overnight lodging request for MAAO Summer Seminars for Brian Hoff, Land Records Director, and Appraisers.
4. Successful completion of probation for Breanna Johnson, Registered Nurse, as recommended by the Director of Nursing.

Chair Bakke noted that he wanted to pull the minutes to review the follow up that occurred regarding the April 2, 2019 minutes as it pertains to the repurchase of a forfeited property in the City of Lanesboro. It was a 3-1 vote. Bakke stated that the motion passed, but it was noted by the Statute provided that the action needed a unanimous vote. The Board moved on to the next item on the agenda, assuming that it was not passed. The Statute for repurchase requirements was reviewed and dialogue happened following the meeting. The minutes provided in the packet reflect a passed motion due to the correspondence received since. The County Attorney's opinion was that the motion passed due to the 3-1 vote, stating the Statute outlines the need for a unanimous vote for restricted properties only. The property being discussed was not in the restricted area and even the restricted part of the Statute has changed.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the April 2, 2019 minutes with the wording as presented.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following Commissioner warrants:

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The Auditor's warrants were reviewed. Auditor/Treasure Jones was asked to look into prepaid tax items from last year and what jurisdiction allows the prepaid taxes and if there is a limited timeframe for these.

Brett Corson, County Attorney, was present.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the City Prosecutor Agreements with the cities of Canton and Harmony.

Cristal Adkins, Zoning Administrator, was present.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-019: Amendment to the Fillmore County Zoning Ordinance, Section 709, Solar Energy Systems, Accessory and Section 740, a newly adopted section, Solar Energy Farms

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved an access permit for Dave Kimber for a new field drive in the City of Canton.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved an access permit for a driveway for Dominic Crawford, section 32 of Fountain Township.

The Citizen's Input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:31 a.m., as no one was present to speak; however, Vickerman read aloud an email from Rita DeLuc regarding Solar Farms.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer, and Brenda Pohlman, Public Health Educator, were present.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Lentz, the Board unanimously approved the second reading as the final version of the Breastfeeding policy.

Ron Gregg, Highway Engineer, was present.

On motion by Dahl, seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved an additional \$1,801 to the original purchase price of the 2019 Mack tandem truck for the installation of a lift kit needed for installing an underbody snowplow attachment.

Bobbie Vickerman, County Coordinator, was present.

Coordinator Vickerman gave an update regarding the move to Taxpayer Services, noting the area for the Zoning/Feedlot Department is being prepared for their move based upon the Board's motion to have them move to the main level east side.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved the request from the Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office to increase the fee charged to funeral homes for cremation from \$35 to \$50.

Terry Schultz, Building Maintenance Supervisor, was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved Option 1 for the City of Preston request for electric hookup as recommended by the Building Maintenance Supervisor, and requires County Attorney approval of an easement agreement with the City of Preston for installation.

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

Lentz – Development Achievement Center (DAC) organization becoming stable again.

Dahl – Semcac– reviewed financials, department head reports and reviewed application for grants.

Prestby/Bakke – Solid Waste – hauler license, credit cards, software options for billing, Solid Waste Administrator Hatzenbihler attended Winneshiek Landfill meeting. Rate and review meeting will be June 10, 2019. Summer help will not be pursued and discussion on purchasing a scissor lift table.

Bakke - Update on Chronic Waste Disease (CWD), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would like to come before the Board May 7th or May 14th.

Bakke/Lentz - League of Women Voters. Bakke provided a presentation and Lentz made some additional comments.

Bakke noted that the Board does not support any specific candidate and does not appreciate any implications that would reference that fact. Township meeting tonight at Servicemen's Club at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Lentz, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.