

This is a preliminary draft of the February 2, 2010 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 February, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Chuck Amunrud, Randy Dahl, and Thomas Kaase. Also present were: Karen Brown, Coordinator/Clerk; Shirl Boelter, Auditor/Treasurer; Daryl Jensen, Sheriff; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; and Lisa Brainerd, Republican-Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Amunrud, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to remove the January 26, 2010 Board minutes from the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved the January 26, 2010 Board minutes as amended to state "...designations to increase Building Maintenance by \$50,000 due to expected repairs needed to the roof, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems **of the highway administration building.**"

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

- 1. ~~January 26, 2010 County Board minutes.~~
- 2. January 12, 2010 Social Services minutes, as presented.
- 3. Step increase for Wendy Ebner, Social Services Supervisor, to Merit Grade 9/Step F effective February 6, 2010 as recommended by the Social Services Director.
- 4. Appointment of Myron Rollie to Fillmore County Corrections Task Force with term to expire December 31, 2011 as recommended by Commissioner Amunrud.
- 5. Appointment of Judy Frank to Extension Committee to replace Janet Kappers with term to expire December 31, 2012 as recommended by Commissioner Amunrud.
- 6. Payment of \$37,994.50 to MN Department of Corrections per terms of agreement for Sentence to Service as recommended by Sheriff Jensen.

Thomas Boyd, Social Services Director, and Brett Corson, County Attorney, were present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Kaase, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2010-008: Redesign for regional Social Services Directors

Attorney Corson left the meeting.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following Commissioners' warrants:
WARRANTS

The Auditor's warrants were reviewed.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously set the Board of Appeal and

Equalization meeting, in accordance with MN statutes, for Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved out of state travel for Commissioner Bakke to attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference with all expenses to be paid by the Association of MN Counties, except for the per diem expense.

The Chair opened the Citizens Input portion of the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and closed it as no one was present.

There was discussion about the pending petition to the County regarding the pending Township of Amherst vs. Township of Preble legal action. There was discussion about the role of the County and concern about the appearance of possible conflict of interest for County Attorney Corson to be involved since his brother represents one of the townships.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved to retain Attorney Scott Anderson from Ratwiz, Roszak and Maloney at a cost of \$160 per hour due to possible conflict of interest on part of County Attorney Corson concerning the Amherst Township vs. Preble Township petition.

Shirl Boelter, Auditor/Treasurer, was present.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved renewal of the ambulance agreements with, and payments to, the cities of Spring Valley, Mabel, Rushford, Chatfield, Harmony, Preston, and Lanesboro in accordance with the budgeted amount. (On file in the Auditor/Treasurer's office)

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved publication of the 2008 Fillmore County Financial Statement.

Daryl Jensen, Sheriff, updated the Board on the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) consolidation study. Sheriff Jensen stated that a minimum of four (4) counties were needed to obtain the grant funds of \$24,000 for the study. At this time, the counties of Goodhue, Houston, Winona, Wabasha, Dodge and Fillmore have agreed to partner on the project. Commissioner Kaase reported that the SE MN Regional Radio Board supports this project and said that he will plan to attend the related February 22nd meeting with the Sheriff.

Brett Corson, County Attorney, re-entered the meeting.

Ashley Stinson, Human Resources Officer, presented information on the re-design organizational chart. There was discussion about expanding the re-design to include the Extension Department support staff since they work with the other departments on nutrition and youth. Consensus was to delay adoption of the chart until more information could be obtained about the possible change.

Stinson also reported that the Social Services Director position could be reviewed by the Minnesota Merit System for reclassification to the Community Services Administrator position at no cost as they also use the Hay classification system.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to have the merit system re-classify the Social Services Director position to a Community Services Administrator position.

Stinson requested that the Director of Nursing position be reviewed for classification by Bjorklund Compensation Consulting.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved to submit the Director of Nursing position to Bjorklund Compensation Consulting for classification.

The following committee reports and announcements were given: Dahl – Social Services; Kaase – Soil & Water Conservation District; Bakke – AMC Legislative Steering; and Amunrud –calendar and Social Services.

John Grindeland, Highway Engineer, was present to answer questions about a bill from Houston County for maintenance on County Road #27.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to reject the bid received on the Preston property and allow the County Attorney to enter into negotiations with the party or someone else to get a better bid.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Kaase, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
RESOLUTION 2010-009: Close meeting pursuant to MS 13D.05, Subd. 3 – Personnel review

The meeting was closed at 11:20 a.m. All members were present. Also present were John Grindeland, Highway Engineer, Human Resources Officer Stinson and Coordinator Brown.

The meeting was re-opened at 12:50 a.m. All members were present. Also present were John Grindeland, Highway Engineer, and Coordinator Brown.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to re-appoint John Grindeland as Highway Engineer, effective May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2014.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved travel for the Highway Department with the limit of one staff person attending National Association of County Engineers Annual Conference.

Chart

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved to accept the resignation of John Grindeland, Engineer, effective December 28, 2012.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Dahl, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.