

This is a preliminary draft of the June 8, 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 regular session this 8th day of June, 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; John DeGeorge, Captain, Sheriff's Office; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; Anton Adamek and Lisa Brainerd, Republican-Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

1. June 1, 2010 County Board minutes, as presented.
2. Overnight stay for Coordinator to attend Minnesota Association of County Administrators (MACA) technical day in St. Cloud.
3. Intermittent Family and Medical Leave of Absence for employee #1377 for a period of up to twelve (12) weeks beginning June 4, 2010 in accordance with County Policy.

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

WARRANTS

The Auditor's warrants were reviewed.

John Grindeland, Highway Engineer; Thomas Boyd, Community Services Administrator; and Donna Rasmussen, Soil and Water Conservation District, were present.

Coordinator Brown briefed the Board on the 2010 budget, levy and aid, and projections for aid for 2011. She is recommending that the County use the same amount of net County Program Aid as 2010 (\$654,383) for 2011 since it is too early to get a more accurate estimate.

As in past years, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the end of April was reviewed and reported as a gain of 2.2% for purpose of considering any adjustment to the non-union salary pay plan. For historical purposes, Brown reported a decline of .7% in the 2009 CPI with no pay plan adjustment for 2010 and an increase of 3.9% in the 2008 CPI with a 3% pay plan adjustment for 2009. Prestby stated that Public Employee Retirement Association employer and employee contribution rates will increase in 2011 as well as projected health insurance costs. Chair Bakke noted that staffing levels have decreased and have resulted in an overall savings. Consensus of the Board is to direct department heads to use a 1% adjustment to the non-union salary schedule for 2011 budgeting purposes with a final decision to be made later in 2010.

Chair Bakke reported that Historic Bluff Country is asking for a resolution in support of a federal grant application for restoration of Preston scenic overlook on Highway 52.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:
RESOLUTION 2010-038: Support of federal grant for restoration of Preston scenic overlook,

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved the extension of the response period from June 11 to June 30, 2010 for fiber optic communication installation proposals.

The following committee reports and announcements were given: Dahl – letters of support for National Veterans Cemetery.

The Chair opened and closed the Citizen Input portion of the meeting at 9:30 a.m. since no one was present to speak.

John Grindeland, Highway Engineer, was present. He reported that the grant agreement was just received for the tractor and mower for the Airport. This will result in funding for 66% of the purchase.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Amunrud, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
UNNUMBERED RESOLUTION: Airport Improvement grant #2301-29 with MN Department of Transportation for tractor/mower

Lantha Stevens, Director of Nursing, and Brenda Pohlman, Public Health Educator, were present. Stevens reported that the Beacon grant had been awarded to Mayo Clinic on behalf of ten (10) counties in Southeast Minnesota. This was a competitive grant that only fifteen (15) communities received in the country. She continued that this money will be distributed to the counties to purchase the PH-DOC computer software program, equipment and staff training to migrate to this system. The PH-DOC system will allow for improved health information sharing on behalf of shared clients. This grant will result in a significant savings for Fillmore County as the current CHAMP software was scheduled for replacement in 2010.

Pohlman presented an overview on the Toward Zero Death Safe Roads grant reapplication for \$10,000. The grant focuses on three areas: seat belt use, reduction of alcohol-impaired driving, and speed reduction. Houston County is choosing not to apply for this grant and reported concerns about cumbersome paperwork.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Prestby, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
UNNUMBERED RESOLUTION: Application for Toward Zero Death Safe Roads grant

Committee reports continued: Kaase – kickoff ARMER participation plan and project.

Ashley Stinson, Human Resources Officer, was present. Stinson asked that recruitment be suspended for the PC Network/Technician. It was noted that most of the applicants had skills in the areas of PC/Network support but were not as experienced in the needed area of web page design and maintenance and using programs specific to counties. Stinson and Coordinator Brown reported that they are working with Information staff, other counties and other agencies to determine the next step. Consensus of the Board was to suspend advertisement for replacement PC/Network Technician and to move forward with researching alternatives.

Chair Bakke announced that the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is next Tuesday night, June 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and that the Fillmore County History Center in Fountain is holding an open house on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Committee reports continued: Amunrud – Little Falls cemetery visit. It was confirmed with Mr. Swantek that the Board will visit the Little Falls Cemetery on June 29th.

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