

**FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**September 13, 2011**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in regular session this 13th day of September, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Marc Prestby, Thomas Kaase, Chuck Amunrud, Duane Bakke and Randy Dahl. 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 Bakke, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

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

1. September 6, 2011 County Board minutes, as presented.
2. Overnight stay for Public Health Nurse to attend annual Immunization Conference in Brooklyn Park to be paid for out of Child & Teen Checkup funds as recommended by the Director of Nursing.
3. Overnight stay for Finance Officer and Auditor/Treasurer to attend Tax User Group meeting in St. Cloud.
4. Tobacco license for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 for Kwik Trip, Inc. #848, Harmony.

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

**WARRANTS**

The Auditor's warrants were reviewed.

Gail Bunge, Social Services Manager, and Thomas Boyd, Interim Community Services Administrator, were present.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the contract addendum with Workforce Development, Inc. for supported work services as recommended by the Social Services Manager.

Bunge presented summary information about the proposed 2012 Social Services budget. Graphs were presented showing the large amount of health care costs. Comparative numbers with similar sized counties showed Fillmore County to be in the middle for total Social Services costs and lowest for County share of those costs. The charts also showed the significant growth in open income maintenance cases in the State. Historical information was presented showing the volatility of costs for out of home placements.

Bunge pointed out the significant growth in average monthly cases for food support. Eligibility changes and the economy are causes for this growth. Comparative information was also presented regarding Fillmore's low total administrative costs. The final graph illustrated the relative level expenditures for Fillmore County in the last three years.

Other budgetary information that was presented for 2012 included the loss of \$50,000 in grants, pending

adoptions that may reduce county costs, regional planning that will continue to consolidate service delivery and changed guidelines which mean that high numbers for food support will likely continue. There was discussion about current short term staffing issues that redesign could resolve when implemented.

A report was given on the regional SE Minnesota Human Services redesign meeting. Efforts continue to move toward the regional model for better outcomes and better use of limited resources by utilizing regional expertise. The next step in the process is a feasibility study. This will allow for questions to be answered about the final design of this cooperative model. The final product should not be another layer of government.

It was noted that private funding has been committed to this project and the cost of \$10,440 for Fillmore County assumes that all twelve counties will participate. Bunge asked that the County consider opting in with a final decision to be made once the final costs are determined.

Those present at the meeting stated that the presence of the Commissioner of Human Services and her commitment of two staff to the project speaks highly of the respect for SE Minnesota regarding redesign.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved for Fillmore County to opt in for participation in the SE Minnesota Human Services redesign feasibility study with the expectation of a \$10,440 financial obligation and with the understanding that once the final amount is known, the decision may be reconsidered.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the Fillmore County Board and as such constitutes the minutes thereof. Payment of assistance, relief, claims and social services as authorized by the staff in accordance with the laws of the State in this time period and indicated in these minutes is hereby authorized.

The Citizens' Input portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 9:37 a.m. as no one was present to speak.

The following committee reports and announcements were given: Bakke and Kaase – Water Resources Board; and Amunrud and Bakke - meeting about possible shared community services administrator.

Coordinator Brown presented information about the preliminary 2012 Fillmore County Budget. She stated that the budget is down 7.23% primarily due to the overall decrease to the Highway budget. However, deferred equipment purchases are in the budget. These are County costs and resulted in an increase in levy for Highway.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Kaase, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:  
**RESOLUTION 2011-049:** 2012 Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Bakke and seconded by Kaase to use \$100,000 of fund balance to further reduce the levy. There was discussion about the number of unknown impacts related to market value credit and the possibility of future levy limits. The Chair called for a vote: Commissioners voting "aye": Bakke and Prestby. Commissioners voting "nay": Amunrud, Kaase and Dahl. The motion failed.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Amunrud, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:  
**RESOLUTION 2011-050:** 2012 Preliminary Levy

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Amunrud, the Board unanimously approved to hold a Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Courthouse for the purpose of public comment on the proposed 2012 Fillmore County budget and levy. The time for the regular meeting on the same

day will be announced at a later date.

Daryl Jensen, Sheriff; and Michael Ask, Chief Dispatcher/Jailer/Emergency Management, presented a resolution for an update of the Emergency Management Plan.

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

**RESOLUTION 2011-051:** Emergency Management Plan update

There was discussion about the Emergency Management department as a division of Law Enforcement. Although emergency management is a lot of work, there was agreement that Law Enforcement is a good fit.

Committee reports and announcements continued: Bakke asked if the Board would want a Fillmore County legislative session as part of a Board meeting. Consensus was to have it after the tax statements are out. Reports continued with Amunrud and Dahl – Community Services.

Kristina Kohn, Human Resources Officer; John Grindeland, Engineer; Brent Kohn, Maintenance Superintendent; Eugene Grover, Local #49 International Union of Operating Engineers; and Neil Woellert and Dale Brand, Maintenance Specialists and Union Stewards, entered the meeting.

Negotiations were started for the 2012 Highway Labor agreement. There was discussion about the uniform pants being cold in the winter and the possibility of negotiating on uniforms and the savings due to the summer schedule.

Consensus was to schedule the next negotiating session on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

On motion by Dahl and seconded by Bakke, the Board unanimously approved to amend the agenda to include two Highway resolutions for final payments.

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

**RESOLUTION 2011-052:** Final payment of \$30,632.46 to Minnowa Construction for SAP 23-627-27 in City of Rushford Village

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Amunrud, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION 2011-053:** Final payment of \$27,472.02 to Minnowa Construction for SP 23-599-161, Fillmore Township

There was discussion about the need for the property next to the County Highway shop in Peterson. Engineer Grindeland stated that no use was planned for that area. There was discussion about the value of the property and the process to sell directly to another governmental unit. Chair Prestby will follow up with City of Peterson officials to get a possible offer from them.

Committee reports continued: Dahl and Amunrud – Semcac; and Prestby and Kaase - Department Head.

On motion by Bakke and seconded by Amunrud, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.