

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 24, 2004

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session February 24, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Richard Cummings, Chair
 Raymond Tucker
 David Hillier
 Dick Lang
 Garry Ellingson
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Commissioner Hillier moved and Commissioner Lang seconded to revise the policy concerning County Assistance for Family Emergencies to no longer require the return of damage or utility deposits, as advised by MN DHS in keeping with the repeal of MN Statutes 256J.48. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding request from Blue Cross to form a County and Managed Care Partnership for the delivery of integrated long term care service to seniors. Commissioners directed staff to continue discussions with Blue Cross.

Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Ellingson seconded to authorize the Chair and the Director to sign the following Purchase of Service Agreements:

- a. Summit Ridge Services – approve contract for In-Home Services, effective January 1, 2004 to July 31, 2004.
- b. Owatonna Bus Company, Inc. – approve amendment to extend contract for Transportation Services through March 14, 2004.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Ellingson moved and Commissioner Hillier seconded to approve the destruction of designated Agency files in accordance with DHS Rules and Regulations. All previously approved files have been destroyed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ellingson moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded to accept the proposal referred to as “Option #3” put forward by the City of Austin for the creation of a center to house the Mower County Transit system. This option #3 would attach a dispatch office to the existing Usen’s body shop and provide other physical improvements to the property. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ellingson and Commissioner Hillier were named by Richard Cummings, Board Chair, to the newly formed Mower County/City of Austin, (MCCA)

Transit Joint Powers Board that will oversee the Mower County Transit system. Motion carried.

Date: February 24, 2004

Res. #23-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 24, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Social Services for Mower County had advised that all Social Service case actions are in conformance with State, Federal and County laws, rules, regulations and policies,

BE IT RESOLVED, That all Social Service case openings, closings, placements, and licensing actions, as documented in the Mower County Human Services Office, on office listings for licensing action, case records, record of social service plan cards, purchase of services abstract, payment authorizations, and payment records for the period February 1, 2004 through February 29, 2004 are hereby approved.

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Social Services for Mower County had advised that all Personnel Actions are in conformance with State and Federal law, Minnesota Merit System Rules, existing labor agreements, and Personnel Policies and Practices,

BE IT RESOLVED, That all Personnel Actions for the month of February 2004 for employees of the Department of Human Services as documented in the Department on proposed Personnel Action Listings, personnel abstracts, payroll reports, and Personnel Action Forms, are hereby approved.

WHEREAS the Director of Community Social Services for Mower County has been advised that all Social Service and Welfare Claims against Mower County submitted for payment in the month of February 2004 have been reviewed and are eligible for payment pursuant to all applicable rules, regulations, laws, and policies,

BE IT RESOLVED, That all bills, as listed on the listing of bills and claims against Social Services and Welfare Funds and Warrant Registers, shall be approved as valid claims against the County of Mower and are hereby approved for payments.

The Commissioners voted as follows: Garry Ellingson aye, David Hillier aye, Ray Tucker aye, Richard P. Cummings aye, and Richard Lang aye. Passed and approved this 24th day of February, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: February 24, 2004

Res. #24-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 24 , 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Social Services for Mower County had advised that all Income Maintenance case actions are in conformance with State, Federal and County laws, rules, regulations and policies,

BE IT RESOLVED, That all Income Maintenance case actions or approval, denial, suspension, reinstatement, closing, increased and decreased maintenance and denial as documented on the 106 Welfare Information Form, the General Assistance Budget Form, and Emergency Assistance Forms, and Warrant Register of Payments for the period February 1, 2004 through February 29, 2004 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all assistance payments authorized by Director Actions and issued during the month of February 2004 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all bills and claims against the Income Maintenance Programs, as cited in the Abstract of Payment Records and Board List in the Mower County Human Services Department, are hereby approved for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all personnel actions for the month of February 2004 for employees of the Department of Human Services as documented in the Department in the Personnel Abstracts, Payroll Reports and Personnel Action Reports, are hereby approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, That all refunds received during the month of February 2004 as listed on the Report of Refunds and Cancellation, DPW 759, are hereby acknowledged as received.

The Commissioners voted as follows: Garry Ellingson aye, David Hillier aye, Ray Tucker aye, Richard P. Cummings aye, and Richard Lang aye. Passed and approved this 24th day of February, 2004.

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The President of the Fairboard, Ken Trom, made a written request for early distribution of the remaining 2004 fund appropriations which are normally paid quarterly. The Mower County Ag Society incurs the majority of the fair's expenses early in the year. Two fair board members were present at the meeting to answer questions concerning Mr. Trom's request.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve early distribution of the 2004 general fund appropriations to the Mower County Ag Society for the 2nd and 3rd quarters totaling \$14,587.50. The 4th quarter appropriation will be held until the 4th quarter. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to authorize the Human Resource Director to fill the currently vacant jailer position. Motion carried.

Tom Neilon, Director of Correctional Services, appeared before the Board regarding a request for funding from long range family planning designations for an out of home placement pilot program (Mower County Holistic Treatment Program) formulated by the Department of Corrections and the Department of Human Services. The estimated cost for the program would be the \$145,000 per year. The director was requesting \$75,000 per year for two years from the long range family planning designations. Expected medical assistance reimbursements should offset the \$75,000 county expenses. The director is expecting the school district to fund \$70,000 per year.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the use of long range family planning funds not to exceed \$75,000 per year, offset by medical assistance reimbursements, for two years for a Mower County Holistic Treatment Program contingent upon the school district participation in the amount of \$70,000 per year and contingent upon a successful evaluation of the program after one year. The departments of corrections and human services along with the finance

committee shall set the criteria to measure the success of the program within the next two weeks. Motion carried.

Sheriff Terese Amazi reviewed the Financial Consultants Company, Inc. and Superior Billing, Inc. proposals for a pay to stay program for jail inmates.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang that, pursuant to MS 641.12, Mower County set a fee of \$20.00 per day for inmate payment of room and board effective April 1, 2004. In addition, to approve a full service contract with Financial Consultants Company, Inc. and Superior Billing, Inc. for billing and collection of said fees. Said contract subject to review and approval of the Mower County Attorney and shall include a sixty (60) day or less termination clause. Motion carried.

The building committee provided an update on the move of Veteran Services to the courthouse to the available space in the Extension offices. The move shall be completed on or about April 1, 2004.

Commissioner Cummings left the meeting briefly at 10:50 a.m. turning the meeting over to the Vice Chair Commissioner Tucker and returned at 10:57 a.m. and resumed chairing the meeting.

Margene Gunderson, Director of Community Health Services, presented to the Board the Annual Program Activity Summary.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve the "Family Planning Special Project" agreement between the Minnesota Department of Health and Mower County Community Health Services effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to amend the 2004 health budget to reflect a revenue increase for Family Planning Special Project Grant (01-449-452-5273) \$45,673. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the amendment to "Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Project Agreement" in the amount of \$4,459 between the Minnesota Department of Health and Mower County Community Health Services effective through August 31, 2004 and amend the 2004 health budget to reflect the \$4,459 revenue increase (01-449-454-5274). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve the agreement for completion of the Medicare Cost Report between Ramsey Badre & Associate, Inc. and Mower County Community Health Services in the amount of \$4,500 each year for 2004, 2005 and 2006. Motion carried.

Mike Hanson, County Engineer presented bid information received for SAP 50-598-003.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to award the bid for SAP 50-598-003 to Hi-Tech Rebuilders, LLC with a low bid of \$11,995.00 and have them commence the project. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor and County Engineer.

Date: February 24, 2004

Res. #25-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 24, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the County of Mower has applied to the commissioner of transportation for a grant from the Minnesota Transportation Fund for the construction/reconstruction of County Bridge No. 277 over the Upper Iowa River and;

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$11,995.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the County of Mower does hereby affirm that any cost of the bridge in excess of the grant will be appropriated from the funds available to the County of Mower, and that any grant monies appropriated for the bridge but not required, based on the final estimate, shall be returned to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund.

Passed and approved this 24th day of February, 2004.

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to set \$2,900/acre as the cost on SAP 050-636-003 for acquisition of right of way. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to set the project letting date for CP 50-04-08 to March 29, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of the County Highway Department and awarded at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting on April 6, 2004. Motion carried.

Date: February 24, 2004

Res. #26-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 24, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 169.87, Seasonal Load Restrictions and 163.02, Subdivision 3, Load Restrictions, the following described County State Aid Highways and County Roads within Mower County, Minnesota, are hereby restricted to a maximum axle load as noted below, that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to impose weight and load restrictions on any highway under County Jurisdiction during the calendar year of 2004 and the County Engineer be hereby authorized to erect proper signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of these described roads. All restrictions shall become effective when appropriate signs are erected.

Six Tons Per Axle

- C.S.A.H. No. 5 - From T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. No. 7
- C.S.A.H. No. 6 - From C.S.A.H. No. 19 to C.S.A.H. No. 9 south
- C.S.A.H. No. 9 - Iowa State Line to C.S.A.H. No. 6
- C.S.A.H. No. 10 - From C.S.A.H. No. 1 north to County Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 11 - From T.H. No. 56 to East County Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 18 - From C.S.A.H. No. 7 to Iowa State Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From Rose Creek to C.S.A.H. No. 46
- C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From C.S.A.H. No. 6 to C.S.A.H. No. 5
- C.S.A.H. No. 20 - From C.S.A.H. No. 7 to 1 ½ miles west
- C.S.A.H. No. 22 - From T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. No. 19
- County Road No. 58 – From Co. Rd. 58 to T.H. 56
- County Road No. 61 – Austin north to C.S.A.H. No. 2

Seven Tons Per Axle

- C.S.A.H. No. 1 & 15 - C.S.A.H. No. 20 to C.S.A.H. No. 8
- C.S.A.H. No. 3 - From T.H. 56 to C.S.A.H. No. 8
- C.S.A.H. No. 4 - From West County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 29
- C.S.A.H. No. 6 - From C.S.A.H. No. 9 South to T.H. 56
- C.S.A.H. No. 8 - From C.S.A.H. No. 15 to Olmsted County Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 13 - Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 7
- C.S.A.H. No. 14 - From T.H. 56 to T.H. 16
- C.S.A.H. No. 20 - From North County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 46

C.S.A.H. No. 26 - From West County Line to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 27 - From West County Line to 1,595 ft. west of T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 28 - From West County Line to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. N. 36 - From C.S.A.H. No. 1 to C.S.A.H. No. 26
County Road No. 57 - From C.S.A.H. No. 16 to C.S.A.H. No. 20

Nine Tons Per Axle

C.S.A.H. No. 1 - From C.S.A.H. No. 36 to C.S.A.H. No. 20
C.S.A.H. No. 1 & 10 - From C.S.A.H. No. 2 to C.S.A.H. No. 15
C.S.A.H. No. 2 - From T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. No. 25
C.S.A.H. No. 2 - From C.S.A.H. No. 16 to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. No. 2 - From C.S.A.H. No. 20 to East County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 3 - From T.H. 218 to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. No. 4 - From C.S.A.H. No. 29 to C.S.A.H. No. 7
C.S.A.H. No. 5 - From West County Line to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 5 - From C.S.A.H. No. 7 to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. No. 6 - From West County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 19
C.S.A.H. No. 7 - From Iowa State Line to C.S.A.H. No. 2 west
C.S.A.H. No. 8 - From T.H. 16 to C.S.A.H. No. 2
C.S.A.H. No. 16 - From Austin City Limits to C.S.A.H. No. 25
C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From C.S.A.H. No. 46 to C.S.A.H. No. 2
C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From C.S.A.H. No. 5 to T.H. 56 at Rose Creek
C.S.A.H. No. 20 - From Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 3
C.S.A.H. No. 21 - From C.S.A.H. No. 28 to T.H. 105
C.S.A.H. No. 25 - From C.S.A.H. No. 2 to C.S.A.H. No. 1
C.S.A.H. No. 27 - From 1,595 ft. west of T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. No. 45
C.S.A.H. No. 29 - From C.S.A.H. No. 4 to Austin City Limits
C.S.A.H. No. 45 South - From T.H. 218 to Austin City Limits
C.S.A.H. No. 45 North - From Interstate 90 to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 46 East - From 28 St. N.E. exit to C.S.A.H. No. 20
C.S.A.H. No. 46 West - From Freeborn County Line to I-90
County Road No. 51 - From C.S.A.H. No. 21 to T.H. 105
County Road No. 52 - From C.S.A.H. No. 4 to T.H. 56
County Road No. 58 - From Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 3
County Road No. 59 - From West end to C.S.A.H. No. 13
County Road No. 60 - From C.S.A.H. No. 20 east

Ten Tons Per Axle

C.S.A.H. No. 14 - From T.H. 56 to T.H. 15

Five Tons Per Axle

All other County State Aid Highways and County Roads of Mower County, Minnesota, not covered by the foregoing 6, 7, 9 & 10 ton per axle restrictions.

Passed and approved this 24th day of February, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the bi-monthly bills for immediate payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
162.18	AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	112.08	KAREN ANTHONISEN
100.00	ASSOC. OF MN EMERGENCY MGRS	150.00	AT&T CORP SUBPOENA MANAGEM
1148.06	AUSTIN DRUG, INC	4306.04	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:
283.80	AVAYA COMMUNICATION	299.00	PATRICIA BALL
496.38	BOB BARKER COMPANY	550.10	BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA,
276.51	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	1984.46	CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC
248.24	CITICORP VENDOR FINANCE INC	295.00	DAMEL CORPORATION
1223.79	DTI	258.14	EXECUTEAM
289.84	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS	490.00	FINANCE & COMMERCE
472.96	FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY	100.00	GOLDEN AGE CENTER
126.48	DR GUY	979.73	HARTY MECHANICAL INC
275.99	J & K WINONA	792.10	JAKOBSON DRUG & HALLMARK
261.26	K MART	286.03	LASER LANE
736.88	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES INC	236.40	LYNN PEAVEY CO
180.00	MAAO	127.79	MENARDS - ROCHESTER SOUTH
496.95	METRO SALES, INC.	294.48	MIDTOWN AUTO CLINIC
860.79	MIDWEST WIRELESS	1055.08	MIDWEST WIRELESS COMM,LLC
210.00	MINNESOTA ASSOC COUNTY ADMIN.	554.25	MITCHELL COUNTY REGIONAL HE
160.00	MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	159.00	MOWER COUNTY RED CROSS
126.48	DOUG MYERS	1936.56	NELCOM CORPORATION
159.96	NEW AVENUE INDUSTRIES, INC.	278.00	OWATONNA PEOPLES PRESS
250.00	PARENTING RESOURCE CENTER, INC	104.40	PRESTO-X-COMPANY INC
584.03	QWEST	900.00	ROGER L CARTEN, PH.E.
2655.18	SCHILLING PAPER COMPANY	19680.00	SHERIFF MITCHELL COUNTY
407.90	SMYTH COMPANIES, INC	958.50	SPHERION CORPORATION
2492.89	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	5740.00	STEELE COUNTY DETENTION CEN
831.45	U OF M OFFICE OF STUDENT FINAN	192.60	UHL COMPANY INC
2864.16	US BEST FOOD & SERVICES MANAGE	123.69	MARGY VOSS
350.72	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	3526.11	WEST GROUP
4577.14	WHITEWATER WIRELESS, INC		
	42 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	1,990.90	
GENERAL FUND		\$71,770.46	* TOTAL

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
657.00	AMERICINN HOTEL & SUITES-MOUND	5665.00	NEAL ANDERSON
601.45	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC	266.25	CARNEY AUTO, INC.
170.76	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	392.00	DEXTER LP, INC
452.63	DIAMOND MOWERS, INC.	230.85	MUNCILITE EMERGENCY AUTOMOT
113.68	ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES	2217.56	HANSON TIRE SERVICE
278.42	HARTY MECHANICAL, INC.	199.02	CONVEYORS, HOSE
6290.75	JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.	449.43	L & M BOILER SYSTEMS, INC.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

497.36 LEEF BROS., INC.	127.36 LEES LOCK SECURITY SERVICES
168.81 MANTEK	672.08 MENARDS - ROCHESTER SOUTH
400.00 OSMUNDSON BROS. CONTRACTORS, I	128.90 PRESTO-X-COMPANY INC
125.02 QWEST	471.77 REED CONSTRUCTION DATA
740.66 SMYTH COMPANIES, INC	162.69 ULVEN'S ACE HARDWARE
157.33 USEM, INC.	415.67 ZIEGLER, INC
20 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	970.13
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$23,022.58 * TOTAL
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
314.00 WALLACE BUSTAD	22633.86 CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC
915.90 CENTRAL STATES WIRE PROD	4336.25 IVERSON HAULING
545.00 OVERHEAD DOOR OF ALBERT LEA, I	
1 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	22.50
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	\$28,767.51 * TOTAL
DITCH FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
353.45 OBERT HALDORSON	736.00 JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.
125.00 MINNESOTA VIEWERS ASSOCIATION	
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00
DITCH FUND	\$1,214.45 * TOTAL
FAMILY CONNECTIONS	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
562.99 MIDWEST WIRELESS	
1 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	5.90
FAMILY CONNECTIONS	\$568.89 * TOTAL
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FINAL TOTAL.....	\$125,343.89

Date: February 24, 2004

Res. #27-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 24, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS Mower County is a member in good standing of the Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board, and

WHEREAS the Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board operates under bylaws effective May 5, 1987,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners approves the following changes to the bylaws of the Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board:

1. Under the first paragraph of the bylaws, insert the word "and" after Winona.
2. Under Roman numeral I., Part A. Composition, strike "nine counties" and replace with "member counties."

3. Under Roman numeral I., Part C. Operating Procedures, first paragraph, strike the words "five member" and replace with "a simple majority of member counties."
4. Accept suggested addition to "III. Amendments": "Other counties may become a party to this Agreement upon approval of a 2/3 majority of the Board entitled to vote. Any new members will sign a signature page indicating their agreement to comply with and be fully obligated and bound by the terms of this Agreement. Existing members shall not be required to re-sign the Agreement. Additions to the membership of the Board will be viewed as powers of the board and will not follow the above Amendment procedure. "
5. Accept suggested change: "VI. Financial Obligation of Participating Counties, strike the second paragraph and replace with "Each member county agrees to undertake an annual financial commitment to support the administrative activities of the Board. The amount of each County's dues will be determined each year as part of the budget approval process."

Passed and approved this 24th day of February, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the Personal Service Agreement with Brian Anderson for the operation of the groomer on the snowmobile trails. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to authorize the Chair to sign the Highway Easement in relation to S.A.P. 50-608-022 along C.S.A.H. No. 8 and the Highway Easement in relation to C.S.A.H. No. 14. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to ratify the union contract changes with LELS Local #81 for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006 as presented by the County's Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to ratify the final union contract item pertaining to the prescription drug card with AFSCME Local #2566. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings provided a Jail Study Committee update. The committee had concluded the public hearings except the KSMQ question and answer session scheduled for March 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. until March 2, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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