

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 6, 2004

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 6, 2004 at 1:00 p.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

The Chair greeted area high school students participating in County Government Day.

Tammy Bure, Dispatcher, was recognized as employee of the month.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to refer the request of Jason Hoerter for a refund of permit fees for zoning, ISTS and well to the Finance Committee for recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve the minutes of March 2, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to authorize filling a vacant Jailer position. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to allow County employees to participate in the Take your Son/Daughter to Work program on April 22, 2004. The child may be in the work place only for half a day in the afternoon. All children participating must be in 5th Grade or higher. Motion carried.

Date: April 6, 2004

Res. #33-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Ellingson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 6, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the public has asked government, including counties, to search for ways to reduce government expenditures and limit taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County Personnel Committee has reviewed an option to combine the offices of Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder that indicates a reduction in government expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the combination can be achieved by changing the offices of Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder from elective to appointive; and

WHEREAS, MS 375A.12 authorizes the voters to decide this issue upon passage of a resolution by the County Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners in its ongoing effort to achieve efficiencies in county government place the elected/appointed issue as a referendum question to be decided by the voters of Mower County.

Passed and approved this 6th day of April, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

At this time a Public Hearing was held regarding an amendment to Mower County Code Section 14 to add sections pertaining to wind energy construction requirements.

The Board and public had discussion in regard to the required setbacks and rotor lengths.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to table the Public Hearing in regard to amending the Mower County Code Section 14 to add sections pertaining to wind energy construction requirements until April 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

The following bids were received in regard to CP 50-004-008, precast concrete box culvert on March 29, 2004:

Swenke Co. Inc.	\$179,070.00
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Minnowa Construction, Inc.	183,200.00
Koch, Inc.	193,591.00
Midwest Contracting, LLC	195,510.00
Sorenson Bros., Inc.	220,791.00

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang to award the bid on CP 50-004-008 to Swenke Construction, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to set a letting date of May 3, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. for SAP 50-599-094, Bridge No. 50J74 to be awarded May 4, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to set a letting date of May 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. for SAP 50-636-003, CSAH No. 36 from CSAH No. 26 to CSAH No.1 to be awarded May 11, 2004. Motion carried.

Date: April 6, 2004

Proclamation #01-04

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the mission of Mower County Public Health Nursing Service is to protect and promote good health and well-being by leading efforts and working with others to help ensure a safe and healthy community; and

WHEREAS, 25 of the 30 years of life expectancy gained by Americans over the past century were the direct result of advancements in public health; and

WHEREAS, the core functions of public health include promoting health, preventing disease, monitoring health status to identify, investigate and solve community health problems, educate and empower people about health issues, mobilize community partnerships and action to improve health, link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the use of population-based strategies for disease and injury prevention has contributed to the decline in heart disease, stroke, tobacco related diseases, infectious diseases and motor vehicle and workplace injuries.

WHEREAS, despite this, the problems of obesity and diabetes continue to escalate;

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is an opportunity to educate Mower County residents that obesity and diabetes are among the top public health problems of today and are strongly associated with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, asthma, and arthritis;

WHEREAS, April 5th-11th, 2004, National Public Health Week, is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of public health staff and the significant contribution of public health activities toward maintaining a healthy community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners declares April 5th-11th, 2004, to be Public Health Week throughout Mower County and urges everyone in the community to recognize the importance of good public health.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

At this time a Public Hearing was held in regard to amending the Mower County Individual Sewage Treatment System Ordinance.

Two people spoke in regard to the proposed amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to table the Public Hearing in regard to amending the Mower County Individual Sewage Treatment System Ordinance to April 27, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to increase Mower County's participation in the Minnesota Community Capital Fund (MCCF) by depositing an additional \$40,000.00 of county funds and to request a matching amount of \$40,000.00 by the City of Austin and Development Corporation of Austin funds into the MCCF Loan Fund Escrow Account. Motion carried.

Date: April 6, 2004

Res. #34-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Ellingson, seconded by Lang, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 6, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County is experiencing jail overcrowding; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board of Commissioners established a Jail Committee to review options to resolve this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Jail Committee in their review noted other related building issues that impact public safety and has made a recommendation to build a Criminal Justice Center involving the jail, law enforcement, courts and the County Attorney and to build offsite on property suitable for expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board of Commissioners and the Jail Committee have held five public informational meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners adopt the recommendations of the Jail Committee to build a new facility on a "greenfield" location subject to the ability of the County to fund the construction; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, to commission a cost feasibility study to provide a sound estimate on the cost of this facility with said study to include construction costs and operational costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost feasibility study also include cost estimates and options on the use or non-use of the courthouse as it relates to future office space needs of all remaining county functions except Highway and Environmental Services.

Passed and approved this 6th day of April, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to amend the 2004 Solid Waste budget by \$1,000.00 to install a chain link fence. Motion carried.

Date: April 6, 2004

Res. #35-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Ellingson, seconded by Lang, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 6, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Minnesota requires that Minnesota's counties develop a Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Minn. Stat. 115A.46:

115A.417, Minn. Stat. 115A.551 subds. 6-7; 115A.552, 115.557, subd. 2-3, 115A.63; Minn. Stat. 115A.84; Minn. Stat. 115A.914, Minn. Stat. 115A.96 subd. 6-7; Minn. Stat. 115A.97, and all applicable statutes and rules; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties recognize the need to plan for and practice environmentally sound methods of managing their solid waste stream;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the legislature of the State of Minnesota enacted legislation to allow Solid Waste Management Plans to be approved for (10) Ten year period, and

WHEREAS, Mower County received approval for their updated Solid Waste Management Plan from the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance on July 10, 2002, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance extend their approval of this plan from the approved (5) five years to the (10) ten year period through July 9, 2012, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mower County agrees to maintain and implement the Plan Update as required by Minn. Rules and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board submits this request to the Director of the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance for approval pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and rules.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2004 by the Mower County Board of Commissioners.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to authorize the Environmental Services Director to set the hours for Household Hazardous Waste collection as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. until April 13, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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