

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 20, 2004

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session July 20, 2004 at 10:30 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 summarized the events and information regarding the relocation of the Mower County Health and Human Services.

County Coordinator Craig Oscarson publicly reviewed his memo to the Mower County Board of Commissioners dated July 20, 2004 regarding lease options for the relocation of Mower County Health and Human Services.

Mayor Bonnie Reitz addressed the Board concerning a passed and adopted City Resolution that would assist the County in their costs in relocating to the Oak Park Mall in the space commonly known as JC Penney and requesting that the County provide an entrance to the space from the interior of the mall. The City would assist in the construction costs of providing such an entrance.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize up to 10 employees in Public Health and Human Services to telecommute on a voluntary basis effective on or after August 1, 2004. The employee sign-up period shall expire on July 26, 2004 and the County requests a one year minimum commitment. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to authorize the chair to sign a lease agreement with the Development Corporation of Austin for 19,176 square feet of property at the Oak Park Mall commonly known as the JC Penney store. The lease cost to the county shall not exceed \$15,102.22 per month and is limited to 5 years with annual extensions up to 5 additional years. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to accept the City of Austin's demand to add an interior mall entrance to the remodeling plan for Health and Human Services at Oak Park Mall on the condition that all extra costs shall be paid by the City of Austin. The costs and conditions are:

1. Monthly lease cost for entrance and associated corridor for life of County lease.
2. All construction costs of entrance and associated corridor.
3. Prorated share on monthly recurring costs including but no limited to: utilities, insurance, maintenance, security, etc.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to set the letting date for the Belleman's Addition Sewer and Water to August 16, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of the County Highway Department and awarded at the next scheduled County Board of Commissioner's meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. until July 27, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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