

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 7, 2004

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session September 7, 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 Personnel Committee gave an update in regard to the retirement of the Law Librarian.

Representatives of Double K Specialty met with the Board to request a tax abatement for their business expansion in the City of Austin.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to direct staff to develop a Tax Abatement Policy including the number of years allowed and effective dates. The Commissioners voted as follows: Lang nay, Tucker nay, Hillier aye, Ellingson aye and Cummings aye. Motion carried 3 to 2.

The Finance Committee gave an update on the 2003 Audit and Exit Interview.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize the Chair to request a Public Audit Hearing by the end of 2004. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee gave an update on the 2005 Budget and Levy process.

At this time a Public Hearing was held in regard to CUP #672 of Paul and Patrick Stier to operate a sand and gravel pit.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, reviewed the request and Planning Commission recommendations.

No one spoke for or against CUP #672.

Date: September 7, 2004

Res. #73-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 7, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

The Mower County Planning Commission having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, Petition No. CUP #672 of Paul and Patrick Stier and to be issued pursuant to the Mower County Zoning Regulations for:

Operation of a sand and gravel pit.

Location: NW ¼ Exc. 2.6 Ac. N Twp. Rd on South & Exc. 12.65 Ac. Bldg. Site, Section 22, Grand Meadow Township, T103N R15W, Mower County, Minnesota.

Notice having been duly given and a hearing held September 7, 2004, on said petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. A Restoration Bond or Cashier's Check of \$3,500 (\$2,000 Restoration Bond for the first acre, plus \$750 for each additional acre or part of an acre) must be posted with the County Auditor valid for the life of the pit.
2. Comply with Article IV Excavation of Earth Products of the Mower County Code.
3. Owner must contact the Mower County SWCD regarding the Wetland Conservation Act and provide the County a copy of one of the following:
 - a. A "No Loss Determination" (no wetlands on site).
 - b. A "Wetland Exemption" (the act does not apply).
 - c. A "Wetland Replacement Plan" approval.
4. Owner must provide a copy to the County of an Erosion Control Plan for the site by working with the Mower County SWCD or by hiring a private contractor.
5. Owner must use a "Truck Hauling" sign when hauling and follow requirements of the MN Department of Transportation.
6. No fuel storage is allowed in the pit.

This permit is in accordance with Section 14-51(i) of the Mower County Code.

Passed and approved this 7th day of September, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: September 7, 2004

Res. #73-04a

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

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 September 7, 2004 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County, through its Human Services Department, has operated a public transportation system known as Mower County Transit for the benefit of all county residents since 1995; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has appropriated funds for use by Mower County in the acquisition and construction of a public transit facility in Mower County in order to improve the quality and accessibility of transit services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has approved Mower County's plan for use of the funds and has assisted with the application process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners agree to enter into an Agreement with MNDOT for administration of the grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mower County agrees to provide a local share of 20% of total capital costs of the project.

Passed and approved this 7th day of September, 2004.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve Final Payment to Minnowa Construction in the amount of \$42,827.48 for SAP 50-605-012. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the minutes of August 24, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve immediate payment to the Mower County Ag Society in the amount of \$59,286.89 for prior approved building improvement projects. Motion carried.

Representatives from the Parenting Resource Center met with the Board to request funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the Families And Schools Together (FAST) program.

Dated: September 7, 2004

Res. #74-04

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted at a meeting held September 7, 2004, at the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County is scheduled to participate in the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program, (PMAP), effective January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has issued a Request for Proposals from providers; and

WHEREAS, Mower County staff have reviewed the proposals received and communicated with DHS and staff from other counties regarding the providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mower County Board of Commissioners accepts the proposals from Blue Plus, Metropolitan Health Plan and UCare Minnesota to move forward with the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program with access beginning January 1, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of the Metropolitan Health Plan proposal is subject to obtaining Department of Health licensure by the date imposed by DHS, but prior to January 1, 2005.

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

At this time Justin Hanson was introduced to the Board. Justin is a Resource Specialist for the Mower County Soil and Water District.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. until September 14, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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