

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

January 4, 2005

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session January 4, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Craig Oscarson, Clerk of the County Board, took nominations for Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to nominate Raymond Tucker as 2005 Chairperson. The Clerk asked for further nominations and hearing none, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chair took nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to nominate David Hillier as 2005 Vice-Chairperson. The Chair asked for further nominations and hearing none, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chair made the following 2005 Committee appointments:

SEMCAC	Tucker/Lang
Finance & Purchasing	Lang/Cummings
Personnel	Tucker/Hillier
Buildings & Grounds	Cummings/Ellingson
Solid Waste	Ellingson/Hillier
Planning	Hillier/Lang (alternate)
County Extension	Tucker/Ellingson
Court System	Lang/Cummings
Airport & Zoning	Hillier/Tucker
Law Library	Cummings
Water Quality Joint Powers Board	Ellingson/Cummings
Interstate Trail Committee	Hillier/Lang
Community Health Services	Hillier/Cummings (alternate)
EMS Joint Powers Board	Tucker

Human Services AMC Board	Ellingson/Cummings (alternate)
JT. PA Board (PIC)	Tucker
RC & D	Cummings
Austin Development Corporation	Lang
County Board of Health	All Commissioners
Road & Bridge Committee	All Commissioners
LEC Advisory Committee	Lang/Cummings
District 9 Juvenile Detention	Ellingson
Ordinance Committee	Hillier/Cummings
Family Connections	Ellingson/Lang
Regional Housing	Tucker/Hillier
SEMREX Joint Powers Board	Cummings
Austin Library Board (no vote)	Tucker
SCHSAC	Cummings/Tucker (alternate)
City/County Joint Issues (monthly meeting)	Hillier/Ellingson
Apex	Lang
Jail	All Commissioners
Energy Task Force	Ellingson / Hillier (alternate)
Transit Board (AMCAT)	Ellingson/Lang

Date: January 4, 2005

Res. #01-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor be authorized to make the following expenditures from the County General Revenue Funds. Payment in full to be made for all appropriations under \$5,000.00. All appropriations over \$5,000.00 to be disbursed quarterly.

CATEGORY:

HUMAN SERVICES

Lyle Senior Citizens.....	\$600.00
LeRoy Senior Citizens	\$600.00
Grand Meadow Senior Citizens	\$600.00
Brownsdale Seniors	\$600.00
Sargeant Seniors.....	\$600.00
Mower County Senior Citizens.....	\$30,000.00
The Welcome Center	\$5,000.00

ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING

Mower County Soil & Water	\$132,537.00
Agricultural Society	\$26,257.00
Historical Society	\$33,360.00
SEMN Water Resource Board	\$3,100.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development Corp. of Austin	\$31,200.00
Development Corp. of Grand Meadow	\$4,000.00
Development Corp. of LeRoy	\$4,000.00
Development Corp. of Lyle	\$800.00
Development Corp. of Adams	\$1,600.00
Development Corp. of Brownsdale	\$800.00

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to allocate \$10,000.00 for minor repairs to the Mower County Agricultural Society in two equal installments in January and July. Motion carried.

Date: January 4, 2005

Res. #02-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted at a meeting held January 4, 2005 at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Mower County, Minnesota to appoint the following persons as Mower County Delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties for 2005: Commissioner David Hillier, Commissioner Ray Tucker, Commissioner Richard Cummings, Commissioner Dick Lang, Commissioner Garry Ellingson and County Coordinator Craig Oscarson. There are two vacancies for AMC Delegates, which will be filled at a later date.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2005.

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following fees were set for 2005 liquor license fees:

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| 1. | On Sale | \$2,160.00 |
| 2. | Sunday On Sale | 240.00 |
| 3. | Wine | 240.00 |
| 4. | Bottle Club (C&D) | 240.00 |
| 5. | Beer On Sale | 72.00 |

Motion carried.

Date: January 4, 2005

Res. #03-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners January 4, 2005 at a meeting at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED That the County Auditor be allowed to pay various incidental expenses including: utilities, telephone, juror and witness fees approved by the Court, request by a Judge for immediate payment, postage, license fees, jail food contract payments, payments for travel advances, costs associated with travel and conferences when pre-payment is required, credit card payments when necessary to avoid late penalties and charges, payments from the Canteen Fund not to exceed \$2,000 and only from the capital outlay line item, except in cases where the Auditor considers the sum to be excessive, in which case he shall file the bill for action by the County Board at its regular monthly meeting. All claims for reimbursement must be submitted to the County Auditor within 6 months of occurrence in order to qualify for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor be allowed to pay partial contract payments provided a signed legal contract is on file, the County Engineer has approved the payment for work completed and that the payment is not a final payment on a contract.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2005.

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Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang to set the dangerous dog certificate fee for 2005 at \$150.00 per certificate. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to set the Tobacco License Fee for 2005 at \$75.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to set the 2005 dance license fees as follows:

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| 1. | Public Dance | \$100.00 |
| 2. | Public Barn Dance | 55.00 |
| 3. | Public Single Dance | 40.00 |

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to set the 2005 Fireworks Display Permit at \$50.00. Motion carried.

Date: January 4, 2005

Res. #04-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted at a meeting held January 4, 2005 at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED; That Gene Muchow be re-appointed as Mower County Health Officer for the year 2005;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the medical officer shall receive \$1,300.00 per year plus expenses upon receipt of an itemized and verified bill for said expenses.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve the following miscellaneous bills for immediate payment:

Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust	\$419,403.00
Rural MN Energy Task Force	2,000.00
Mower County Historical Society	833.00

Payment to the Mower County Historical Society is subject to documentation of expenses incurred for repairs on the Fire Museum. Motion carried.

The following quotes were received for the legal newspaper for 2005:

Austin Daily Herald	\$2.50 per column inch
The LeRoy Independent	2.65 per column inch

Date: January 4, 2005

Res. #05-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Austin Daily Herald, a daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Austin in Mower County, Minnesota, with general circulation in Mower County, as the newspaper in which the notice and list of real estate remaining delinquent on the first business day in January 2005, the Financial Statement of the year 2004 and the proceedings of the County Board of said County for the year 2005 shall be published and the same is hereby accepted as per quote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LeRoy Independent be awarded as the secondary county newspaper in which the proceedings of the annual meeting, the County Board of Equalization and 2003 Financial Statement shall be published.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to set the 2005 mileage reimbursement rate at twenty-seven cents (\$0.27) per mile. The mileage

reimbursement rate for specially equipped vehicles is set at forty-seven cents (\$0.47) per mile and the reimbursement rate for private aircraft at fifty-three cents (\$0.53) per mile. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the minutes of December 15, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to deny the following applications of abatement of penalty and interest on taxes payable in 2004:

1. B&J Bar, parcel number 34.100.2140;
2. Neal Nicol, parcel number 34.594.0010 and 34.594.0040; and
3. My Tierra, Inc., parcel number 34.001.1045.

The basis for denial is consistency with current policy and practice by the County Board and the recommendation of the County Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to appoint Kristine Allas and Annita Mittelsted to the Senior Advisory Council for three year terms. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize the County Assessor to sign a contract with Vanguard to purchase additional modules for appraising agricultural buildings and performing remote edit functions. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to authorize the Chair to sign an amended agreement with the State of Minnesota for the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Grant. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lang was excused from the meeting (2:20 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to authorize the Chair and Engineer to sign a letter to area legislators in regard to funding shortfalls for transportation and to request legislative support for increased transportation funding. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. until January 11, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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