

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

October 25, 2005

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session October 25, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

GENERAL:

Commissioner Lang moved and Commissioner Ellingson seconded to authorize application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs for Methamphetamine Treatment funds for Calendar year 2006 and 2007 in the amount of \$50,000 per year. Funds awarded will be used to purchase treatment services for high risk individuals from Austin Medical Center. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ellingson moved and Commissioner Hillier seconded to utilize CREST funds to pay the costs of prescription co-pays for Mower County clients placed in Intensive Residential Treatment in order to facilitate the proper administration of medications and reduce administrative time and expense expended in collecting small sums. (\$3 to \$18 person) Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Lang seconded to authorize the Chair to sign letters to Senators Coleman and Dayton and Representative Gutknecht in opposition to proposed cuts in Medicaid funding for case management of persons with mental illness. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lang moved and Commissioner Hillier seconded to reject a request from Sheriffs Youth Programs of Minnesota for a 4% rate increase for calendar year 2006 for juveniles placed in the Halstenson Program. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hillier moved and Commissioner Cummings 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.

Date: October 25, 2005

Res. #77-05

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 October 25, 2005 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 October 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005 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 October 2005 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 October 2005 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 25th day of October, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: October 25, 2005

Res. #78-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ellingson , seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 25, 2005 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 October 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all assistance payments authorized by Director Actions and issued during the month of October 2005 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 October 2005 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 October 2005 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 25th day of October, 2005.

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Dennis Zwiener, Engineering Technician, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to adjourn the meeting 10:09 a.m. to the County Ditch Board. Motion carried.

The special session of the Mower County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 10:37 a.m. following the conclusion of the County Ditch Board meeting.

Mike Hanson, County Engineer, presented professional service proposals for aerial photography of the county a vital part of the GIS project.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to award the aerial photography project to Mark Hurd of Maple Grove, Minnesota with a low bid of \$68,000 and have the project commence. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor and County Engineer.

Mike Hanson updated the Board concerning the Dexter and CSAH 2 construction projects.

A road trip to view the 2005 highway projects was set for Monday, November 7, 2005 leaving from the highway department at 8:30 a.m.

Mike Hanson provided an update on the radio tower project indicating that the site was ready for the tower to be constructed.

Donna Welsh, Finance Director, briefly summarized the monthly investment report for the Commissioners indicating that there are some projects coming due in which there is a need to establish available cash for the projects without a need to sell anything additional and that the county is meeting its budget goals.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, reviewed a proposed credit card policy drafted by the Finance Director. The State Auditor's allows the use of credit cards with an established policy.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang to adopt the Mower County Credit Card Policy effective October 25, 2005. A copy of the policy is on file in the office of the County Coordinator. Motion carried.

Meri Jo Lonergan and Normal Nelson, residents of Lyle, made a plea to the Mower County Board of Commissioners that an outside "unbiased" investigator be assigned to investigate their complaints of voter fraud. The residents are aware that the

outcome of the referendum can no longer be overturned. Ms. Lonergan and Ms. Nelson presented to the Board signed petitions for "immediate, expeditious investigation, by an unbiased investigator, of the complaints of irregular balloting of the recent school bond balloting and other irregularities previously reported to the Mower County Attorney and the Mower County Sheriff." It is their desire to see that the alleged voting irregularities be avoided in future referendums and that voter confidence restored. Ms. Lonergan and Ms. Nelson gave some examples of the alleged irregularities in voting during the bond vote.

The County Auditor and County Attorney noted that all previous complaints had been investigated and did not result in any charges. They would investigate any new complaints. The County Attorney further clarified that complaints need detail in terms of names, dates, and further details on the particular event. It was also noted the County Board does not have authority over the Attorney or Auditor on this issue. No action was taken by the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang to amend the 2005 Emergency Management Budget for the acceptance of a \$30,000 grant award from the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of equipment. Motion carried.

Date: October 25, 2005

Res. #79-05

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 October 25, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has been the project manager for Shooting Star Recreational Trail; and

WHEREAS, the trail has been partially completed from LeRoy, Minnesota to Adams, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the trail has a final destination point in Austin, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Shooting Star Trail is on the State Trail System and provides quality community recreation links in Mower County; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the trail there is a need for State funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners requests the State of Minnesota to include \$3.9 million in the bonding bill in order to complete the Shooting Star Trail.

Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2005.

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Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the minutes of October 11, 2005. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the bi-monthly bills for immediate payment:

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
983.17	ADAMS DRUG	290.00	ALCOPRO
100.87	AUSTIN DRUG, INC	1761.39	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:
319.50	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN	221.69	BOB BARKER COMPANY
1744.48	BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC	104.14	BUNDY AUTO PARTS
200.00	CARNEY AUTO, INC.	1949.46	CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC
132.50	CREDIT BUREAU	1167.00	DELL MARKETING L.P.
822.12	DANIEL DONNELLY LAW FIRM	352.55	DTI
2882.21	MUNCILITE EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE	120.41	FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY
284.67	FOX ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC	6200.00	GRAY & MALACKO LAW OFFICES
600.00	HARTY MECHANICAL INC	219.00	CAMPOS HERRERA
518.45	J & K WINONA	13252.35	JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.
120.19	K MART	1794.66	KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCE,
570.00	EVAN LARSON	731.93	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES
382.75	MARSHALL MEDICAL SYSTEMS & EQU	862.84	MEDDIRECT
1341.99	MIDWEST WIRELESS	284.35	MINNESOTA CONTINUING LEGAL
9384.29	MINNESOTA COUNTIES COMPUTER CO	250.00	MINNESOTA COUNTY ATTORNEYS
2339.26	MN DEPT EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC	3469.96	PARAGON PRINTING & MAILING
684.30	PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC.	335.62	QWEST
1291.70	RS EDEN INC	505.54	SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY
240.00	SHERIFF FILLMORE COUNTY	126.00	SHERIFF RAMSEY COUNTY
240.41	SMYTH COMPANIES INC	1875.00	PAUL SPYHALSKI
150.00	CJIS STATE OF MINN	9672.50	UNIV OF MINN EXTENSION
547.42	VWR SCIENTIFIC	350.72	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEAS
	36 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	1,670.75	
GENERAL FUND		\$73,448.14	* TOTAL

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
8806.00	AAA STRIPING SERVICE COMPANY	894.60	ABOVE ALL CLEANING, INC
288.96	BEST WESTERN KELLY INN ST CLOU	128.00	BRHB, INC
122.51	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	372.75	DAMEL CORPORATION
125.96	DELL MARKETING L P	1004.22	DIAMOND MOWERS, INC.
104.95	MUNCILITE EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE	497.82	ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES
687.50	FERRELLGAS-AUSTIN	170.00	HANSON TIRE OF AUSTIN INC
522.00	HODGMAN DRAINAGE CO, INC	238.40	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS
123.58	J & K WINONA	266.63	J-CRAFT, DIV. OF CRYSTEEL
5250.00	JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.	155.37	KTEE SAFETY GEAR, INC

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

435.55 LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	181.90 LEEF BROS., INC.
1275.69 M-R SIGN COMPANY, INC.	1247.70 METEORLOGIX, LLC
1597.50 MILLERBERND MFG. COMPANY	168.69 PETROBLEND CORP.
178.83 QWEST	139.73 RONCO ENGINEERING SALES,
312.81 DAVE SYVERSON FORD	4000.00 UAP TIMBERLAND, LLC
484.48 UNITED RENTALS NORTHWEST, INC	565.22 ZACK'S, INC.
332.81 ZIEGLER, INC	
16 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	665.90
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$31,346.06 * TOTAL
SOCIAL SERVICE FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
1 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	63.00
SOCIAL SERVICE FUND	\$63.00 * TOTAL
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
25596.30 CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC	1233.27 CENTRAL STATES WIRE PROD
875.00 FOX ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC	6036.60 IVERSON HAULING
130.00 KAUS RADIO	2755.02 KESTERS WELDING & SANDBLAST
348.74 MINNESOTA SUPPLY COMPANY	523.00 MOWER COUNTY SHOPPER
963.13 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SO MINNESO	
4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	136.08
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	\$38,597.14 * TOTAL
DITCH FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
186.16 EVANS PRINTING AND PUBLISHING,	371.68 REED CONSTRUCTION INFORMAT
1212.92 WESLEY TENNIS	
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00
DITCH FUND	\$1,770.76 * TOTAL
FAMILY CONNECTIONS	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
136.00 ANDREA FORTE	238.43 MIDWEST WIRELESS
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00
FAMILY CONNECTIONS	\$374.43 * TOTAL
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FINAL TOTAL.....	\$145,599.53

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve the following miscellaneous bill for immediate payment:

Southeastern Libraries Coop	\$4,504.50
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Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize the Mower County Sheriff to sign a notice of support for the application of the SE Minnesota Narcotics Task Force for grant funds from the Office of Justice Programs through 2006 Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) for multi-jurisdictional narcotics task forces for the 2006 grant year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to accept the donation from the United Way in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2006 mentoring program. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to rescind the motion made on January 4, 2005 pertaining to setting license fees for dance permits. Motion carried. It was noted that the county hasn't collected any fees for dance permits in over 37 years.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize the Department of Public Health Nursing to schedule flu vaccinations for County employees. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. until November 1, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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