

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 13, 2005

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 13, 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 Hillier seconded to deny the appeal for a fee reduction of a parent whose child was placed out of the home. Case #374504. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Ellingson seconded to start a waiting list for child care assistance retroactive to November 1, 2005 based on lack of funds. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hillier moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve Department recommendation for payment in the amount of \$2,544.34 to Cedar House for services rendered but not authorized. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ellingson moved and Commissioner Lang seconded to authorize the Chair and the Director to sign the following Purchase of Service Agreements:

- a. Wapiti Meadows Community Tech. & Services – approve amendment to Mental Health Contract, effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007.
- b. Wapiti Meadows Community Tech. & Services – approve contract for Mental Health Children's Therapeutic Supports & Services, effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.
- c. Helping Hands Home Care of Minnesota, Inc. – approve contract for Home Health Services, effective December 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006.
- d. Austin Medical Center – renew contract for Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund, effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.
- e. Cedar House, Inc. – approve contract for Mental Health Services, effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Hillier 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.

SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIONS:

Commissioner Ellingson moved and Commissioner Lang seconded to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

INCOME MAINTENANCE ACTIONS:

Commissioner Hillier moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve the Income Maintenance Actions. Motion carried.

Lisa Cumber, Law Enforcement Center Communications Clerk, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

Retiring Charlene Blowers, Financial Worker, was recognized for her 32 years of service in Mower County.

At this time a Public Hearing was held in regard to the Mower County Election Equipment Plan.

Sherwood Vereide, County Auditor, presented to the board a brief summary of the plan that requires be adoption by the County Board

No one spoke for or against the Mower County Election Equipment Plan.

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #92-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the matter of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Equipment Plan for Mower County, Minnesota came on for hearing by the board of commissioners of Mower County, Minnesota, on December 13, 2005, at 10:05 A.M., for the purpose of public input on the proposed Mower County Election Equipment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Mower County, Minnesota, having heard the report of the County Auditor, all the persons and parties interested, both for and against the Mower County Election Equipment Plan, and all evidence produced by them, and having considered the same; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide for equality and uniformity in the elective process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has provided funding to each state to comply with the Help America Vote Act for the purchase of electronic voting equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Mower County adopts the Mower County Election Equipment Plan, and authorizes the County Auditor to forward the County Plan to the office of the Secretary of State, and to apply for the County's share of Federal funds being held contingent upon adoption of the Plan.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #93-05

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 December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the annual salaries for elected officials for Mower County, except County Commissioners, be set as follows for 2006:

- 1) County Attorney
as of 1/1/06\$81,533.30
as of 1/6/06.....84,560.53
- 2) County Auditor
as of 1/1/06.....\$62,265.42
- 3) County Recorder
as of 1/01/06.....\$60,360.14
as of 1/05/06.....62,265.42
- 4) County Sheriff

	as of 1/01/06	\$75,107.14
	as of 1/06/06.....	77,653.26
5)	County Treasurer	
	as of 1/01/06.....	\$56,550.42
	as of 1/06/06.....	\$56,550.42

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said salaries are set in a manner to be consistent with other Mower County employees and their pay equity evaluation system.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to set the 2006 non-union employees salaries at an increase of approximately three percent (3%) subject to the 2006 pay chart on file in the Mower County Human Resource Office and also approve step increases when employees are eligible on their anniversary dates. The three percent (3%) increase includes bailiffs and guards. In addition, the non-union employee's portion of family health insurance for the year 2006 is set at \$240.00 per month for the base plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, to set the elected official's portion of family health insurance for 2006 at \$240.00 per month for the base plan. Motion carried.

Mayor Reitz, appeared before the board to recognize that Mower County collected more food than the City of Austin during the annual City/County Food Drive competition for the local food shelf. Mower County will be receiving the plaque for display when completed. Nancy Clingman, the Mower County food drive coordinator, presented some food shelf statistics.

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #94-05

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 December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a per diem of forty dollars (\$40) be set for the following County Commissioner working committees:

- 1) Finance (budget meetings only)
- 2) Road and Bridge
- 3) Personnel (Monthly meeting, Union grievances and negotiations)
- 4) Ag Extension
- 5) Planning Commission
- 6) Community Health Services
- 7) RC & D
- 8) All State AMC Committees
- 9) AMC District IX
- 10) All Joint Powers Boards
- 11) Solid Waste Advisory
- 12) Building
- 13) Human Services Advisory (monthly meeting)
- 14) Feedlot Advisory
- 15) SEMCAC
- 16) EMS Joint Powers Board
- 17) PIC
- 18) Human Services/PMAP
- 19) All AMC and NACo Meetings and Conferences

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other previously stated non-county board working committees (Book U-49, U-53, U-233 & U-234) be forty dollars (\$40);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners salaries for 2006 be set at \$22,784.00 payable in bi-weekly installments.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

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By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #95-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the minimum salaries for elected officials for Mower County, except County Commissioners, be set as follows for 2007:

- 1) County Attorney.....\$63,367.82
- 2) County Auditor\$45,119.57
- 3) County Recorder\$45,119.57
- 4) County Sheriff.....\$57,285.07
- 5) County Treasurer\$45,119.57

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said salaries are set in a manner to be consistent with other Mower County employees and their pay equity evaluation system.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #96-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, MS 375A.10 Subd. 2(c) provides an option to consolidate the offices of the County Auditor and County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, MS 375A.10 Subd. 5 states in part "In any county exercising the option provided in subdivision 2, clause (c) the office shall be known thereafter as the office of auditor-treasurer, if the office is to remain elective."; and

WHEREAS, MS 375A.10 Subd. 5 states the board shall direct which of the offices of auditor or treasurer shall be terminated for the purpose of providing for the election to the single office of auditor-treasurer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions found in MS 375A.10 the offices of County Auditor and County Treasurer shall be consolidated effective January 1, 2007, the office shall thereafter be known as the Office of Auditor-Treasurer and the office shall remain elective; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the office of the County Treasurer shall be terminated on the effective date of the consolidation. The duties, functions and responsibilities which have been heretofore and which shall hereafter be required by statute to be performed by the County Auditor and County Treasurer shall be vested in and performed by the County Auditor-Treasurer without diminishing, prohibiting or avoiding those specific duties required by statute to be performed by the County Auditor and County Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minimum salary for the elected County Auditor-Treasurer for Mower County be set at \$45,119.57 for 2007.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve the minutes of November 22, 2005. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
481.55	ADAMS DRUG	145.00	AMERICAN TRANSLATORS ASSOCI
300.55	AMSTERDAM PRINTING AND LITHO	117.13	AUSTIN FORD LINCOLN-MERCURY
281.25	AUSTIN GED TEST CENTER	4817.20	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:
327.00	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC	420.43	BOB BARKER COMPANY
483.50	BUDGET OIL CO	384.31	CITY OF AUSTIN
1989.00	CLEAR CHANNEL RADIO	1250.00	CLINICAL & FORENSIC PSYCHOL
11302.60	DARCAN	962.50	MARTHA DIAZ
763.19	DANIEL DONNELLY LAW FIRM	2624.84	EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHOL

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

267.75 EVANS PRINTING AND PUBLISHING,	229.00 GALLS INC.
155.37 JOHN GRASS	29532.62 GRAY & MALACKO LAW OFFICES
737.23 HANSON TIRE OF AUSTIN INC	2860.63 HARTY MECHANICAL INC
841.35 HEMOCUE INC	348.68 J & K WINONA
828.85 JAKOBSON DRUG & HALLMARK SHOP	10470.50 JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.
385.02 K MART	1070.00 KAUS RADIO
1794.66 KEY MUNICIPAL FINANCE INC	180.00 EVAN LARSON
587.99 LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES INC	925.00 ROSEMARY LINDERMAN
800.00 MACO, COUNTY OFFICERS	486.24 MARTIN BROS
586.85 MASON CITY BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1458.00 MELCHERT HUBERT SJODIN
483.00 METRO SALES, INC.	174.53 MIDTOWN AUTO CLINIC
2000.00 MIDWEST THEATER CORPORATION	6180.45 MINNESOTA COUNTIES COMPUTER
102.54 MINNESOTA ELEVATOR, INC	164.00 MITCHELL COUNTY REGIONAL HE
16947.25 MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS STS	2614.15 MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TEC
850.00 NYSTROM SIGNS	3332.25 PARAGON PRINTING & MAILING
145.38 GAYLE PERKINS	155.83 ELLEN PETERSEN
626.25 PLUNKETT & ASSOCIATES INC	168.75 POST BULLETIN COMPANY
150.00 POSTMASTER	359.71 PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC.
200.00 PYRAMID CONCEPTS INC.	104.77 QUALIFICATION TARGETS
1179.04 RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL ROCHESTER	9622.00 BEVERLY ROJAS
1197.17 SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	1001.10 SERVICEMASTER CLEAN
180.00 SHERIFF FREEBORN COUNTY	23400.00 SHERIFF MITCHELL COUNTY
132.06 SMYTH COMPANIES INC	144.31 STAPLES CREDIT PLAN
9867.00 OFFICE STATE AUDITOR	117.30 STERLING STATE BANK
110.40 SUPERIOR FORD, INC	204.82 BILL SWEETSER
389.00 THOMPSON PUBLISHING GROUP	270.69 UNIFORMS UNLIMITED INC
195.10 DAN VERMILYEA	101.60 KEITH VOORHEES
395.23 VWR SCIENTIFIC	119.12 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SO MINN
885.90 WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	2347.08 WEST GROUP
44 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	2,309.19
GENERAL FUND	\$170,122.76 * TOTAL

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
297.30	ABRASIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	152.00	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:
144.30	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC	177.26	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN
15022.57	BISHOP EXCAVATING, INC	177.67	BOYER TRUCKS SO. ST. PAUL
179.42	CATCO	269.19	CITY OF AUSTIN
85252.06	CRYTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	116.55	DAVE'S PLUMBING & HEATING
532.39	DOUBLE K SPECIALTY, INC.	335.49	ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES
119.15	FASTENAL COMPANY	2310.00	TOM FERSON EXCAVATING CO.
475.00	FLINT HILLS RESOURCES, LP	328.68	FREEBORN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEP
166.56	GERALD FREIN	153.25	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS
220.86	INTERSTATE MOTOR TRUCKS, INC.	183.58	J & K WINONA
448.79	LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	122.34	LEEF BROS., INC.
122.94	LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC	339.87	NAPA AUTO PARTS
11392.88	OSMUNDSON BROS. CONTRACTORS, I	1464.22	PETROBLEND CORP.
156.70	PROLINE DIST., INC	192.72	CJ RAPIEN
303.00	REED CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION	221.44	RONCO ENGINEERING SALES,
392.35	MR. SAM COMMUNICATIONS	139.94	SHOPKO
1177.70	TERMINAL SUPPLY CO.	374.76	ZIEGLER, INC
330.00	JEFF ZWIENER		
15 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100		636.60	
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		\$124,429.53	* TOTAL

SOCIAL SERVICE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
	2 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	47.49	
SOCIAL SERVICE FUND		\$47.49	* TOTAL

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
750.00	WALLACE BUSTAD	1836.68	KESTERS WELDING & SANDBLAST

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608.67 M.J. O'CONNOR, INC.		11404.59 ONYX ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
192.00 THEISSEN SIGNS		483.54 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SO MINN	
5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100		205.00	
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND		\$15,480.48	* TOTAL
DITCH FUND			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
419.70	HATLE DRAINAGE & CONSTRUCTION,		
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100		.00	
DITCH FUND		\$419.70	* TOTAL
FAMILY CONNECTIONS			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
119.00	ANDREA FORTE	423.00	LAURA RAMIREZ
2 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100		94.79	
FAMILY CONNECTIONS		\$636.79	* TOTAL
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$311,136.75	***

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve the Amended and Restated 457b Government Plan Document for the deferred compensation plan. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve the County Auditor's request for duplicate warrant for original warrant #46761 dated February 25, 2005 to Dale Wicks in the amount of \$131.10 and for original warrant #49541 dated October 17, 2005 to Austin Leased Housing Associates in the amount of \$2,782.00. Motion carried

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, to approve "Family Planning Special Projects Agreement " in the amount of \$194,858.00 between the Minnesota Department of Health and Mower County Community Health Services ending June 30, 2007. Motion carried.

The Commission set a Special Board Meeting to be held on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. for the purposes of hearing a presentation regarding an Absolute Energy ethanol facility.

The Board recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:24.

The Mower County Board presented a plaque to Viril Layton for his dedicated and valuable service as Chair of the Austin Mower County Area Transit Board.

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #97-05

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2005 the Mower County Board of Commissioners adopted a preliminary tax levy and set meeting dates for public hearings on said levy and County Budget,

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2005, a public Truth in Taxation hearing was held with formal action to be taken on December 13, 2005,

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the 2006 net property tax levy was set at \$10,759,370.00,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2006 Departmental expenditure budgets which were used as the basis for the property tax levy certification and as approved by the County Finance Committee are hereby formally adopted and that the 2006 budget for the County is as follows:

EXPENSES		REVENUES	
General Government		Revenues- General Government	
Board of Commissioners	240,843	Tax Levy	6,109,400
Courts	63,151	State Formula Aid	1,403,041
Administration	436,517	Del Tax & Penalties, Mortgage Tax	106,000
County Auditor	144,937	Special Assessments	90,244
County Treasurer	234,032	License/Permits	27,120
County Assessor	415,533	Intergovernmental	2,686,142
Elections	113,410	Charges For Services	1,992,420
Data Processing	554,181	Fines & Forfeits	65,350
Attorney	673,657	Investment Income	980,988
Law Library	63,936	Miscellaneous	170,180
Recorder	217,356	Net Use of Reserves	1,456,032
Planning & Zoning	144,847	Total General Government	15,086,917
AMCAT	38,237		
Buildings & Plant	496,925	Highways & Streets	
Veterans Service Officer	118,093	Tax Levy	2,024,772
GIS	250,000	State Formula Aid	442,070
Accounting & Auditing	45,000	Intergovernmental	4,635,000
Cost Allocation	3,000	Permits	6,500
Central Services	86,122	Charges For Services	222,500
Total General Government	4,339,777	Miscellaneous	3,200
		Use of Reserves	
		Total Highway & Streets	7,334,042
Public Safety		Human Services	
Sheriff	1,914,688	Tax Levy	1,997,092
E-9-1-1	31,635	State Formula Aid	416,589
Sentence to Serve	34,000	Intergovernmental	4,380,761
Coroner	44,300	Charges For Services	597,993
County Jail	1,428,651	Use of Reserves	7,200
Community Corrections	755,991	Total Human Services	7,399,635
Civil Defense	31,410		
Law Enforcement Center	453,784		

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Flood	728,400
Other	61,913
Total Public Safety	5,484,772

Health	
Community Health Services	41,024
Nursing Service	1,116,758
Womens, Infant & Children	200,777
Health Officer	1,355
Maternal & Child Health	57,881
Environmental Health	192,441
Disease Prevention	164,450
Family Health	146,280
Total Health	1,920,966

Culture & Recreation	
Cultural Diversity	124,180
Historical Society	31,024
Senior Citizens	43,000
CHORE	35,000
Other	25,450
Total Culture & Recreation	258,654

Conservation of Natural Resources	
Cooperative Extension	137,103
Soil & Water Conservation	137,537
Feedlot	68,265
Agricultural Inspector	0
Agricultural Society	45,943
Water Planning	42,390
Total Conservation of Natural Resources	431,238

Economic Development	
Development Corporation	31,800
Total Economic Development	31,800

Capital Projects	1,787,327
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Unallocated	
Insurance	503,827
Contingency	316,556
Other	12,000
Total Unallocated	832,383

Total General Revenue Fund	15,086,917
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Sanitation	
Special Assessments	278,723
Intergovernmental	100,000
Charges For Services & Grants	182,100
Total Sanitation	560,823

Ditch	
Special Assessments	78,500
Interest	18,300
Use of Reserves	291,311
Total Ditch Funds	388,111

Library	
Use of Reserves	7,000
Tax Levy	232,861
Total	239,861

Building Maintenance Fund	
Tax Levy	395,245
Intergovernmental/Bond Revenue	500,000
Use of Reserves	240,000
Total Building Maintenance	1,135,245

Sewer Loan	
Revenue	
Interest	10,000
Special Assessments - Princ	140,000
Total Revenue	150,000
Total County Revenues	32,294,634

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Highways & Streets	
Administration	467,966
Maintenance	2,623,276
Construction	3,453,859
Equipment Maintenance & Shop	594,428
Building & Grounds	194,513
Total Highways & Streets	7,334,042

Human Services	
Income Maintenance	2,485,873
Social Services	4,913,762
Total Human Services	7,399,635

Sanitation	
Addition to Reserves	23,633
Solid Waste	537,190
Total Sanitation	560,823

Building Maintenance Fund	
Countywide Projects/Maintenance	100,000
Fairgrounds	310,000
Highway Parking Lot	36,000
Justice Center Fees	500,000
Addition to Reserves	189,245
Total Building Fund	1,135,245

Regional Library	239,861
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Ditch	
Conservation of Natural Resources	388,111

Sewer Loan	
Contracted Services	150,000
Total County Expenses	32,294,634

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. Departmental expenditures, except Personnel items, shall not exceed the approved budget. To provide flexibility to the department, the Budget Officer shall be authorized to amend line item budgets within a department, exclusive of personnel items, provided the total approved budget remains unchanged. All other budget amendments shall require County Board approval.

2. Personnel line items are based on position authorization listings and estimates of staffing needs developed during the budget preparation process. Any changes in payroll shall be subject to County Board approval through one of the following actions:

- i. General salary adjustments authorized by the County Board;
 - ii. Salary adjustments pursuant to union contract provisions or statutory requirements;
 - iii. Specific authorization to fill a vacancy, add a new position or change a position classification.
3. Expenditure of funds budgeted shall be subject to applicable statutory procedures requiring proposals or bidding and any proposed expenditure in excess of \$25,000 shall be subject to prior approval of the County Board.
 4. Department heads shall be responsible for maintaining sufficient internal departmental expenditure and receipt records to conform to requirements of this budget policy.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: December 13, 2005

Res. #98-05

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 December 13, 2005 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has determined there is a need to construct a Criminal Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board has renewed an initiative for legislative approval to utilize a ½ cent sales tax, subject to voter approval, to assist in the cost of constructing the Criminal Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin and surrounding area has experienced continued flooding that devastated area homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin will also be requesting the use of a ½ cent sales tax to assist in resolving their flooding issues; and

WHEREAS, government cooperation is essential in the delivery of services and achieving common goals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners modify its earlier request for a county sales tax for the criminal justice center to include the City of Austin's flood relief projects and request legislation for a ½ cent sales tax to be used for both projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the City of Austin is not prepared to offer sales tax legislation for this legislative session the Mower County Board respectively requests approval for sales tax legislation for the criminal justice center project.

Passed and approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. until December 19, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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