

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 2006

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session October 24, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

GENERAL:

The Board received a letter from Sheriffs Youth Programs regarding the closing of their Austin location and discussion of impact on Mower County.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Lang seconded to table request from Lutheran Social Services regarding their request to close Adams group home. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Ellingson seconded to authorize the Director and selected staff to meet jointly with Trillium Group and the counties of Fillmore, Winona, Olmsted and Houston to investigate the costs associated with county-based purchasing of health care for persons enrolled in the Medical Assistance Program. Motion carried.

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

- a. Workforce Development, Inc. – renew contract for Food Stamp Employment and Training Services, effective October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.
- b. Gerard – renew contract for Residential Services, effective January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Ellingson 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 24, 2006

Res. #67-06

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 24, 2006 at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Director of Human 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, social service case plans, purchase of services abstract, payment authorizations, and payment records for the period October 1, 2006 through October 30, 2006 are hereby approved.

WHEREAS, the Director of Human 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 2006 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 Human Services for Mower County has been advised that all Social Service and Income Claims against Mower County submitted for payment in the month of October 2006 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 Income Maintenance 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.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: October 24, 2006

Res. #68-06

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 24, 2006, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Director of Human 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 Maxis State computer system for the period October 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all assistance payments issued during the month of October 2006 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 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 2006 for employees of the Department of Human Services as documented in the Department Payroll Reports and Personnel Action Reports, are hereby approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, That all refunds received during the month of October 2006 as listed on the Report of Refunds and Cancellation, 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.

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Jim Hurm, Austin City Administrator, presented the Board with a resolution passed by the Austin City Council, authorizing the conveyance of land known as Cook Farm to the County pursuant to an option to purchase. The resolution included 3 conditions. After Board discussion, the following action took place.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang to table the resolution in regard to the conveyance of land known as Cook Farm from the City of Austin to Mower County until November 14, 2006. The Commissioners voted as follows: Ellingson nay, Tucker aye, Cummings aye, Lang aye, and Hillier nay. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve a limited term Office Support Assistant in Human Services for up sixty seven days and authorize filling the position. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize filling the vacant part-time (15 hours per month) Clinic Receptionist position. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to authorize filling the vacant full-time Public Health Nurse position. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to authorize an Assistant County Attorney to work from home during a leave of absence for up to four days effective October 23, 2006 through October 27, 2006. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve final payment to Minnowa Construction in the amount of 20,465.40 in regard to SAP 50-599-099. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to authorize the County Engineer to write a letter to the editors of local newspapers in support of legislation for transportation funding. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to the request from the Hormel Foundation for a below-market interest rate economic development loan in connection with the Hormel Institute project.

The County Coordinator, Finance Director and representatives of the Hormel Institute and Mayo Clinic provided information in regard to the project. One person spoke in favor of the loan. No one spoke in opposition.

The Board recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

Date: October 24, 2006

Res. #69-06

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 24, 2006, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A BELOW-MARKET INTEREST RATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO HORMEL FOUNDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE HORMEL INSTITUTE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the proposed construction and equipping by the Hormel Institute of a new facility (the "Project") at an estimated cost of approximately \$28,000,000 which new facility is expected to add in excess of 100 new technology jobs, the Hormel Foundation, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the "Foundation") has requested a contribution from Mower County (the "County") to be applied to costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.83 to appropriate money to any incorporated development society or organization of the State of Minnesota which, in the opinion of the Board, will use the money for the best interests of the County in promoting, advertising, improving, or developing the economic and agricultural resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has given its preliminary approval to the loan and the Project, and has on this date conducted a public hearing on the question, after due publication of notice thereof in the official newspaper of the County, at which hearing all interested persons were given an opportunity to present comments; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board drafts of the following documents:

1. Loan Agreement between the County and the Foundation;
2. Promissory Note from the Foundation to the County; and
3. Business Subsidy Agreement between the County and the Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mower County, Minnesota that:

1. The Board finds and determines that the County will receive substantial economic benefit from the Project, as it will provide the County with additional employment and tax revenues.
2. The Board hereby authorizes a loan to the Foundation, on the terms subject to the conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, the Note and the Business Subsidy Agreement.
3. The Chair and County Coordinator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and the Business Subsidy Agreement on behalf of the County, substantially in the form of such documents

as presented to the Board, with such variations, omissions, and modifications as are determined by the Chair and Coordinator to be in the best interests of the County, execution of such documents being evidence of such determination.

4. The Board hereby finds that the Loan to the Foundation is in compliance with the County's Guidelines for Tax Abatement and Loans for Economic Development, provided that the Board expressly waives compliance with paragraph 5 thereof, requiring the applicant to pay all costs of the County.

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Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Lang to contract with Larson Allen for audit services for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to write off \$3,906.74 in accounts receivable funds in the Public Health Department as uncollectible. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to decertify four beds at Adams Health Care Center and maintain four beds on "lay away". The Commissioners voted as follows: Ellingson aye, Tucker aye, Cummings nay, Lang nay, and Hillier aye. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve the minutes of October 10, 2006. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1237.12	ADAMS DRUG	8464.78	ADAMS, RIZZI AND SWEEN
7700.00	AERO-METRIC INC	100.00	ASSOCIATION OF MINN COUNTIES
299.74	AUSTIN FORD LINCOLN-MERCURY	200.00	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:CAS
193.88	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC	132.09	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN
377.04	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC.	405.00	BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSIO
2020.28	CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC	679.62	CITY OF AUSTIN
200.00	CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	125.00	CREDIT BUREAU

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

1765.41 DTI 350.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE 158.02 FOX ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC 211.30 GREENE DOORS & HARDWARE, INC 111.62 HOLIDAY CARS, INC. 205.63 HOWE ADVERTISING & EMBROIDERY 1387.50 JEFFREY JACOBS 37826.60 JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC. 429.17 LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES 204.19 LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER 425.52 MARTIN BROS 155.00 MCA ADMINISTRATION MGR 970.37 MIDWEST WIRELESS 8293.95 MINNESOTA COUNTIES COMPUTER CO 359.78 MN DEPT EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC 195.00 NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSN 996.94 POST BULLETIN COMPANY 661.47 PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC. 1016.04 RELIANCE INMATE SYSTEM, INC 6375.24 RS EDEN INC 216.73 SAFETY CENTER INC. 5175.00 SCHMITZ ELECTRIC CO INC 112.50 SEVEN COUNTY PROCESS SERVERS L 3881.25 PAUL SPYHALSKI 1160.00 DAVID STROBEL 4956.53 UNIV OF MINN EXTENSION 4332.61 WEST GROUP 21 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 GENERAL FUND	168.37 EMBASSY SUITES ST PAUL 182.50 FIRSTLAB INC. 1893.75 FREEBORN COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE O 1082.68 HARTY MECHANICAL INC 132.95 HOPKINS MEDICAL PRODUCTS 1411.60 J & K WINONA 129.39 NITAYA JANDRAGHOLICA 1812.61 KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC. 1784.80 LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES INC 900.00 ROSEMARY LINDERMAN 5810.00 MAYO FOUNDATION 144.20 MEDTOX LABORATORIES INC 227.25 MINNCOR INDUSTRIES 654.63 MINNESOTA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASS 145.53 MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNO 363.75 PLUNKETT & ASSOCIATES INC 165.08 PRESTO-X-COMPANY INC 525.44 QWEST 1375.00 JESUS RODRIGUEZ 464.36 RUTTIGERS BAY LAKE LODGE 253.56 SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY 330.00 SE MN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SUR 115.99 SHOPKO PHARMACY 566.72 STAPLES CREDIT PLAN 1417.08 THERMO KING SALES & SERVICE, I 350.72 WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING 962.07 \$127,437.95 * TOTAL
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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
162.79	A.E.S., INC.	939.33	ABOVE ALL CLEANING, INC
148.05	AUSTIN BUILDERS SUPPLY, INC	324.06	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN
264.08	BEST WESTERN AMERICANNA INN ST	106.50	BRHB, INC
2024.35	BROCK WHITE CO LLC	1164.63	BUSTAD DOZING AND EXCAVATING
21963.16	CARGILL INC	250.00	CEDAR RIVER HORSE LOGGING & WO
146.16	CENTRAL VALLEY CO-OP	109.25	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY
3927.69	CRETEX CONCRETE PRODUCTS NORTH	368.79	CRONATRON WELDING SYSTEMS, INC
150.00	DAVE'S PLUMBING & HEATING	408.20	DIAMOND MOWERS, INC.
2545.14	DOUBLE K SPECIALTY, INC.	308.00	EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
2147.50	ERICKSON ENGINEERING	720.86	ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES
611.01	L.R. FALK CONSTRUCTION CO.	1216.25	HANSEN HAULING & EXCAVATING
924.61	HANSON TIRE OF AUSTIN INC	1571.54	HANSON TIRE SERVICE INC.
160.00	HARTY MECHANICAL, INC.	8810.02	HIGH FOREST BOBCAT SERVICE
169.18	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS OF	2298.00	JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.
424.41	LA CROSSE TRUCK CENTER, INC	214.39	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES INC
302.70	LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	416.25	LEEF BROS., INC.
199.33	M-R SIGN COMPANY, INC.	500.84	MANTEK
113.42	METAL CULVERTS, INC.	301.28	MISSISSIPPI WELDERS SUPPLY CO.
140.00	MN FALL MAINTENANCE EXPO	1201.32	MRCI
932.75	OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR	806.06	PERSINGER'S EQUIPMENT, INC.
620.25	PETROBLEND CORP.	4353.69	PRINSCO, INC.
271.79	PROLINE DIST., INC	368.05	QWEST
252.41	RENT'N'SAVE	577.28	RONCO ENGINEERING SALES, INC.
2324.68	SCHAEFFER MFG CO.	1781.70	SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY
468.34	SHOPKO	293.28	ST JOSEPH EQUIPMENT, INC
1390.16	STATE OF MINNESOTA,	491.91	TERMINAL SUPPLY CO.
297.16	ULVEN'S ACE HARDWARE	196.03	UNITED LABORATORIES
1322.50	YAGGY COLBY ASSOCIATES	616.29	ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS, INC.
12946.76	ZIEGLER, INC	1817.45	3D SPECIALTIES, INC.
18 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100		678.23	
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		\$90,559.86	* TOTAL

Clerk/Coordinator

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