

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2007

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session February 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the miscellaneous bill to EMS Frequency Coordination in the amount of \$800.00 for immediate payment. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to amend the 2007 County Attorney's budget with an increase of \$695.23 for office furniture from 2006 reserves. This purchase was approved in 2006 however, due to order complications, this portion of the purchase was invoiced in 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to amend the motion dated December 26, 2006 and amended January 9, 2007 designating depositories by adding U.S. Bank as a depository. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to allow a variance from the Mower County ISTS Ordinance to allow a smaller tank for the additional dwelling site on the Jon Lonneman property. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve the agreement between Mower County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility effective March 1, 2007 to February 29, 2012 and authorize the chair to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to appoint Lynn Baldus as the youth member on the extension committee for a 2 year term commencing January 1, 2007. Mr. Baldus will be a non-voting member in 2007 and a voting member in 2008. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to amend the Letter of Understanding with the Austin/Mower County Area Transit for

maintenance services by increasing the wage from \$12.36 to \$12.73 to allow for a 3% COLA increase received by Mower County non-union employees effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve the minutes of January 9, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to set the CSAH 5 Bridge, SAP 050-605-013 project letting date to March 26, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of the County Highway Department and awarded at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to enter closed session at 1:28 p.m. for purposes of union negotiation discussion. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to reconvene the Special Session at 1:48 p.m. Motion carried

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to support the personnel committee's position to reject additional step increases for 3 employees proposed in the current AFSCME Local 2566 union negotiations. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to amend Policy D125 Employee to Employee Donation of Hours as follows:

Add additional language to paragraph 3 in section "Procedure to Request to Receive Time" as follows:

3. Full-time employees may receive a maximum of 240 hours; part-time employees may receive the equivalent of six weeks of their normal workweek. **A full-time employee who has reached the maximum of 240 hours may present a written appeal for additional time to the County Board for consideration.**

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve a full-time employee's request for up to an additional six weeks of time in accordance with Policy D125 subject to the receipt of donated hours and a doctor's authorization for time away from work. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve a tentative labor agreement between Mower County and Courthouse Division, Local 9 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union: AFL-CIO & CLC ("Local 9") effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 subject to the County receiving written documentation from Local 9 that the union members voted to accept the conditions of the tentative agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve 5 child protection social worker positions and the Assistant Director position as authorized positions for cell phones in accordance with County policy. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to authorize a temporary full-time clerical position in the office of the Auditor/Treasurer for a maximum of six weeks and authorize the Human Resource Director to fill the position. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to accept the resignation of a deputy and authorize the Human Resource Director to fill the full-time deputy position according to union contract and personnel policies. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the regional Youth Tobacco Prevention Initiative Service Agreement between Olmsted County Public Health and Mower County Public Health in the amount of \$3,000 from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 and authorize the Director of Public Health to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to approve the "Save-a-Bundle Grant Agreement" between the Minnesota Department of Health and Mower County Public Health in the amount of \$1,000 from February 1, 2007 to June 29, 2007 to help identify and refer women participating in public health programs to smoking cessation resources and authorize the Director of Public Health to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve the appointment of Jeff Goeldi, Tom Mork, Jeff Baldus and Gene Muchow to serve on the Mower County Community Health Services Advisory Committee for a three-year term to commence January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to allow interested Mower County employees to volunteer to participate in a Pandemic Flu Mass Clinic functional exercise being held at approximately 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 4, 2007 per Department Head approval and subject to the offices remaining open during the exercise period. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve the request of the Chief Deputy to accumulate PTO hours beyond the maximum allowed due to the extenuating circumstances in the Sheriff's Department until May 31, 2007. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hillier reported to the Board the Mitchell County is asking for support for a Federal Grant to upgrade a Lyle Township section of road to service the future Ethanol

Facility in Mitchell County. The Board discussed the issue and instructed Commissioner Hillier to inform Mitchell County that the Mower County would be willing to support Mitchell County's grant application but would not be willing to participate in any local share that may be part of a grant award.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. until February 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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