

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 27, 2007

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session February 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz:     Richard Cummings, Vice-chair  
  Raymond Tucker  
  David Hillier  
  Dave Tollefson  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Members absent:                 Dick Lang, Chair

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to award the following seasonal bids based on apparent low bid:

- CP 50-07-01, Furnish and load crushed limestone, class 2 aggregate and FA-2 at quarry and pit in the Grand Meadow area to Ulland Brothers Inc.
- CP 50-07-02, Furnish and load crushed limestone aggregate in the LeRoy area to Koch, Inc, Ulland Brothers, Inc., and Bruening Rock Products, Inc., based on lowest bidder taking into consideration availability and haul distance.
- CP 50-07-03, Plant mixed bituminous mixture production 2350, to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Crane Creek Asphalt, Shamrock Enterprises and Rochester Sand and Gravel based on lowest bidder taking into consideration availability and haul distance.
- CP 50-07-04, Furnish and load crushed limestone aggregate and FA-2 in the Stacyville, Iowa area to LR Falk Construction.
- CP 50-07-05, Weed Spraying for 2007 to Damel Corporation, Inc.
- CP 50-07-06, Centerline and edge striping for 2007 to AAA Striping Service.
- CP 50-07-07, Furnish and load salvaged crushed concrete aggregate to Ulland Brothers, Inc.
- Gasoline and diesel fuel to Freeborn County Coop Oil Company.
- Calcium chloride for 2007 to Univar USA.
- Bituminous materials for 2007 to Flint Hills Resources, LP.

A full abstract of bids is on file in the office of the County Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to award the bid on SAP 50-597-005, Bridge 50586, to Minnowa Construction based on low bid. A full

abstract of bids is on file in the office of the County Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to award the bid on SAP 50-607-033, CSAH 7, Dexter, to Osmundson Brothers based on low bid. A full abstract of bids is on file in the office of the County Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer. Motion carried.

**DATE: February 27, 2007**

**Res. #16-07**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the following resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 27, 2007 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, Mower County has determined that Bridge 7016 in Section 9 of Lyle Township is deficient and should be replaced, and

**WHEREAS**, local roads play an essential role in the overall State transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

**WHEREAS**, State support for the replacement, rehabilitation, and removal of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the management of deficient bridges, and

**WHEREAS**, Mower County intends to proceed with the removal of this bridge as soon as possible; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Mower County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for the removal of this bridge immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit the work to take place.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to approve the following new fees for Correctional Services, effective January 1, 2007 and authorize the

Correctional Services Director discretion on reduced fees in extenuating circumstances on the condition that the Board receive a quarterly report on any reduced fees:

Pretrial Supervision fee	\$50.00
Annual Interpreting fee	100.00
Motion carried.	

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to reauthorize the following Correctional Services fees and authorize the Correctional Services Director discretion on reduced fees in extenuating circumstances on the condition that the Board receive a quarterly report on any reduced fees :

Adult Gross Misdemeanor Offenders	\$250.00
Adult Misdemeanor Offenders	150.00
Driver's License Program Fee	100.00
Second Chance Class (Diversion Program)	60.00
Teen Court Fee (Diversion Program)	25.00
Drug testing fee – non-court ordered	10.00
Drug testing fee – non-court ordered and sent up to lab	25.00
Intra-state Transfer Processing Fee (offenders transferring out to another MN county)	50.00
Contested UA fee	25.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to authorize purchase of a wireless voice/data system to correct problems with the remote phone/data system between the Courthouse and Highway Department at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 and to amend the Data Processing budget out of the reserve contingency budget. Motion carried.

**DATE: February 27, 2007**

**Res. #17-07**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 27, 2007 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, all Minnesota counties benefit from an efficient and adequately funded transportation system that offers diverse modes of travel; and

**WHEREAS**, due to budget constraints, counties are increasingly deferring maintenance on their 30,000 miles of county state aid highways, 15,000 miles of county roads, and over 7,000 bridges. Mower County has 400 miles of road, 375 bridges, and 400 miscellaneous drainage structures that are in need of funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the main source of funding, County State Aid Highway Funding is declining. Property taxes and local bonding are having to shoulder more of the burden; and

**WHEREAS**, local cost participation requirements for trunk highway projects are putting undue pressure on county highway budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the recently approved constitutional amendment that phases in dedication of 100 percent of the motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) for transportation purposes will address only a fraction of the transportation funding needs in Minnesota, and total MVST revenues are not meeting projections; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation analysts in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) estimate Minnesota will have to invest an additional \$1.5 billion per year in transportation infrastructure for the next ten years in order to meet identified needs; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation infrastructure maintenance and improvement costs significantly contribute to rising property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, lack of state funding has delayed regionally significant road construction and reconstruction projects across Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota's transportation system is failing to meet the capacity needs necessary to sustain population growth and promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, congestion, inefficient transportation systems and lack of transportation choices lead to greater dependence on foreign oil, increased environmental degradation, and economic disadvantages for Minnesota's businesses and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, many rural roads are not built to modern safety standards and are not meeting the needs of industries that depend on the ability to transport heavy loads; and

**WHEREAS**, current funding for roads and transit systems across all government levels in Minnesota is inadequate, and this under-investment hinders Minnesota's economic competitiveness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That Mower County requests that in 2007 the Minnesota Legislature pass a comprehensive transportation funding package that permanently increases dedicated funding for transportation; and

2. That Mower County requests that in 2007 Governor Tim Pawlenty ensures that a comprehensive funding package that permanently increases dedicated funding for state and local transportation that is passed by the Legislature becomes law; and
3. That Mower County supports funding options including, but not limited to, the following:
  - An increase in the gas tax of 10 cents phased in over a two year period.
  - Indexing of the gas tax;
  - Increases in vehicle registration taxes;
  - Trunk highway bonding of \$100 million per year over a 10-year period;
  - General obligation bonding for local roads and bridge;
  - Authority for counties to levy up to a ½ percent increase in the state sales tax dedicated for transportation purposes; and
  - Authority for counties to levy up to \$20.00 wheelage fee; and
  - Authority for counties to impose a transportation impact fee; and
4. That Mower County defines a comprehensive transportation funding package as an initiative that permanently increases dedicated funding for state and local road and transit systems in Greater Minnesota and the Metropolitan Area.

ADOPTED by the Mower County Board of Commissioner on February 27, 2007.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to approve \$1,060.40 as uncollectible in accounts receivable for Mower County Human Services.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to submit a pre-application to Minnesota Legislators for funding of the Minnesota/Iowa State Line Road project. The Commissioners voted as follows: Hillier aye, Tollefson aye, Tucker nay, Cummings aye. Motion carried 3 to 1.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to declare the following as surplus property in the Highway Department:

- 1992 International 4600 Low Pro – Single Axle Dump Truck
- 1992 International 2654 6x4 Tandem Axle Dump Truck

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Pile Driver Leads and Hammer  
 Clam Bucket for Dragline  
 Bolster Trailer  
 Old One Way Plow  
 Husting Hitch  
 Old Cement Bucket

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement between Mower County and Nextel West Corp and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
338.91	ADAMS DRUG	138.00	ALBERT LEA TRIBUNE
821.28	ARROW PRINTING	535.73	AUSTIN DRUG, INC
213.38	AUSTIN FORD LINCOLN-MERCURY	2914.07	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:CAS
861.67	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC	160.96	LOREN BALDUS
100.57	BEST WESTERN KELLY INN ST PAUL	150.37	BIG K 3578
733.99	CARE EXPRESS PRODUCTS INC	750.00	ROGER CARTEN PHD
2020.28	CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC	339.81	CITY OF AUSTIN
236.56	CROWNE PLAZA MINNEAPOLIS NORTH	227.60	DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC.
282.23	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVI	4081.99	DEVELOPMENT CORP OF AUSTIN
1699.80	DTI	334.33	FLEET SERVICES
395.57	FREEBORN-MOWER COOPERATIVE SER	390.00	SALLY GARRY
272.39	HANSON TIRE SERVICE, INC. AUST	273.37	IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS
890.72	J & K WINONA	8709.75	JONES,HAUGH & SMITH, INC.
232.40	LAB SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	429.61	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES
419.24	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES INC	137.75	LEES LOCK SECURITY SERVICES
129.30	LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER	110.95	THE LIGHTING CONNECTION
900.00	ROSEMARY LINDERMAN	418.68	MARTIN BROS
180.00	MED COMPASS	448.50	MELCHERT HUBERT SJODIN
309.88	MIDWEST WIRELESS	600.68	MINNESOTA ELEVATOR, INC
8698.00	MOWER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONS	200.00	GARY NYQUIST
338.00	PESI HEALTHCARE	388.75	PLUNKETT & ASSOCIATES INC
175.74	PRESTO-X-COMPANY INC	525.44	QWEST DENVER
255.57	RADIO SHACK	143.75	RICHARDSON LAW OFFICE
142.02	ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	239.40	RS EDEN INC
1345.18	SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	205.08	TRI-ANIM HEALTH SERVICES INC.
10152.51	ULTIMATE DATA SYSTEMS INC	571.35	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SO MINNESO
494.49	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	3405.92	WEST GROUP
	34 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	1,772.34	
GENERAL FUND		\$61,243.86	* TOTAL

SOCIAL SERVICE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
7580.84	DEVELOPMENT CORP OF AUSTIN	113.75	G-MATIC SYSTEMS INC
133.47	VIKING GLASS & LOCK, INC		
	0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00	
SOCIAL SERVICE FUND		\$7,828.06	* TOTAL

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
939.33	ABOVE ALL CLEANING, INC	903.12	EARL ANDERSEN, INC.
783.33	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC	277.97	BOYER TRUCK PARTS

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850.45 CATCO PARTS AND SERVICE	277.48 COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION
155.62 CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	17365.00 ERICKSON ENGINEERING
130.54 ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES	254.28 HYDRAULIC SPECIALTY CO.
221.36 INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS OF	139.01 LEEF BROS., INC.
149.58 LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC	125.44 ON SITE SANITATION
136.16 PROLINE DIST., INC	173.40 QWEST DENVER
537.50 RED WING SERVICE COMPANY, INC.	1708.18 REED BUSINESS INFORMATION
105.17 SMYTH COMPANIES INC	473.93 STROUP DISTRIBUTING, INC.
666.79 TERMINAL SUPPLY CO.	510.00 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CONT E
680.78 ZIEGLER, INC	
12 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	411.53
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$27,975.95 * TOTAL
 SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
24846.31 CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC	5468.40 IVERSON HAULING
527.66 RECOVERY SYSTEMS COMPANY, INC.	1004.14 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SO MINNESO
4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	115.30
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	\$31,961.81 * TOTAL
 STATE & AGENCY COLLECTION FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
5000.00 PARENTING RESOURCE CENTER, INC	
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00
STATE & AGENCY COLLECTION FUND	\$5,000.00 * TOTAL
 FAMILY CONNECTIONS	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
810.00 LAURA RAMIREZ	
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00
FAMILY CONNECTIONS	\$810.00 * TOTAL
****	\$134,819.68 ****
FINAL TOTAL.....	

Motion carried.

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

Dick Pedersen & Son Electric LLC	\$18,000.00
Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust	1,445.00
American Solutions for Business	9,900.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to approve a Consulting Services Contract between Mower County and Computer Professionals Unlimited for financial accounting services and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve a Memorandum of Intent between Mower County and the University of Minnesota Extension Services for Nutrition Education Program and to authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the Memorandum. The Nutrition Education Assistant is required to report to the Board quarterly for an update on the program. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tollefson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to reappoint Dale Madison to a three year term on the Austin-Mower County Homeownership Board effective April 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to accept a donation in the amount of \$300.00 for the Austin-Mower County Police Reserves. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. until March 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**



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