

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

April 24, 2004

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 24, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

GENERAL:

Commissioner Hillier moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded to remove up to 15 more children from the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list, due to an increase in the allocation. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Tollefson 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:

Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #31-07

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2007 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 April 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007 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 April 2007 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 April 2007 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: Dave Tollefson 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

INCOME MAINTENANCE ACTIONS:

Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #32-07

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2007, 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 April 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all assistance payments issued during the month of April 2007 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 April 2007 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 April 2007 as listed on the Report of Refunds and Cancellation, are hereby acknowledged as received.

The Commissioners voted as follows: Dave Tollefson aye, David Hillier aye, Ray Tucker aye, Richard P. Cummings aye, and Richard Lang aye.

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Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to amend Section D182 On Call Pay – Highway Department of the Mower County Personnel Polices as follows:

1. Weekend **and holiday** on-call shall be assigned on a rotating basis to the positions of Highway Department Supervisor, Maintenance Supervisor, and Assistant Maintenance Supervisor. In no case shall more than one position be assigned on call duty on a given day.
2. The positions of Highway Department Supervisor and Maintenance Supervisor shall receive one **and one-half (1.5) hour of compensation pay at straight time credit** for Saturday **and one and one-half (1.5) hour credit for Sunday and one and one-half (1.5) hour credit for a holiday and the same of Sunday when serving in an on call capacity**. In the event the salaried supervisor works on Saturday, ~~or Sunday or a holiday~~ as the result of being on call, there shall be no additional compensation beyond the one **and one-half (1.5) hour** paid on call provision. Flexible scheduling can be utilized by the employee subject to approval by the County Engineer or

Highway Department Supervisor as appropriate. Any full days off during the employees' regular schedule requires the use of PTO, vacation or sick leave as appropriate.

3. The position of Assistant Maintenance Supervisor shall receive one **and one-half (1.5)** hour credit for Saturday and one **and one-half (1.5)** hour credit for Sunday **and one and one-half (1.5) hour credit for a holiday** when serving in an on call capacity. These hours shall be credited to the position in the same fashion as all other hours earned by all hourly employees. This one **and one-half (1.5)** hour credit shall be in addition to any other regular hours earned by this position on Saturdays, ~~and~~ Sundays **and holidays**. These extra hours do not limit the authority of the County Engineer to flex all hours earned during the remainder of the work week as workload and budgets dictate.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to appoint the following individuals effective April 24, 2007 to the Personnel Board of Appeals pursuant to Section A170 of the Mower County Personnel Policies:

Tricia Wiechmann, 1 year term

Bill Mogen, 2 year term

Christine Picha, 3 year term

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings authorize a temporary office support position in the Auditor-Treasurer's office for 32 hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour for the duration of medical leave of the regular employee. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to make a one time allocation to the Mower County Humane Society in the amount of \$2,500.00 and to amend the 2007 budget from the reserve contingency fund. Motion carried.

Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #33-07

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2007, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County supports the "25 by 25" initiative and, in connection therewith, promoting the increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, having an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to our economy, as well as our national and international food supply; and

WHEREAS, current and future risks to U.S. energy security are mounting while domestic and global energy demands are growing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Mower County has tremendous renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources, including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and solar, benefits the environment and will have a direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, rural communities and agriculture sectors will experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts; more productive use of marginal lands; the resolution of air, water, and soil quality problems that may arise from agricultural operations; improving wildlife habitat; and creating many new job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, solar and wind energy can be captured on the vast land areas managed by U.S. agriculture, and technology and production capabilities allow America's farmers and ranchers to play a major role in ensuring a fully sustainable U.S. energy system; and

WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to play an expanded role in the development and implementation of new energy solutions and with appropriate technological innovation incentives, and investments, America's farms and ranches can become the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions America producing 25% of its energy from agriculture by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber; and

WHEREAS, agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national security and trade imbalances, and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in Mower County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners support the vision of "25 by 25" whereby agriculture will provide 25 % of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber.

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Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #34-07

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2007, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County can apply for a Family Planning Special Project Grant (FPSP) from the Minnesota Department of Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Margene Gunderson can enter into a grant contract with the Minnesota Department of Health if the application is successful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Margene Gunderson is hereby authorized to execute contracts as required to implement the organizations participation in the Family Planning Special Projects grant program.

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Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve the Health Disparities Grant agreement in the amount of \$2,323.00 between the Minnesota Department of Health and Mower County Community Health Services.
Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
135.25	A+ PRINTING	2022.82	ADAMS DRUG
4802.32	AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:CAS	295.56	AUSTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC
485.00	BAUDLER, BAUDLER, MAUS, BLAHNIK	491.61	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC.
172.50	BP	2955.56	CARDINAL HEALTH
314.19	CARE EXPRESS PRODUCTS INC	372.75	CARNEY AUTO, INC.
2020.28	CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC	339.81	CITY OF AUSTIN
2679.12	COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMIT	296.34	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SE
701.98	DONKERS HOMETOWN APPLIANCES	375.00	DANIEL DONNELLY LAW FIRM
1188.01	EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	477.08	ESKENS, GIBSON & BEHM LAW OF
845.57	FLEET SERVICES	1000.00	JAY FOGELBERG
301.13	FOX ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC	384.13	FREEBORN-MOWER COOPERATIVE
420.00	SALLY GARRY	956.17	GEIGER BROS.
504.87	GREENE DOORS & HARDWARE, INC	178.07	GRINDERS DELI
593.89	J & K WINONA	120.08	LINDA JOHNSON

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

8950.00 JONES,HAUGH & SMITH, INC.	678.66 JPJ INC.
142.50 RAQUEL KAHLE	140.41 KEN KROUPA
2041.21 KUSTOM SIGNALS INC	454.44 LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES
240.00 EVAN LARSON	206.50 LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES
340.29 LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER	236.49 MARSHALL COMFORT INN
561.86 MARTIN BROS	157.00 MELCHERT HUBERT SJODIN
282.46 METRO SALES, INC.	190.18 MIDTOWN AUTO CLINIC
906.99 MIDWEST WIRELESS	735.00 MINNESOTA COUNTY ATTORNEYS
117.40 MINNESOTA ELEVATOR, INC	477.50 MITCHELL COUNTY REGIONAL HE
320.00 MN BOARD OF ASSESSORS	200.00 GARY NYQUIST
250.00 ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT PROGRA	148.00 OVERHEAD DOOR OF ALBERT LEA
135.00 MARIA PENNA	556.16 QWEST DENVER
216.67 RICHARDSON LAW OFFICE	3959.70 RS EDEN INC
849.56 SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	1446.84 SHERIFF GOODHUE COUNTY
630.00 CJIS STATE OF MINN	434.77 UNIFORMS UNLIMITED INC
350.72 WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	4030.42 WEST GROUP
126.12 WHITEWATER WIRELESS,INC ROCHE	271.38 EILEEN WIEBELHAUS
355.00 WORLEIN FUNERAL HOME	
30 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	1,226.39
GENERAL FUND	\$57,794.71 * TOTAL
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
173.40 QWEST DENVER	
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	.00
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$173.40 * TOTAL
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
22287.17 CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC	5551.73 IVERSON HAULING
308.00 MOWER COUNTY SHOPPER	
5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	97.93
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND	\$28,244.83 * TOTAL
FAMILY CONNECTIONS COLABORATIVE	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
1 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	76.40
FAMILY CONNECTIONS COLABORATIVE	\$76.40 * TOTAL
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
AMOUNT VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT VENDOR NAME
125.68 A.E.S., INC.	939.33 ABOVE ALL CLEANING, INC
115.82 AUTO VALUE AUSTIN	250.00 AXLE & SPINDLE REPAIR, INC
311.32 BREEZY POINT RESORT	138.88 BRHB, INC
7944.94 CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	1515.66 DELL MARKETING L P
460.08 DEXTER LP, INC	1500.00 GEYER SIGNAL OF ST CLOUD,
450.89 HANSON TIRE OF AUSTIN INC	130.36 LEEF BROS., INC.
679.58 M-R SIGN COMPANY, INC.	217.15 MISSISSIPPI WELDERS SUPPLY
1152.81 MOWER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONS	165.25 PERSINGER'S EQUIPMENT, INC.
167.98 PETROBLEND CORP.	1553.41 SCHAEFFER MFG CO.
208.14 SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	168.21 SHARROW CABLE & LIFTING PRO
667.48 SHOPKO	109.70 STROUP DISTRIBUTING, INC.
598.68 DAVE SYVERSON FORD	531.50 TERMINAL SUPPLY CO.
14 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	612.49
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$20,715.34 * TOTAL
****	FINAL TOTAL.....
	\$107,004.68

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to reappoint Michal Hanson as the County Engineer for a four year term effective May 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve the following final payments:

LR Falk Construction, CP 50-06-04, \$468.18
Ulland Brothers Inc., CP 50-06-01, \$512.11

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the minutes of April 10, 2007 and April 10, 2007 work session. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve a Service Agreement with Mid-America Business Systems for microfilm equipment. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to approve a subordination of mortgage on Dwight and Becky Ault for a conservation easement. Motion carried.

The Commissioners welcomed visiting students for County Government Day.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to amend the 2007 County Attorney's budget in the amount of \$3,000.00 from forfeiture money for drug court training. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to authorize the grant application for the Emergency Management Performance Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) for the regional K-9 trials hosted by Mower County in July 2007 and to amend the 2007 budget from the reserve contingency fund. Motion carried.

The Commissioners welcomed visiting students for County Government Day.

Commissioner Tollefson presented a plan for building a jail in downtown Austin. The County Commissioners each had opportunity to comment on the plan and the public was given opportunity to comment. This item was for discussion only and no action was taken.

Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #35-07

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 April 24, 2007, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has identified facility deficiencies in its Criminal Justice offices which include the jail, courts, court administration, law enforcement, county attorney and probation, and

WHEREAS, Mower County has previously researched options to construct a jail and/or justice center on a Greenfield location and options to keep all services downtown, and

WHEREAS, all downtown options that have been explored have been determined to not meet all the original goals of the county in terms of cost, expansion capabilities and operational efficiencies, and

WHEREAS, a Greenfield location provides an opportunity to meet all the original goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners discontinue further study and efforts to keep all county services downtown and focus its efforts for a jail and/or justice center to a Greenfield location.

The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Tollefson nay, Commissioner Cummings aye, Commissioner Tucker aye, Commissioner Hillier aye and Commissioner Lang aye. Carried 4 to 1.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #36-07

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2007, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has determined to focus any new facility efforts for a jail and/or justice center to a Greenfield location, and

WHEREAS, the County has opportunities at the Cook Farm Industrial Park and the South Airport Site for potential Greenfield locations, and

WHEREAS, both locations have both positive and negative aspects for the County and the City of Austin in terms of site size, location for law enforcement, traffic and site costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that after careful consideration of all site issues that the preferred location for the jail and/or justice center shall be the South Airport Site.

The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Tollefson nay, Commissioner Cummings aye, Commissioner Tucker aye, Commissioner Hillier aye and Commissioner Lang aye. Carried 4 to 1.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: April 24, 2007

Res. #37-07

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2007, at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower county is contemplating construction of a new jail and/or justice center on a Greenfield location, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of all criminal justice related departments to a Greenfield location could have a detrimental impact on downtown businesses unless other governmental operations would replace this vacancy, and

WHEREAS, Mower County Health and Human Services are in a leased facility that is deficient in terms of lease cost, utilities, and appropriate location for clients, and

WHEREAS, the employee and client base of Health and Human Services should more than offset any downtown losses if the criminal justice services are relocated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners find it to be in the best interest of the public to relocated Health and Human Services to a downtown location.

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A presentation was made to the Board by representatives of Adolphson and Peterson in regard to construction management services for the proposed jail and/or justice center.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. until May 1, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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By: _____
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