

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

January 6, 2009

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session January 6, 2009 at 1:07 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Craig Oscarson, Clerk of the County Board, took nominations for Chairperson for 2009.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang to nominate Dave Tollefson as 2009 Chairperson. The Clerk asked for further nominations three times and hearing none the vote was cast. Motion carried.

The Chair took nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to nominate Ray Tucker as 2009 Vice-Chairperson. The Chair asked for further nominations three times and hearing none the vote was cast. Motion carried.

The Chair made the following 2009 Committee appointments:

Committee	<u>Commissioner(s)</u>
*SEMCAC	Tollefson/Gabrielson
**Finance & Purchasing	Tucker/Lang
***Personnel	Hillier/Gabrielson
Buildings & Grounds	Tucker/Tollefson
Solid Waste	Hillier/Lang
Planning	Gabrielson/Hillier(alternate)
County Extension	Tollefson/Gabrielson
Court System	Hillier/Lang
Law Library	Tucker
Water Quality Joint Powers Board	Tollefson/Gabrielson
Interstate Trail Committee	Hillier/Lang
Community Health Services	Tollefson/Gabrielson (alternate)

EMS Joint Powers Board	Tucker
JT. PA Board (PIC)	Tucker
RC & D	Tollefson
Austin Development Corporation	Lang
County Board of Health	All Commissioners
Road & Bridge Committee	All Commissioners
LEC Advisory Committee	Tollefson/Gabrielson
Ordinance Committee	Tucker/Lang
Family Connections	Hillier/Lang
Regional Housing	Lang/Hillier
SEMREX Joint Powers Board	Hillier
Austin Library Board (no vote)	Lang
SCHSAC	M. Gunderson/Tollefson (alternate)
City/County Joint Issues (monthly meeting)	Tollefson/Lang
Transit Board (AMCAT)	Hillier/Tollefson
SWCD Board (no vote)	Tucker
Rural Energy Task Force	Tucker
Siebel Visitation Center Advisory Board	Hillier

Date: January 6, 2009

Res. #01-09

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 January 6, 2009 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer be authorized to make the following expenditures from the County General Revenue Funds. Payment in full to be made for all appropriations under \$5,000.00. All appropriations over \$5,000.00 to be disbursed quarterly.

CATEGORY:
HUMAN SERVICES

SEMCAC	\$2,000.00
Lyle Senior Citizens.....	\$600.00
LeRoy Senior Citizens	\$600.00
Grand Meadow Senior Citizens	\$600.00
Brownsdale Seniors	\$600.00
Sargeant Seniors.....	\$600.00
Mower County Senior Citizens.....	\$45,000.00
Mower County Senior Citizens -- Chore	\$36,000.00
Youth Center	15,000.00

ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING

Mower County Soil & Water	\$151,930.00
Agricultural Society	\$22,000.00
Historical Society	\$35,000.00
SEMN Water Resource Board	\$4,000.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development Corp. of Austin	\$20,000.00
Development Corp. of Grand Meadow	\$3,000.00
Development Corp. of LeRoy	\$3,000.00
Development Corp. of Lyle	\$600.00
Development Corp. of Adams	\$1,200.00
Development Corp. of Brownsdale	\$600.00
SEMN Initiative Fund	\$1,000.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

Southern Minnesota Tourism	\$500.00
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Passed and approved this 6th day of January, 2009.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to allocate \$25,414.00 for minor repairs to the Mower County Agricultural Society, Historical Society and 4-H payable in two installments in January and July. Motion carried.

Date: January 6, 2009

Res. #02-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted at a meeting held January 6, 2009 at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Mower County, Minnesota to appoint the following persons as Mower County Delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties for 2009: Commissioner David Hillier, Commissioner Ray Tucker, Commissioner Tim Gabrielson, Commissioner Dick Lang, Commissioner Dave Tollefson and County Coordinator Craig Oscarson. There are two vacancies for AMC Delegates, which will be filled at a later date.

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By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following fees were set for 2009 liquor license fees:

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| 1. | On Sale | \$2,160.00 |
| 2. | Sunday On Sale | 200.00 |
| 3. | Wine | 240.00 |
| 4. | Bottle Club (C&D) | 240.00 |
| 5. | Beer On Sale | 75.00 |

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to set the dangerous dog certificate fee for 2009 at \$150.00 per certificate. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, to set the 2009 fireworks display permit fee at \$50.00. Motion carried.

Date: January 6, 2009

Res. #03-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners January 6, 2009 at a meeting at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED That the County Auditor-Treasurer be allowed to pay various incidental expenses including: utilities, telephone, juror and witness fees approved by the Court, request by a Judge for immediate payment, postage, license fees, jail food contract payments, payments for travel advances, costs associated with travel and conferences when pre-payment is required, credit card payments when necessary to avoid late penalties and charges, payments from the Canteen Fund not to exceed \$2,000 and only from the capital outlay line item, except in cases where the Auditor-Treasurer considers the sum to be excessive, in which case he shall file the bill for action by the County Board at its regular monthly meeting. All claims for reimbursement must be submitted to the County Auditor-Treasurer within 6 months of occurrence in order to qualify for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer be allowed to pay partial contract payments provided a signed legal contract is on file, the department head

supervising the contract has approved the payment for work completed and that the payment is not a final payment on a contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expenses related to the Justice Center Project are excluded.

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Greg Hartquist, Jail Programs Coordinator, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

The Board received the following quotes for 2009 legal newspaper:

Austin Daily Herald	\$2.65 per column inch
LeRoy Independent	\$2.25 per column inch
Austin Post Bulletin	\$2.25 per column inch

Discussion followed which included legal opinion from the County Attorney in which a publisher with a minimum circulation of more than 500 is qualified and that statute indicates that the award should go to the lowest quote.

The Board recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

Date: January 6, 2009

Res. #04-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 6, 2009 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, based on the low quote and being in the best interest of the public, that the award go to the LeRoy Independent, a weekly newspaper, with publications in both the "*Grand Meadow Area News*" and the "*LeRoy Independent*" with general circulation in Mower County, as the newspaper in which the notice and list of real estate remaining delinquent on the first business day in January 2009, the Financial Statement of the year 2008 and the proceedings of the County Board of said County for the year 2009 shall be published and the same is hereby accepted as per quote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Austin Post Bulletin be awarded as the

secondary county newspaper in which the proceedings of the annual meeting, the County Board of Equalization and 2008 Financial Statement shall be published.

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Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to set the 2009 mileage reimbursement rate at forty-five cents (\$0.45) per mile and forty-seven (\$0.47) per mile for specially equipped vehicles effective January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Lang to set the 2009 burning permit fee at \$15.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to set the 2009 tobacco license fee at \$75.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to set June 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for County Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

Date: January 6, 2009

Res. #05-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 6, 2009 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota 55912.

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to M.S. Chapter 375.34 & 375.35, the sum of up to \$100.00 be paid and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund of Mower County to each of the recognized Military Persons' Organizations or Societies filing bills showing expenses in this amount, for the purpose of Memorial Day Exercises and the County Auditor/Treasurer is expected to draw his warrant for the amount shown on the itemized bill not to exceed \$100.00.

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize the County Engineer to set the bid project letting date for the demolition of the buildings located on the Robbins Block to a date and time to coincide with the completion of the asbestos abatement at the office of the County Highway Department and awarded at the following County Board of Commissioner's meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the Purchase Agreement between Mower County and Thomas Sherman (et. al.) for the Sherman property located on the Robbins Block for \$75,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to have the County Engineer finalize the purchase of property for the Shooting Star bike trail from Adams to Rose Creek and amend the 2009 budget from the reserve contingency in the amount of \$71,939.00 for the purchases. Full purchase detail of properties for the Shooting Star Trail from Adams to Rose Creek is on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer and County Engineer. Motion carried.

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

NACo	\$ 810.00
Rural Energy	3,000.00
Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust	434,170.00
Adams, Rizzi, Sween PA Trust	75,000.00
Adams, Rizzi, Sween PA Trust	19,550.00
Association of Minnesota Counties	16,331.00
Omni Environmental	2,535.00

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to appoint Adam Hendrikson as a youth member on the Extension Committee for a two-year term to commence January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the addendum to Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Minnesota effective January 1, 2009 for providing local extension programs and employing extension staff for \$64,900. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to re-appoint Cheryl Corey to the Southern Minnesota Tourist Association (SMTA) as representative for Mower County subject to her acceptance of the appointment. Motion carried.

Date: January 6, 2009

Res. #06-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 6, 2009 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED; That Dr. Richard Schindler be re-appointed as Mower County Health Officer for the year 2009;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the medical officer shall receive \$1,300.00 per year plus expenses upon receipt of an itemized and verified bill for said expenses.

Passed and approved this 6th day of January, 2009.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to affirm the membership and appointments on the Mower County Senior Services Advisory Council as on file in the County Coordinator's office. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m. until January 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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