

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 24, 2009

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session March 24, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: David Hiller, Chair Pro Temp
 Dick Lang
 Tim Gabrielson
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator (9:45 a.m.)
Members absent: Dave Tollefson
 Raymond Tucker

Jill Weikum, Social Worker, was recognized for retirement with 33 years of service with Mower County.

GENERAL:

Overview of director's report.

Commissioner Gabrielson moved and Commissioner Lang seconded to authorize the Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging. Motion carried.

Date: March 24, 2009

Res. #20-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 24, 2009 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, proposed legislative language entitled the "Human Services Authority Act" has been reviewed and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal is motivated by a need to create greater accountability for human services between counties and the state' maximize the expertise to enable counties to more effectively administer many highly complex human services programs; and reduce variability in core or safety net services; and

WHEREAS, Mower County agrees with these underlying goals, but questions whether this proposal, in its present form, will achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS, Mower County is fearful the legislation, in its current form, may lead to unintended consequences and undermine the successful collaborative and partnerships already in place; and

WHEREAS, Mower County has concern around no fiscal note of state wide savings, no funding to support counties for analysis and implementation, or potential risk of increased cost and burden to local tax payers; and

WHEREAS, Mower County is already engaged in a South-East Minnesota multi-county Human Service Redesign Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mower County Board opposes the "Human Services Authority Act" and requests adequate time to review the proposal and offer meaningful comment and or an alternative option.

RESOLVED FURTHER, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Mower County legislative delegation.

Passed and approved this 24th day of March, 2009.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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

- a. Gerard Academy – approve amendment to contract for Residential Services, effective March 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Gabrielson moved and Commissioner Lang 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: March 24, 2009

Res. #21-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 24, 2009 at the Courthouse, 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 March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 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 March 2009 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 March 2009 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: David Hillier aye, Tim Gabrielson aye, and Richard Lang aye. Passed and approved this 24th day of March, 2009.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: March 24, 2009

Res. #22-09

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 24, 2009 at the Courthouse, 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 March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all assistance payments issued during the month of March 2009 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 March 2009 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 March 2009 as listed on the Report of Refunds and Cancellation, are hereby acknowledged as received.

The Commissioners voted as follows: David Hillier aye, Tim Gabrielson aye, and Richard Lang aye. Passed and approved this 24th day of March, 2009.

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COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to amend the 2009 Human Services budget for an optical system upgrade in the amount of \$12,000 from reserve contingency. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to amend the 2009 Human Services budget to carryover 2008 funds for office chairs in the amount of \$3400. Motion carried.

The Commissioners welcomed students for County Government Day.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the minutes of March 10, 2009. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

| AMOUNT | VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT | VENDOR NAME |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 127.77 | ADAMS DRUG | 496.84 | ADVANCE AUTO PARTS |
| 225.00 | ASSOCIATION OF MINN COUNTIES | 10543.85 | AUSTIN MEDICAL CENTER ATTN:CAS |
| 2529.38 | BEHAVIORIAL INTERVENTIONS | 217.20 | BIG K 3578 |
| 1221.09 | BOB BARKER COMPANY INC. | 680.00 | CEDAR RIVER COUNSELING |
| 1798.20 | CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC | 339.81 | CITY OF AUSTIN |
| 1092.42 | DANIEL DONNELLY LAW FIRM | 1789.20 | ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, I |
| 114.99 | FIRESTONE TIRE & SERVICE CENTE | 113.00 | FIRSTLAB INC. |
| 393.75 | FLEET SERVICES | 16570.89 | FREEBORN COUNTY ADULT DETENTIO |
| 510.00 | SALLY GARRY | 268.60 | GRAINGER |
| 2325.75 | HARTY MECHANICAL INC | 191.70 | HASLER MAILING SYSTEMS |
| 221.31 | HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENAN | 118.73 | IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS |
| 385.10 | J & K WINONA | 8550.00 | JONES,HAUGH & SMITH, INC. |
| 360.53 | LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES | 949.54 | LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES INC |
| 266.04 | MARTIN BROS | 120.00 | MED COMPASS |
| 117.58 | METRO SALES, INC. | 964.00 | MID AMERICA BUSINESS SYSTEMS |
| 961.00 | MINNESOTA COUNTIES INFORMATION | 1307.19 | MINNESOTA ELEVATOR, INC |
| 48220.00 | MN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | 2881.01 | MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNO |
| 258.58 | MOREM AGRI-LAWN | 331.74 | NAPA AUTO PARTS |
| 236.00 | OSAGE DENTAL ARTS | 28575.00 | POSITRON PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS |
| 269.50 | POST BULLETIN COMPANY | 142.72 | PRESTO-X-COMPANY INC |
| 955.00 | RICHARDSON LAW OFFICE | 2814.55 | RS EDEN INC |
| 780.31 | SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY | 145.80 | SELLERS LOCK & KEY |
| 1445.41 | SHERIFF GOODHUE COUNTY | 23975.36 | SHERIFF MITCHELL COUNTY |
| 269.61 | STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | 115.95 | TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPOR |
| 330.35 | TRIPLE J DISPOSAL, INC. | 137.75 | UNIFORMS UNLIMITED INC |
| 557.74 | MARGY VOSS | 350.72 | WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING |
| 4223.34 | WEST GROUP | 875.00 | WITT FABRICATION |
| | 27 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 | 1,066.93 | |
| GENERAL FUND | | \$174,828.83 | * TOTAL |

SOCIAL SERVICE FUND

| AMOUNT | VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT | VENDOR NAME |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 225.00 | ASSOCIATION OF MINN COUNTIES | | |
| | 2 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 | 77.74 | |
| SOCIAL SERVICE FUND | | \$302.74 | * TOTAL |

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

| AMOUNT | VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT | VENDOR NAME |
|---------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1154.82 | CATCO PARTS AND SERVICE | 214.54 | CCP INDUSTRIES INC |
| 5332.56 | CITY OF AUSTIN | 283.01 | COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION |

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 721.07 CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES INC | 1096.89 ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES |
| 212.50 FRONTIER PRECISION, INC | 118.54 G & K SERVICES |
| 668.45 GEMPLER'S | 231.45 HANSON TIRE OF AUSTIN INC |
| 1001.10 HANSON TIRE SERVICE INC. | 12209.55 JONES,HAUGH & SMITH, INC. |
| 625.37 THE LIGHTING CONNECTION | 1490.93 M-R SIGN COMPANY, INC. |
| 2680.00 M.J. O'CONNOR, INC. | 1962.03 PETROBLEND CORP. |
| 161.43 PROLINE DIST., INC | 2316.05 ROCHESTER SAND AND GRAVEL, INC |
| 1069.44 RONCO ENGINEERING SALES, INC. | 392.33 TERMINAL SUPPLY CO. |
| 249.22 THE RESTAURANT WAREHOUSE LLC | 254.06 ZEP SALES & SERVICE |
| 14 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 | 741.65 |
| ROAD & BRIDGE FUND | \$35,186.99 * TOTAL |
| SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND | |
| AMOUNT VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT VENDOR NAME |
| 25689.68 CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES, INC | 5299.42 IVERSON HAULING |
| 1 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 | 36.21 |
| SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND | \$31,025.31 * TOTAL |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| AMOUNT VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT VENDOR NAME |
| 2890.95 JONES,HAUGH & SMITH, INC. | |
| 0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 | .00 |
| BUILDING FUND | \$2,890.95 * TOTAL |
| DITCH FUND | |
| AMOUNT VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT VENDOR NAME |
| 20708.16 FREEBORN CONSTRUCTION, INC. | 999.50 RINKE-NOONAN |
| 0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100 | .00 |
| DITCH FUND | \$21,707.66 * TOTAL |
| **** | FINAL TOTAL..... \$265,942.48 **** |

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the following additional Commissioners' warrants for immediate payment:

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|--------------|--------------|
| MAVO Systems | \$ 94,500.00 |
| Margy Voss | 288.45 |

Motion carried.

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, and Justin Hanson, Soil & Water Conservation District, provided information to the commissioners concerning the issue of shoreland fifty foot (50') buffers. They indicated that groups or committees may be requesting that the commissioners start enforcing the fifty foot buffer requirements along shorelands and they indicated that an education program for the Ag communities may be a starting point. Dodge County is being held as an example for enforcing the fifty foot buffers.

The Board recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Ross Hoffman, Cannon River Watershed Partnership, made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners concerning the need for fifty-foot buffer strips in Ag areas along public waterways. The partnership is meeting with commissioners to make them aware of the need to enforce the rule for the fifty foot buffer.

The Commissioners welcomed students for County Government Day.

John Pristash, Knutson Construction, reviewed the bids received for the justice center project package 11B, Detention Equipment on March 19, 2009. Mr. Pristash reviewed the alternate for this package.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to award the bid for the Justice Center project package 11B to the low bidder Chief Industries, Inc. with a low bid of \$1,714,850 and include Alternate #3 in the amount of \$98,741 and have the project commence and authorize the County Coordinator to sign the construction contract on behalf of Mower County. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer.

John Pristash, Knutson Construction, presented quote information received for geothermal ground heat exchanger.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to award the quote for geothermal ground heat exchanger to Verzieg Consulting & Management Services, LLC with a low quote of \$15,000 plus mileage and have the project commence. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer .

John Pristash, Knutson Construction, presented quote information received for construction materials testing and special inspections.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to award the quote for construction materials testing and special inspections to Chosen Valley Testing based on unit pricing but with an estimated cost of \$56,195.00 and have the project commence. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer .

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Justice Center Project Construction Manager Contract with Knutson Construction. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize the chair to sign the Right-of-Way Plat for the Shooting Star Trail from Adams to Rose Creek and then have the document recorded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners welcomed students for County Government Day.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to deny the Application for Abatement of penalty of Ryan Benson in regard to parcel identification number R27.001.0050 for taxes payable in 2008. The basis for denial is consistency with current policy and practice. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the Application for Abatement of penalties of Jon Shaw in regard to parcel identification number \$12.027.0021 for taxes payable in 2008 in the amount of \$53.06. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve an extension of the Audit Report deadline until November 30 of each year in regard to a loan with the Hormel Foundation. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. until April 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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