

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 2, 2010

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session March 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Raymond Tucker, Chair
 David Hillier
 Dick Lang
 Tim Gabrielson
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator
Member absent: Mike Ankeny

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize the Human Resource Director to fill four temporary, non-benefited summer employees for the Highway department. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve an eight week leave of absence effective March 2 to April 28, 2010 pursuant to an employee's requested dated February 24, 2010 and on file in Human Resources. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to amend Personnel Policy D275 Work Schedules and Pay by adding the following language:

The County recognizes that peaks in workload activity can occur throughout the year. In these instances compensatory time may be necessary as overtime budgets may not be available. Departments are authorized to utilize compensatory time under the following conditions:

1. **The total compensatory bank for each employee cannot exceed 20 total hours.**
2. **Employees shall be required to use compensatory time earned within 60 days of banking the time.**
3. **This provision shall not be applicable to collective bargaining units employees with special compensatory time regulations in their agreements.**
4. **Department heads shall be required to gain County Board approval prior to exceeding these provisions.**

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the Justice Center change order (PCO #75) in the net amount of \$7,816.00 for court technology. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on a change order for the installation of hand dryers in the justice center washroom facilities. The Building Committee will review the matter.

Date: March 2, 2010

Res. #19-10

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 2, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Vincent Kellner requests the approval of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Mower, State of Minnesota, to repurchase that tract of forfeited property located in the Township of Leroy and described as follows:

Commencing at the Section corner of Section 6, Township 101 North, Range 14 West, thence running East on the Section line 12 rods, thence North 8 rods to the place of beginning, being the same more or less; also identified by parcel number 09.006.0020.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 282.241, provides for the privilege of repurchasing a parcel of tax-forfeited land classified as non-conservation land to the property owner at the time of forfeiture. The statute provides for the repurchase of non-homestead property anytime within one year from date of forfeiture.

WHEREAS, the former property owner must pay the basic repurchase price. The basic repurchase price is equal to the sum of the real property taxes, special assessments, penalties, costs, interest, state deed tax and fees per Minnesota Statutes 282.241 and 282.251.

WHEREAS, said parcel of land forfeited to the State of Minnesota on October 16, 2009, and is classified as non-conservation land by the County Board on February 23, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Repurchase and request the Mower County Auditor-Treasurer to complete the "Auditor's Application for State Deed For Repurchase of Tax-Forfeited Land" in the names of all eligible repurchasers as found in the "Amended Order of Complete Settlement of the Estate and Decree of Distribution, filed in the County Recorder's office in Book 473 of Deeds Page 251.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of March, 2010.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Arlene Schamber, on behalf of the Turtle Creek Watershed District provided the Board with an update on the 2009 activities of the watershed district.

Date: March 2, 2010

Res. #20-10

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 2, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the economic downturn and the proposed governor's budget will cause fiscal strain on budgets to Minnesota counties; and

WHEREAS, Counties will need to consider all options and opportunities in order to meet the needs of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, MS 373.052 requires county offices to be open Monday through Friday for county business; and

WHEREAS, a modification to allow a 4-day business work week option is a tool that may provide budget efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, counties can be creative with a 4-day work week to implement non-traditional business hours that will result in no reduction of customer service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners requests Representatives Jeanne Poppe and Robin Brown and Senator Dan Sparks introduce legislation to allow Mower County to implement a 4-day work week as a local county option; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Governor requesting support of said legislation.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of March, 2010.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the "ARRA Immunization Grant Amendment" between the Minnesota Department of Health

and Mower County Community Health Services in the amount of \$7,850 ending June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Margene Gunderson, Director of Community Health Services, provided an update on changes in the WIC program and the possibility of closing two out-county sites as a result of the changes.

Date: March 2, 2010

Res. #21-10

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 March 2, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the policy platform of the Association of Minnesota Counties is to encourage the State to look at appointment initiatives for county elected row officers such as the County Recorder as a more efficient local model; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Recorder is expecting to retire at the end of the current term; and

WHEREAS, this creates an opportunity to seek legislation without impacting the current office holder to make this office appointed with appropriate and thorough public input; and

WHEREAS, enabling legislation, when authorized by the State requires public hearings and an opportunity for a reverse referendum and meets the need for transparency in government;

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board of Commissioners recognizes the position of Mower County Recorder has required increasingly technical and professional skills and the effective and efficient operation of these offices will benefit the citizens of Mower County through the appointment process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mower County Board of Commissioners to respectfully request that Senator Sparks, Representative Poppe and Representative Brown introduce and support legislation granting the authority to appoint the office of Mower County Recorder to the Mower County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners set a public input session on March 23, 2010 to begin receiving public input while the legislation is being considered by the State Legislators to help in determining the wishes of the public.
Passed and approved this 2nd day of March, 2010.

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the minutes of February 9 and February 23, 2010. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize Chair to sign the comment letter for the Pleasant Valley Wind Project. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize the claims for payment submitted by a mentor for Correctional Services and a Public Health Advisory Committee member that were submitted outside the 6 month parameters outlined in county policy for the submission of claims. The departments will notify their members of the policy guidelines. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to refer the Notice of Filing of Withdrawal of Territory Petition, Cedar River Watershed District received from the Water Management Committee of the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources to Environmental Services and the Finance Committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. until March 9, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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