

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 6, 2010

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize the Human Resource Director to fill the full-time position of social worker in Human Services according to union contract and personnel policies. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to maintain the current courthouse hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Motion carried. (This action was in response to employees' requests to consider closing the public windows at 4:30 p.m.)

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the temporary summer extension secretary position for up to 310 hours at \$10.70 per hour effective April 8, 2010. Motion carried.

Canine Tazer (with Sergeant Ellis) was recognized for retirement with 8 years of service with Mower County. Police Officer Ryan Leif, the third member of the canine team was also recognized with appreciation for his service on the team.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to contract with MPower for a GIS software program and amend the 2010 Budget for the program in the amount of \$25,700 using GIS reserves. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to appoint Terry Fox to the Airport Zoning Ordinance Committee for the remainder of the project to fill a vacancy on the committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the minutes of March 23, 2010. Motion carried.

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

KKE Architects	\$ 23,796.03
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Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to authorize Jodi Krueger, Lead Child Support Officer, to attend the Blandin Community Leadership program without using personal time to attend the conference. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to refer the wind tower petitions received to the ordinance committee. Motion carried. Commissioner Lang abstained.

The County Recorder appointment legislation has passed the House and should be heard in the Senate soon with the bill expected to pass. The bill will then be presented to the Governor for approval and signature. Then a public hearing will need to be scheduled. The process may or may not be completed prior to the primary filing date. If the process is not completed prior to that time, the appointment of the position will need to wait four years and will most likely remain an elected position for the next term.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the two additional license agreements with Vanguard and authorize the County Assessor to sign the agreements and pay the invoice in amount of \$842. Motion carried.

The majority of the shared radio expenses between Mower County and the City of Austin incurred as a result of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street water tower maintenance that were approved at the March 23, 2010 meeting can now be paid with E911 funds instead of reserves.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the receipt of comments regarding the appointment legislation for the office of the County Recorder from Olgar and Judy Himle.

Steve King, Director of Correctional Services, provided an update on the STS (Sentenced to Serve) program and the results of the state cuts to the program and appealed to the Board to maintain the program.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to maintain the County STS program and amend the Corrections 2010 budget by increasing the STS expenditure budget by \$18,897 out of rainy-day reserves and to increase the electronic home monitoring cost from \$16 to \$19 per day effective May 1, 2010 for new clients with the additional \$3/day to be used to partially offset the STS budget increase. Motion carried.

Lisa Lager, on behalf of a relative, appealed to the Board the denial of services through Human Services.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to refer the appeal of Lisa Lager to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board on April 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. until April 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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