

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 4, 2010

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session May 4, 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

Candy Lahann, Office Support Specialist, Sr. in the Assessor's department, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

Bob Goede, MCIT Risk Management Consultant, presented to the Board in the annual MCIT membership report.

Date: May 4, 2010

Res. #30-10

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held May 4, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute requires an extension of the tax due date when tax statements are mailed on or after April 28, 2010. An extension of 20 days after the postmark date is required with an extension of the penalty date for unpaid taxes 21 days after the postmark. Mower County's tax statements were mailed out on April 28, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Mower County Auditor-Treasurer is asking for an extension of real and personal property taxes due date to May 18th and an extension of the penalty date to May 19th.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the extension of the real and personal tax due date and penalty date to May 18th and 19th respectively. It also directs that such notice be published in the legal newspaper of Mower County or in other paper of wide circulation.

Passed and approved this 4th day of May, 2010.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, presented to the Board information concerning RES Americas, Inc. request, pursuant to direction received from the State of Minnesota, to have Mower County to be the site and permitting authority for 3 substations and 3 transmission lines. Mower County can either accept or reject the responsibility. If the County accepts the responsibility there is a process which includes holding a public scoping hearing for preparation of an Environmental Assessment. Representatives for RES Americas were present along with five township officials who encouraged the County to take on this responsibility.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to accept the request of RES Americas, Inc., pursuant to direction received from the State of Minnesota, to become the site and permitting authority for the three substations and three transmission lines for the RES Americas, Inc. project with the costs associated with being the site and permitting authority to be reimbursed by the applicant. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve an extension of the leave of absence effective April 29 to July 31, 2010 pursuant to an employee's request dated April 29, 2010 and on file in Human Resources. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to amend the 2010 Human Services budget by reducing the budgeted mental health grant expenditures with a net decrease of \$82,999 from \$570,966 to \$487,967. Expenditure reductions are included in the areas of one state employee, crisis line and Cedar Valley extended employment services. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to amend the 2010 Extension budget for the purchase of a printer/copier/fax unit in the amount of \$8840 from County Reserves. Motion carried.

Sue Davis, County Recorder, appeared before the Board to announce that she is retiring and will not seek re-election for the position of County Recorder.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to retain the services of KKE Architects at a cost of \$17,500 for office design related to furniture, fixtures and equipment. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to amend the 2010 highway budget for the addition of a rumble strip project with grant funds (SP 88-070-009) in the amount of \$543,852 (\$537,709.50 Federal funds and \$6,142.50 State funds). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010. Motion carried.

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

KKE Architects \$ 27,894.97

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the Application for Abatement of penalty only in the amount of \$482.90 of Michael Wehner in regard to parcel identification number 34.223.0020 for taxes payable in 2007 and 2008. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to amend the 2010 Sheriff's budget for ARMER radios in the amount of \$62,881.60 for the 20% match required with the grant from County Reserves. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the Emergency Food & Shelter Program (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$5000 and amend the 2010 Veteran services budget to reflect the receipt of funds. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the 3.2% on sale license for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. until May 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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