

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2010

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session July 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 employees working with the SHIP program in Community Health Services to apply for the SE Service Cooperative 2010 Employee Health Promotion Support Program grant, authorize the Human Resource Director to sign the grant application and allow employees to attend any subsequent health fair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang 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 Gabrielson to approve the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Application for a competitive grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and designate the County Coordinator as the authorized representative. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve a special appropriation to the Mower County Historical Society in the amount of \$2400 as a contribution to the building projects of energy efficiency upgrades to buildings located on the fairgrounds and roof repairs to GAR Hall. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the possibility of doing a study for the feasibility of combining the Mower County/Austin Police Department Dispatch with the Steele and Rice County Dispatch.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize staff to discuss with the City of Austin and the Rice / Steele Joint Dispatch the possibility of doing a feasibility study for including Mower County at the regional dispatch

service location with Rice/Steele Joint Dispatch subject to the estimated costs of hiring a consultant. Motion carried.

Doug Bathke, representative for the Austin Eagles Club, made an appeal to the County Board for financial relief on tax penalties and interest and what options may be considered.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to refer the matter of the Austin Eagles Club request for possible financial relief on tax penalties and interest to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Gabrielson after the County Attorney noted a potential conflict of interest due to the fact that Commissioner Gabrielson is a member of the Austin Eagles Club.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to refer the matter of the Austin Eagles Club request for possible financial relief on tax penalties and interest to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation and to appoint Commissioner Lang to the Finance Committee in the place of Commissioner Ankeny for this issue only due to the potential conflict of interest as Commissioner Ankeny has also been a member of the Austin Eagles Club. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to reappraise tax forfeited parcel 02.052.0070 from \$7500 to \$2000. Motion carried.

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, reviewed the draft environmental assessment of RES America, Inc. / Pleasant Valley Wind and recommended changes to the draft document. Discussion followed.

The Board recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Additional discussion occurred concerning possible revisions to the draft environmental assessment.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the draft Environmental Assessment of RES America, Inc. /Pleasant Valley Wind with the following noted revisions:

Pg 20 - 1st para, last sentence: "Applicant plans to place the structures outside of the existing ROWs, as depicted in Figure 4.2.2.2."

Pg 40 – last para, last sentence: "150 MW phase of the Project (80 percent to Counties, 20 percent to city/precincts)."

Map No. 10 – depicts Albert Lea Airport, but not the Austin Airport – **Add Austin's airport** to map.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the agreement with the City of Mapleview for CSAH 45 road reconstruction project to include Mapleview city water and sewer lines contingent upon the award of the project. Motion carried.

John Sheedy voiced his concern for potential flooding from the SWCD project that is replacing a 5 foot culvert with a 3 foot culvert in a section of the township road that is adjacent to his property. No board action was taken.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the on sale license for Echo Lanes and River Oaks of Austin effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the Vanguard Computer Systems Service Plus contract. Motion carried.

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

Vanguard	\$ 17,075.00
KKE Architects	46,264.28

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the Child Sexual Predator Program. Motion carried.

Date: July 6, 2010

Res. #37-10

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTEROPERABLE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM GRANT**

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 July 6, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County will enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota, SE MN Regional Radio Board, and Olmsted County, fiscal agent for the SEMN RRB for the 2009 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) effective from date grant is signed through 02/28/2011, in which each County or City within the SE MN Regional Radio Board is required to pay matching funds of \$912.92 for P25 interoperable equipment (portable radios/mobile radios/control stations).

WHEREAS, no equipment can be purchased for a specific County or City of the SE MN Regional Radio Board until their match has been received by the fiscal agent, Olmsted County.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County enters into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota, SE MN Regional Radio Board, and Olmsted County, fiscal agent for the SE MN Regional Radio Board for the 2009 HSEM Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) Grant.

Passed and approved this 6th day of July, 2010.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the solid waste management facility permit application of Veit / Vonco IV, of Austin, MN and the solid waste collection service permit application of Sunshine Sanitation of Stewartville, MN for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. until July 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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