

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 7, 2010

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session September 7, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Member absent: Tim Gabrielson

The Human Services Financial Unit was recognized as Employee of the Month. Employees in the unit are Mary Lang, Cheri Schewe, Ruth Arens, Michelle Bull, Mary Evenson, Candice Groesbeck, Pam Hall, Sarah Johnson, Karin Hanson, Jan Kennedy, Marcie King, Michelle Miller, Sharon Schnieder, Nicole Srock, Audrey Strecker, Dawn Williams, Joni Williamson, Sandi Brandt and Beth Nelson.

The new Human Resources Director, Jennifer Simpson, was introduced to the Board.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, and Wayne Madson, Veterans Service Officer and Emergency Management Director, proposed a change in the Mower County structure of Emergency Management and Veteran Services to meet the increase in veteran services needed. Veterans were present in support of the proposal.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to instruct the Human Resources Director to modify the VSO/Emergency Management position description to VSO/Deputy Director of Emergency Management at 95%/5% respectively, develop the position description of Emergency Management Director, have this position rated, establish this as a part-time position based on available funds and the additional \$20,000 grant funds and advertise for this position for hire. This motion is contingent upon application and approval of the \$20,000 grant. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to appoint to the Personnel Board of Appeals, effective September 1, 2010, the following persons:

Appointee:	Term:
Tricia Wiechmann	9-1-10 to 12-31-13
William Mogen	9-1-10 to 12-31-12
Mary Burroughs	9-1-10 to 12-31-11

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to authorize the Human Resource Director to fill the full-time position of MIS Manager according to personnel policies and to fill any subsequent vacancies created by filling the position. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

Christine Harris, St. Mark's Lutheran Senior Community, provided additional information in support of the original request to the Board on August 10, 2010 concerning St. Mark's renovation project and request for a letter of support for delicensing 35 skilled nursing beds. An optional letter of understanding would be accepted by St. Mark's.

Motion made by Commissioner Lang to not support St. Mark's Lutheran Home in its plan to delicense 35 skilled nursing beds. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to submit a letter of understanding indicating that the County understands the change in the industry but has reservations in delicensing additional 35 skilled nursing beds as the business of St. Mark's Lutheran Home strives to be competitive in the market. Reasons for the County's reservations include but are not limited to the loss of skilled nursing beds and the proximity of relatives to where skilled nursing beds will be available, possible loss of State funding if not approved, and possible loss of jobs in the community. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Hillier aye, Commissioner Lang nay, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Tucker aye. Motion carried 3-1.

Paul Spyhalski appeared before the Board requesting a Letter of Support for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for Elkton Wildlife Management Area.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to authorize a Letter of Support for a grant application for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for Elkton Wildlife Management Area. Motion carried.

Date: September 7, 2010

Res. #49-10

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 7, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the County has developed or is in the process of developing three (3) parking lots for usage in its downtown Austin facilities; and

WHEREAS, MS 373.26 allows the County Board to regulate the use of the parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the best use of the property to be a combination of public parking, employee parking, county owned vehicle parking and handicap parking;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the usage of the three parking lots be as follows and further detailed on maps on file in the County Coordinator's office:

- A. Parking Lot A. (*Old Library Lot*) Employee parking by permit between the hours 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- B. Parking Lot B. (*Old Robbin's Furniture Block*) Employee parking by permit in the designated section between the hours of 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Public parking not to exceed a time limit of 90 minutes in the designated section Monday through Friday. County owned vehicles with no time limit in the designated section.
- C. Parking Lot C. (*Vacated 1st Street NE between 2nd Avenue NE and 4th Avenue NE*) Employee parking by permit in the designated section between the hours 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Public parking not to exceed a time limit of 90 minutes in the designated section Monday through Friday. Handicap parking as designated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that parking shall be enforced by the Sheriff who is authorized to ticket violations with a \$10.00 find and tow vehicles at the owner's expense when necessary to cure violations.

Passed and approved this 7th day of September, 2010.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to refer the previously budgeted purchase for a front-end loader in highway to finance for review and recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve final payment to Hansen Hauling & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$3,566.29 for CP 50-09-10. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the minutes of August 3, August 10 and August 24, 2010. Motion carried.

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

LarsonAllen	\$ 42,100.00
KKE Architects	22,396.00

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to accept the donations received for the Veteran's Van fund: an anonymous donation in the amount of \$85.00 and a \$20.00 donation from C. Schindler. Motion carried.

Date: September 7, 2010

Res. #50-10

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Hillier, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 7, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County enter into a Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Office Operational Improvement Grant Program. The grant must be used to enhance the operations of the County Veterans Service Office under Minn. Stat. §197.608 Subd. 4(a), and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mower County Board of Commissioners Chair and the Veteran Services Officer be authorized to execute the Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

Passed and approved this 7th day of September, 2010.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: September 7, 2010

Res. #51-10

**RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF THE
2010 UPDATE MOWER COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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 September 7, 2010 at the Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and the March, 2008 planning crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Mower County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Mower County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Passed and approved this 7th day of September, 2010.

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Chairperson

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to approve the 2010-2011 Public Health Preparedness Grant between Mower County Community Health Services and the Minnesota Department of Health in the amount of \$29,606. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to reject the request to release the ISTS lien on property 16.039.0310. The request is to be referred back to the county attorney's office for further review. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Lang to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m. until September 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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