

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 4, 2011

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session January 4, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Tim Gabrielson, Chair
 Mike Ankeny
 Raymond Tucker
 Jerry Reinartz
 Tony Bennett
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Craig Oscarson, Clerk of the County Board, took nominations for Chairperson for 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to nominate Tim Gabrielson as 2011 Chairperson. The Clerk asked for further nominations three times and hearing none the vote was cast. Motion carried.

The Chair took nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to nominate Mike Ankeny as 2011 Vice-Chairperson. The Chair asked for further nominations three times and hearing none the vote was cast. Motion carried.

The Chair made the following 2011 Committee appointments:

Committee	Commissioner(s)
2011 Negotiating Committee	Gabrielson / Ankeny
*SEMCAC	Bennett / Ankeny
**Finance & Purchasing	Gabrielson / Tucker
***Personnel	Ankeny / Bennett
Buildings & Grounds	Gabrielson / Reinartz
Solid Waste	Bennett / Ankeny
Planning	Reinartz / Bennett (alt.)
County Extension	Gabrielson / Reinartz
Court System	Reinartz / Ankeny
Law Library	Tucker
Water Quality Joint Powers Board	Gabrielson / Reinartz (alt.)
Interstate Trail Committee	Reinartz / Bennett

Community Health Services	Gabrielson / Ankeny
EMS Joint Powers Board	Tucker
JT. PA Board (PIC)	Tucker
RC & D	Ankeny
Austin Development Corporation	Reinartz
County Board of Health	All Commissioners
Road & Bridge Committee	All Commissioners
LEC Advisory Committee	Gabrielson / Bennett
Ordinance Committee	Tucker / Gabrielson
Family Connections	Reinartz / Tucker
Regional Housing	Gabrielson / Bennett
SEMREX Joint Powers Board	Ankeny
Austin Library Board (no vote)	Reinartz
SCHSAC	M. Gunderson / Gabrielson (alternate)
City/County Joint Issues (quarterly meeting)	Ankeny / Reinartz
Transit Board (AMCAT)	Ankeny / Bennett
SWCD Board (no vote)	Tucker
Rural Energy Task Force	Tucker
Siebel Visitation Center Advisory Board	Gabrielson
Historical Society Strategic Planning	Tucker

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #01-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer be authorized to make the following expenditures from the County General Revenue Funds. Payment in full to be made for all appropriations under \$5,000.00. All appropriations over \$5,000.00 to be disbursed quarterly.

CATEGORY:
HUMAN SERVICES

SEMCAC	\$2,000.00
Lyle Senior Citizens.....	\$600.00
LeRoy Senior Citizens	\$600.00
Brownsdale Seniors	\$600.00
Sargeant Seniors.....	\$600.00
Mower County Senior Citizens.....	\$10,000.00
Mower County Senior Citizens -- Chore	\$36,000.00

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Youth Center.....13,468.00

ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING

Mower County Soil & Water.....\$133,505.00
Historical Society.....\$33,750.00
SEMN Water Resource Board.....\$4,000.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SEMN Initiative Fund.....\$1,000.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

Southern Minnesota Tourism.....\$500.00

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to allocate the fairgrounds minor repair fund as follows for 2011 and to authorize full distribution of the 2011 amounts.

Ag Society	50%	\$ 12,707
Historical Society	35%	8,895
4-H	15%	<u>3,812</u>
TOTAL		\$25,414

Motion carried.

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #02-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted at a meeting held January 4, 2011 at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Mower County, Minnesota to appoint the following persons as Mower County Delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties for 2011: Commissioner Jerry Reinartz, Commissioner Ray Tucker, Commissioner Tim Gabrielson, Commissioner Tony Bennett, Commissioner Mike Ankeny and County Coordinator Craig Oscarson. There are two vacancies for AMC Delegates, which will be filled at a later date.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set the 2011 liquor license fees as follows:

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| 1. | On Sale | \$2,160.00 |
| 2. | Sunday On Sale | 200.00 |
| 3. | Wine | 240.00 |
| 4. | Bottle Club (C&D) | 240.00 |
| 5. | Beer On Sale | 75.00 |

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the dangerous dog certificate fee for 2011 at \$150.00 per certificate. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to set the 2011 fireworks display permit fee at \$50.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the 2011 Mini Truck license fee at \$30.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the 2011 Late Filing of Marriage License Fee at \$100.00. Motion carried.

The Board received the following quotes for 2011 legal newspaper:

Austin Daily Herald	\$1.79 per column inch
LeRoy Independent	\$2.20 per column inch
LeRoy Independent/Grand Meadow	\$2.35 per column inch
Austin Post Bulletin	\$1.75 per column inch
Monitor Review	\$3.00 per column inch

The County Coordinator noted for the Board that the newspapers that quoted also indicated different column widths. A different column width would allow for different column inches in a legal publication. An adjustment factor was calculated and the adjusted quotes per column inch would be as follows:

Austin Daily Herald	\$1.79 per column inch
LeRoy Independent	\$2.18 per column inch
LeRoy Independent/Grand Meadow	\$2.33 per column inch

Austin Post Bulletin	\$1.30 per column inch
Monitor Review	\$2.79 per column inch

Discussion followed. The County Attorney noted that statute indicates that the award should go to the lowest quote and coverage area does not apply for the primary newspaper.

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #03-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2011 at the government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED, based on the low quote and being in the best interest of the public, that the award go to the Austin Post Bulletin, a daily newspaper, with general circulation in Mower County, as the newspaper in which the notice and list of real estate remaining delinquent on the first business day in January 2011, the Financial Statement of the year 2010 and the proceedings of the County Board of said County for the year 2011 shall be published and the same is hereby accepted as per quote of \$1.75 per column inch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LeRoy Independent, a weekly newspaper, with publications in both the "*Grand Meadow Area News*" and the "*LeRoy Independent*" be awarded as the secondary county newspaper with a quote of \$2.35 per column inch in which the proceedings of the annual meeting, the County Board of Equalization and 2010 Financial Statement shall be published.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to set the 2011 mileage reimbursement rate at forty-five cents (\$0.45) per mile effective January 1, 2011 and refer possible policy revision regarding use of county vehicles to personnel and/or finance for review and recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to set the 2011 burning permit fee at \$15.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the 2011 tobacco license fee at \$75.00. Motion carried.

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #04-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota 55912.

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to M.S. Chapter 375.34 & 375.35, the sum of up to \$300.00 be paid to each post of a recognized military service persons' organization or society, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund of Mower County to each of the recognized Military Persons' Organizations or Societies filing bills showing expenses in this amount, for the purpose of Memorial Day Exercises and the County Auditor/Treasurer is expected to draw his warrant for the amount shown on the itemized bill not to exceed \$300.00. The County's annual aid for Memorial Day expenses shall not exceed \$3,500.00.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to accept the drafted comment letter prepared by staff regarding the Cedar River Watershed District's drafted rules and forward the comment letter to the appropriate CRWD representatives. Motion carried.

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

NACO	\$ 810.00
SE MN Regional Radio Board	1,000.00
Association of Minnesota Counties	13,449.00
MCIT – Property & Liability Insurance	303,876.00
MCIT – Worker's Comp. Insurance	227,171.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to deny the Application for Abatement of penalty of Art Nelson in regard to parcel identification number

02.040.0070 for taxes payable in 2010. The basis for denial is consistency with current policy and practice. Motion carried.

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #05-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners January 4, 2011 at a meeting at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED That the County Auditor-Treasurer be allowed to pay various incidental expenses, refunds, state agency payments, tax apportionments and Board approved appropriations. Items paid by auditor warrant include: utilities; telephone; requests by a Judge for immediate payment; postage; license fees; tax overpayments; employee benefits; credit card payments, when necessary to avoid late penalties and charges and costs associated with travel and conferences when pre-payment is required. All claims for reimbursement must be submitted to the County Auditor-Treasurer within six (6) months of occurrence in order to qualify for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer be allowed to pay the food contract and partial contract payments. An auditor warrant may be issued provided a signed legal contract is on file, the department head supervising the contract has approved the payment for work completed and that the payment is not a final payment on a contract.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #06-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County receives and disburses public funds and shall deposit such funds in a commercial bank, savings association, trust company, credit union or other financial institution as defined by law in Minnesota Statutes 118A.01;

WHEREAS, Mower County will designate as a depository of its funds one or more financial institutions per MS 118A.02;

WHEREAS, the following financial institutions are designated depositories for 2011:

- Farmers State Bank – Adams
- Farmers State Bank – Elkton
- First Farmers and Merchants – Brownsdale
- First Farmers and Merchants – Grand Meadow
- First Farmers and Merchants – Austin
- Mower County Employees Credit Union
- U.S. Bank – Austin
- Home Federal Savings Bank

WHEREAS, any public funds, not presently needed for other purposes or restricted for other purposes, may be invested in the manner and subject to the conditions provided for in M.S. 118.04, 118A.05 and 118A.06

- Minnesota Association of governments Investing for Counties, asset manager PFM
Asset Management LLC
- Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.
- Smith Barney
- UBS
- Northland Securities

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners adopt and designate the listed financial institutions in this resolution as depositories of public funds for the year 2011.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

There was a brief discussion concerning delinquent payments of E911 signage and making collection as special assessments.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to table E911 signage special assessment and give the list of delinquencies to the appropriate area commissioners to contact the landowners. Motion carried.

Doug Groh, County Auditor-Treasurer, provided an update on the tax forfeited property located at 1604 East Oakland Avenue, Austin, MN. A well has been discovered on the property that will need to be sealed.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to get additional quotes to seal the well on tax forfeited property 1604 East Oakland Avenue, Austin, MN and check into alternative financing to pay for the well sealing and limit expenses to \$2500. Motion carried.

Doug Groh gave a personal letter to each Commissioner that was read silently by each member of the Board. Commissioner Tucker indicated that the issues raised in the letter should be first directed to the Personnel Committee and follow the normal channels for Doug's inquiry.

The Jail Food Contract renewal with DARCAN will be brought before the board at a future date. The Jail Administrator is considering possible revisions to the contract.

Date: January 4, 2011

Res. #07-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 4, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED; That Dr. Richard Schindler be re-appointed as Mower County Health Officer for the year 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the medical officer shall receive \$1,300.00 per year plus expenses upon receipt of an itemized and verified bill for said expenses.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. until January 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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