

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 3, 2011

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session May 3, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz:           Mike Ankeny, Vice-Chairperson  
  Raymond Tucker  
  Jerry Reinartz  
  Tony Bennett  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator  
Member absent:                 Tim Gabrielson, Chair

The Personnel Committee has been reviewing a Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program proposal and briefly discussed the basis of the initiative. The Committee notified the Board that they were requesting input from the department heads and will make a final recommendation after that is received.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to table the proposal of a Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program to May 17, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to authorize the Human Resource Director to fill the full-time position of Shift Sergeant in the jail according to union contract and personnel policies. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to revise the days that the Recorder's office will process passport applications from five days a week to three days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays effective on or before June 1, 2011 pending approval from US Passport services. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the AG BMP Loan Agreement Amendment in the amount of \$84,000 for ISTS loans. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to accept the \$20.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawler for the mentoring program. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve and authorize the County Coordinator to sign the Confidential and Indemnification Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and Deloitte Consulting for GASB actuarial services effective May 3, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to support the Association of Minnesota Counties' position to delay the passage of the MPCA 7080 rules to counties until 2016 and send the Mower County Environmental Services Director's comments to Mr. Bakke, the AMC President. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to amend the 2011 Sheriff's budget for the purchase of one (1) 900 Mhz microwave radio in the approximate amount of \$8,000 from reserve contingency and authorize the appropriate transfer of funds as necessary. Motion carried.

The County Sheriff received two quotes for the purchase of Cassidian Sentinel Patriot system for dispatch center E911 call upgrades.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the low quote for the Cassidian Sentinel Patriot System to Independent Emergency Services. Motion carried.

**Date: May 3, 2011**

**Res. #29-11**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held May 3, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota is consistently placed at or near the bottom of national measures that assess the capacity for local government innovation in all 50 states,

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota and its counties face significant demographic trends that will require innovative approaches to program delivery in order to adequately meet the growing and changing needs of citizens;

**WHEREAS**, counties with innovative ideas should be provided the requisite opportunity and flexibility to successfully implement those ideas so as to best serve their communities,

**WHEREAS**, counties across Minnesota boast significant geographic, demographic and economic diversity that thus requires maximum flexibility in programmatic implementation,

**WHEREAS**, counties are willing and able to identify, implement and methodically verify increased programmatic efficiencies through a process that will cultivate and sustain a strong and trusting state-local partnership, and

**WHEREAS**, transitioning to an outcomes-based system of program evaluation is in the best interest of every Minnesota citizen and government that desires to maximize public resources and enhance the quality of life in their community to the fullest extent possible,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Mower County recommends that the Legislature and governor work cooperatively with all 87 counties to swiftly pass the MAGIC Act into law during the 2011 legislative session, thus implementing a system that will enhance and incent local government efficiency and innovation throughout Minnesota by:

1. Allowing counties to take any action not prohibited by state law to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the public; and
2. Creating a measured, outcomes-based waiver process whereby counties, in partnership with the legislative and executive branch of state government, can implement efficiency-based, time-limited pilot programs that are subject to final review by the Legislature and governor and will create a repository of best practices so as to improve long-term policy decisions across the state.

Passed and approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vice-Chairperson**

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

The Board recessed at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Laura Chaffee and Guadalupe Reyes, Jailers, and Mike Feuerhak, Shift Sergeant, were recognized as Employees of the Month.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. until May 17, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vice-Chairperson**

**Attest:**

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

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