

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 8, 2011

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session November 8, 2011 at 8:30 a.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

**GENERAL:**

Overview of director's report.

Review of fiscal report with Val Kruger.

Commissioner Ankeny moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the ARMHS certification for Wapiti Meadows Community Technologies and Services effective November 1, 2011. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Reinartz seconded to authorize the Chair and the Director to sign the following Purchase of Service Agreements:

- a. Independent Management Services – renew contract for Multiple Guardianship Services, effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013.
- b. Lutheran Social Services – renew contract for Home & Community Based Waiver Services, effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.
- c. The Meadows Assisted Living – renew contact for Home & Community Based Waiver Services, effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.
- d. Norma Olson – renew contract for Multiple Guardianship Services, effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013.
- e. Pam Retterath – renew contract for Mental Health Services, effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.
- f. Wapiti Meadows CT&S – renew contract for Mental Health CTSS services, effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Ankeny seconded to approve the destruction of designated Agency files in accordance with DHS Rules and Regulations. All previously approved files have been destroyed. Motion carried.

**SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIONS:**

Commissioner Ankeny moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

**INCOME MAINTENANCE ACTIONS:**

Commissioner Reinartz moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded to approve the Income Maintenance Actions. Motion carried.

Dustin Heckman, Mower County Historical Society Director, provided the Board with an update on the historical society's activities and invited the Commissioners to submit comments on the Historical Society's Strategic Plan.

The Board recessed at 9:29 a.m. and reconvened at 9:44 a.m.

Terese Amazi, Mower County Sheriff, provided the Board with a jail population update indicating that the jail population has been consistently between 60 – 70 inmates since the jail opened.

The Sheriff also provided an update concerning the Prescription Drug Drop Box. A Minnesota company has now been approved to incinerate the drugs and Mower County will now use this company because it is a more economical way to dispose of the prescription drugs.

The Personnel Committee updated the Board concerning the hiring process for 1.5 dispatch positions. During the process there are many open shifts that need to be filled, which result in overtime hours for existing staff and the Committee has been reviewing options to fill these shifts and possibly reduce overtime expenses.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the Human Resources Director to work with the Sheriff to establish an "on-call pool" of qualified individuals to fill open shifts at a pay rate of \$15.87 per hour with the intent to not authorize additional hours in dispatch staffing levels or to increase regular staffing levels, but to provide an efficient way to fill vacant shifts with the possibility of reducing overtime of current staff. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to ratify the contract with UAW effective May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as outlined in the Tentative Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to authorize the chair to sign the new plat for the Dexter Cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the following Commissioner warrants for payment:

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
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COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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7192.34	ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCA	179.16	TRUCK AUSTIN AUTO
549.32	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN	1140.00	BUSTAD DOZING AND EXCAVATING I
248.20	CATCO PARTS AND SERVICE	223.95	CHANNING L BETE INC
250.00	CLASEN-JORDAN MORTUARY	405.25	CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPTS
640.90	DAMEL CORPORATION	823.75	DIAMOND MOWERS, INC.
2820.00	ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO., LLC	335.51	G & K SERVICES
108.10	GSDIRECT	449.53	HANSON TIRE SERVICE INC.
144.87	HARTY MECHANICAL INC	585.23	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS,LL
620.50	JONES,HAUGH & SMITH, INC.	8329.28	KRIS ENGINEERING INC
215.18	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES	265.00	MACO
1076.70	MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM-AUST	5298.31	METAL CULVERTS, INC.
388.91	MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	153.89	MIDTOWN TOWING
100.00	MINNESOTA SHERIFF ASSOCIATION	277.90	MINNESOTA SUPPLY COMPANY
1386.21	NAPA AUTO PARTS	278.71	OWATONNA PEOPLES PRESS
5335.95	PARAGON PRINTING & MAILING INC	304.24	PETROBLEND CORP.
164.47	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	2250.00	RON MICHAELS CONSULTING INC
1179.90	SERVICEMASTER CLEAN	186.72	DAVE SYVERSON FREIGHTLINER
521.09	TOTAL GLASS-LOCK, INC	244.70	TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPOR
2968.93	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	188.00	VERIFIED CREDENTIALS INC
289.63	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN	267.19	WHITEWATER WIRELESS,INC ROCHES
675.22	YOUNG'S WELDING, INC.		
	23 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	1,294.86	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$50,357.60	****

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to deny the Application for Abatement of penalty of Rose Folken in regard to parcel number 34.559.0260 in Mower County for taxes payable in 2011. The basis for denial is consistency with current policy and practice. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to designate Angie Knish as a Mower County representative on the Austin Sustainability Task Force and Jeff Weaver as an alternate. Motion carried.

The Chair appointed Commissioner Bennett to represent the County Board on the Austin Sustainability Task Force.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to authorize Mower County with the Siebel Center to prepare a grant application for funding of the Juvenile Diversion Program and the Siebel Center. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

A Public Hearing was held on the complaint of residents of the Cedar River Estates in Udolpho Township to require Udolpho Township to maintain a subdivision road.

Craig Byram, attorney for the landowners in Cedar River Estates, presented the complaint to the Board. Four residents spoke in favor of the complaint requiring Udolpho Township to maintain the subdivision road in Cedar River Estates.

Troy Gilchrist, attorney for Udolpho Township, presented the townships position against the complaint. One member of the Udolpho Township Board addressed the board's questions and one additional citizen spoke against the complaint.

The Board would like additional information from Udolpho Township. The Board would like an estimate of the Township's cost to maintain the road and the estimated amount of taxes generated for the Township from these four homes.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to table this matter in order to investigate the costs associated with the maintenance of the subdivision road and to continue the Public Hearing to November 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. until November 22, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

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

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