

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 8, 2011

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 8, 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

Colleen Horn, Lead Social Worker, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the Human Resources Director to rehire a former Dispatcher at Grade 7, Step 6 on the 2011 wage scale, which is the grade and step the employee had prior to the previous separation. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reappoint Mary Burroughs, the Human Resources Director for Austin Public Schools, to serve on the Personnel Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the PERA phased retirement renewal request for 2012 of Linda Unverzagt for up to 250 total hours for 2012 on an as needed basis. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve an unpaid leave of absence request of a Financial Worker in Human Services through the time the employee is able to return to work, but no later than December 27, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adopt the Minnesota AWAIR program as written, in compliance with Minnesota OSHA regulations, that describes the County's safety program including, but not limited to, safety goals, program responsibilities, hazard management, communication, accident investigation and safety enforcement and said program as written and presented supersedes any previous policies/programs describing areas covered under Minnesota AWAIR that may have been adopted by the County. A copy of the Minnesota AWAIR program as adopted is on file in the office of the Human Resource Director. Motion carried.

Julie Stevermer, Human Services Director, and Lisa Kocer, Interim Community Health Director, presented the Board with an update on the possible merger of the two departments and the staff recommends continuing with the study of a possible merger of the two departments based on the preliminary findings to date.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to table the decision to continue the study for a Health & Human Services merger with Public Health to December 13, 2011. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee and the remainder of the Board reviewed the truth in taxation memo to the taxpayers that would be presented at the public hearing this evening regarding the 2012 budget and levy proposal and recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee reviewed funding options for the possible LEC / Health & Human Services remodel. The Finance Committee recommends using county reserves, funds reserved from the sale of the old Health & Human Services building to Hormel, from Great River Energy available funds and general fund reserves and to proceed with the remodel project.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the Health & Human Services / LEC remodel project and to designate a total of \$4,609,855 for said project based on this fund balance transfer and existing Capital Project Fund reserves. Motion carried.

Two of the commissioners reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties' annual conference.

Cheryl Corey, Director of the Austin Convention and Visitor's Bureau provided the Board with an update on the 2011 activities of the visitor's bureau and of the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association. County appropriated funds help with these activities' expenses.

Justin Hanson, Soil & Water Conservation District, provided the Board with information concerning the Natural Resources Block Grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to accept the Natural Resources Block Grant of \$80,384 effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve two drainage / tile outlet applications of Dorothy Bergene on county right-of-way CSAH 7 for the Harlan Bergene and Meritt Bergene properties and the Virgil Bergene property in Sections 35 and 36 in Marshall Township. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
9185.28	ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCA	884.05	AMERICAN INSTITUTIONAL SUPPLY
357.00	APEX EQUIPMENT LLC	6937.50	APPLIED CONCEPTS INC
650.00	AUSTIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMM.	276.83	BLI LIGHTING SPECIALISTS
1181.06	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	196.65	CITY CAR WASH INC
548.51	DALCO	197.72	DIAMOND RIDGE PRINTING
2481.50	DANIEL DONNELLY LAW FIRM	365.51	ENDRES WINDOW CLEANING, INC.
255.78	GRAINGER	500.00	HOVERSTEN,JOHNSON,BECKMANN & H
277.50	IDEACOM MID-AMERICA INC	213.03	IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS
533.28	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS,LL	192.38	INTOXIMETERS, INC
6805.04	IVERSON HAULING	144.44	KEN KROUPA
421.00	KRUEGER TRANSPORTATION	148.98	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES
2100.00	MARSTON CONSULTING GROUP,LLC	3906.25	MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM-AUST
190.32	MIDTOWN TOWING	400.00	MINNESOTA SHERIFF ASSOCIATION
300.00	REBECCA NICOL	5188.69	PARAGON PRINTING & MAILING INC
164.47	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	200.00	PROJECT LIFESAVER INTERNATIONA
440.72	SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	246.00	DR. SCHMITT
1179.90	SERVICEMASTER CLEAN	1488.02	SYNERGY GRAPHICS INC.
535.00	THORSON CONSTRUCTION	45155.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC
9257.49	VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	1180.00	WAGNER CONSTRUCTION CO
289.63	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN	1455.76	WEST PAYMENT CENTER
	16 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	704.05	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$107,134.34	****

Motion carried.

Date: December 8, 2011

Res. #76-11

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held December 8, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2011 the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. on July 22, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. for gambling at Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. on July 22, 2012.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of December, 2011.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

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

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the ACH (renewal) Agreement with First Farmers & Merchants and authorize the County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to rescind Resolution #70-11 approved November 22, 2011 as the Auditor-Treasurer has indicated that his prior request for Board action regarding this matter was unnecessary. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$23,712 and authorize the Board Chair and Emergency Management Director to sign the agreements. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve out-of-state travel for County Coroner staff to attend an EMS conference. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. until December 13, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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