

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

September 4, 2012

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session September 4, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Commissioner Bennett on behalf of the Personnel Committee reported that based on a request for proposal (RFP) process conducted for dental insurance, the recommendation is to switch providers from United Health Care to Dearborn National Insurance. Dental insurance is a voluntary benefit that is 100% employee paid and the provider switch would save employees money in premiums over the next two years without impacting their level of coverage.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to authorize the Human Resources Director to sign any applications or other necessary forms to initiate this transfer in dental coverage providers. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett further reported that the Personnel Committee had received a request from the Health and Human Services Director regarding a training certification program for Permanency and Adoption Competency. This is a 14 session training opportunity spanning from October 2012 to June 2013 (1-2 days per month) in Rochester. There is a Social Worker that currently works part-time and specializes in adoption who would greatly benefit from this certification program. The intent would be for this staff person to work additional hours the weeks the training is offered (since this person is part-time, there would not be overtime hours incurred). The understanding is that the cost of the training course, including additional staff hours for training time, is available within the 2012 budget and in the proposed 2013 budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve selected staff in Health & Human Services to participate in the Permanency and Adoption Competency training certification program as long as expenditures are contained within the existing or proposed 2012 and 2013 budgets of Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee has received a resignation notice from the County Assessor effective December 31, 2012.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to accept the resignation notice of the County Assessor as submitted, effective December 31, 2012. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee has been reviewing the requests and "wish lists" of departments and outside agencies. Currently this results in an 18% levy increase combined with the reduction in county program aid and the increase in out of home placement costs. The County potentially has the option to use reserves to lower the impact on the levy increase. The Finance Committee will continue to review the 2013 proposed budget for possible cuts, use of reserves, etc. prior to making its recommendation for Board action at next week's board.

Commissioner Reinartz reported that the Building Committee has been reviewing the plans for the LEC / HHS remodel and has been further analyzing what areas are common with LEC for the cost split with the City of Austin. The Committee is waiting for a response from Knutson Construction to recalculate the costs.

The Sheriff, Terese Amazi, presented a proposed contract with the State of Minnesota for a preliminary implementation plan and resolution for the County's possible participation to join in the ARMER system. Also for consideration was a quote from Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for services to develop the preliminary implementation plan if the County proceeds. A discussion followed.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to table the decision on the ARMER System and grant participation and contract until September 11, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to approve the minutes of August 28, 2012. Motion carried.

**Date: September 4, 2012**

**Res. #58-12**

**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 September 4, 2012 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Mower County Sheriff's Office have joined together in a multi-agency task force intended to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation of children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers, and to disrupt and dismantle organizations engaging in such activity; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is providing a federal grant to assist law enforcement in investigating and combating the exploitation of children which occurs through the use of computers; and

WHEREAS, non-local funding allows local units of government to provide these necessary services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby approves renewing the joint powers agreement with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and authorize the Sheriff, the Vice-Chair of the Board and the County Coordinator to sign the agreement on behalf of the county.

Passed and approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

The Board recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 1:54 p.m.

The County Public Works Director and the County Attorney presented information concerning a petition for land vacation for property located in the Cedar Dale Second Addition Plat in Lansing Township. The land had been dedicated for roads but roads have never been built on the lots. The Township and the County were both listed on the dedication certificate. A discussion followed.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the request for the land vacation petition for Lots 1 and 10 in Cedar Dale Second Addition Plat in Lansing Township with the exception of existing utility permits and structure. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the possible next stage(s) of the Human Services (SDA) Service Delivery Authority Initiative. Six counties participated in the redesign meeting held on August 30, 2012 in Owatonna. Information has been received that two of the six counties will not participate. No action was taken at this time on the County's possible continued participation in the initiative.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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