

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2013

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Jerry Reinartz, Chair
 Tony Bennett, Vice-Chair
 Polly Glynn
 Mike Ankeny
 Tim Gabrielson
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Candice Lahann, Property Appraiser, was recognized as the Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Bennett on behalf of the Personnel Committee indicated that the Sheriff's Department has requested that a part-time dispatcher be authorized to work additional hours to assist while staff on leave during open hours until July 31, 2013. This matter was tabled and no action taken.

Commissioner Bennett indicated that two Social Workers in Health & Human Services have requested unpaid leaves of absences.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve unpaid leaves of absences for two social workers for approximately 6 to 8 weeks (requests on file in Human Resources.) Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to authorize the Human Resource Director to hire temporary, non-benefited summer highway help at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and within the 2013 budget parameters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to award bid on project CP 50-13-07, Grandstand construction, to Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises, LLC with the low bid in the amount of \$599,663 subject to receipt of a grant from the Hormel Foundation. In the event the grant request is rejected or insufficient and the County terminates the project, the county shall reimburse the contractor for actual contract expenses to date not to exceed \$5000. Motion carried.

Robert Goede, MCIT, provided the annual Member Report to the Board pertaining to insurance.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adopt additional fee schedule in the Auditor-Treasurer office as follows:

\$25 expedited fee for processing vital records; and
 \$25 ordination filing fee
 Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Glynn aye Commissioner Bennett aye
 Commissioner Ankeny nay, Commissioner Reinartz aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Joy Kanne, County Assessor, provided the Board with a department report. The department is now fully staffed and the department is reaching out and educating the public about valuations and classifications and appeals process.

Val Kruger, Fiscal Supervisor at Health & Human Services, provided fund balance information. The department is requesting a 2012 budget adjustment in the amount of \$201602.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve a fund balance transfer from the General Fund to the Human Services Fund in the amount of \$202,000 for 2012 budget deficit. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013. Motion carried.

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

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
128.02	A+ PRINTING	374.83	ALLIANT ENERGY
340.00	AMERICAN TEST CENTER, INC	260.00	ASSOCIATION OF MN COUNTIES
117.66	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN	17133.34	BAUDOIN OIL COMPANY
130.00	BJORKLUND COMPENSATION CONSULT	159.00	BUSSLER PUBLISHING INC
2134.77	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	401.52	COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION
788.71	DALCO	590.70	DEXTER LP, INC
691.83	FIRESTONE	104.00	FOX ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC
480.62	G & K SERVICES	2787.96	GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAM
223.49	HOLIDAY FORD, LINC, MERC	525.00	SANDRA JARVIS
2782.50	JONES, HAUGH & SMITH, INC.	460.00	EVAN LARSON LAW OFFICE
171.00	MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM	10824.00	MCF - STW
118.65	MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	138.93	MIDTOWN TOWING
1200.00	MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AG	366.39	MISSISSIPPI WELDERS SUPPLY CO.
6883.10	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	332.00	MOWER COUNTY SHOPPER
1448.04	PETROBLEND CORP.	458.76	POWERPLAN
942.30	PROLINE DIST INC	131.50	RAMADA PLAZA SUITES FARGO
159.87	RONCO ENGINEERING SALES, INC.	136.39	RUBBER-INC
572.33	SELLERS LOCK & KEY	1229.80	SGTS INC
4402.38	STANLEY CONVERGENT SECURITY SO	1835.58	SWINGSAFE MAILBOX SUPPORTS LLC
1542.19	DAVE SYVERSON FREIGHTLINER	256.88	TIM'S REPAIR & TOWING
1203.61	ZIEGLER, INC	2020.66	3D SPECIALTIES, INC.
	19 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	978.27	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$67,966.58	****

Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:28 p.m.

Mike Hanson, Public Works Director, provided the Board with a proposed resolution supporting legislation for additional transportation funding.

Date: April 2, 2013

Res. #30-13

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 April 2, 2013 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS Minnesota Counties have had to rely increasingly on the property tax to maintain roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS the rural road networks in the state should be adequate to bring goods to market; and

WHEREAS transportation-related jobs put over \$2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost \$195 million in income tax revenue in 2011; and

WHEREAS according to the Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) every \$1 billion invested in highway construction would support approximately 27,800 jobs; and

WHEREAS the overall transportation and transit needs for Minnesota exceed \$2.5 billion dollars per year for the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS transportation funding comes primarily from user fees and are constitutionally dedicated to transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS the wheelage fee and local option sales tax for transportation should be options for all county boards to implement to meet their specific county needs; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive transportation solution should include funding for roads, bridges and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mower County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of April, 2013.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

The Board held a Public Hearing in regard to a citizen's petition to prepare an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposed feedlot/livestock buying station; Section 32 Udolpho Township, Mower County, MN.

Angie Knish, Environmental Services, summarized the process to date and reviewed the proposed findings of fact which indicates that the County is exempt from requiring or requesting an EAW. Kristen Nelsen, County Attorney, provided supporting information regarding the Boards legal rights and obligations.

The landowner of the property was present and did not speak. Eight citizens spoke in favor or an EAW be prepared on the parcel. No citizens spoke against an EAW be prepared on the parcel.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to accept Findings of Fact as drafted by Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, regarding the citizen's petition to prepare an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposed feedlot/livestock buy station on the Lee Grant property in Section 32, Udolpho Township, Mower County indicating that the proposed EAW is exempt under the laws of Minnesota and thus no EAW is required. Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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