

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 1, 2014

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the agenda with additions as follows: add one item for consideration under personnel committee business to address the comp time bank balances in Public Works. Motion carried.

Mr. John Gray on behalf of the Visitor Center subcommittee of Vision 2020 presented a request for funding in the amount of \$2500 from Mower County to assist in a Phase I study for an Austin / Mower County Visitor's Center. Mr. Gray presented information concerning the committee's activities, goals and its accomplishments to date.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the funding request of Vision 2020 for funding in the amount of \$2,500 for assistance for a Phase 1 Study for the proposed Gateway to Austin Attraction Visitor Center and to authorize the distribution of said funds to the City of Austin as fiscal agent for the Phase 1 Study. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson nay, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, Commissioner Bennett nay. Motion carried 3-2.

Commissioner Gabrielson on behalf of the Personnel Committee reported that the committee has had discussions with the Public Works Director about the higher than usual amount of Comp Time accrued over this winter. The extreme weather conditions this winter required a greater number of work hours than previous winters. The Public Works Director proposed a plan that would require employees to use up Comp Time as well as the County paying out a portion of Comp time. The proposal states employees will use at least 4 hours each week of Comp Time for the months of April and May. Employees with a Comp Time bank over 32 hours will be required to receive a payout for those hours. The reason for basing the payout on 32 hours is based on the language in the union contract which states, "The employer cannot reduce an employee's comp time bank below 32 hours without the permission of the employee."

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the proposal of the Public Works Director to make an effort to reduce each employee's comp time bank to 32 hours by May 30, 2014 in accordance with union contract language which states, "The employer cannot reduce an employee's comp time bank below 32 hours without the permission of the employee." The plan to achieve this goal is as follows:

- a. Employees will average using 4 hours of comp time each week until May 30, 2014.
- b. It is at the discretion of the Public Works Director to exceed the 4 hour average in an effort to reduce larger comp time banks.
- c. Any balances over 32 hours on May 30, 2014 will be paid out in the first payroll of June.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the contract renewal with Norm Craig for SSTS inspections effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the AG BMP Contract and authorize the Environmental Services Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014. Motion carried.

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

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2426.46	ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCA	455.68	ALLIANT ENERGY
253.07	ASPEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	383.72	AUTO VALUE AUSTIN
2328.98	BAUDOIN OIL COMPANY	1247.60	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC.
3946.01	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	550.00	CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS & CLINICS
55000.00	CITY OF AUSTIN	133.47	CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.
177.80	CULLIGAN OF AUSTIN	367.49	DEXTER LP, INC
1604.02	EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOG	22029.50	ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO., LLC
436.05	FERNBROOK FAMILY CENTER	283.00	FOX ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC
3352.55	GRAZZINI BROTHERS & COMPANY	131.32	H & J DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
781.00	HANSON TIRE OF AUSTIN INC	1327.70	HARTY MECHANICAL INC
480.00	HIGH FOREST BOBCAT SERVICE LLC	205.49	HOLIDAY CARS, INC.
924.80	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS,LL	5052.00	JONES HAUGH & SMITH INC
649.06	KESTNER ELECTRIC, INC.	34217.00	KNUTSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
20046.25	KOCH, INC.	1119.07	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC.
772.20	MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM-ALBE	13158.00	MIDWEST ELEVATOR & DRILLING
1720.00	MINNESOTA ABSTRACT	1524.58	MINNESOTA COUNTIES COMPUTER CO
1211.83	NAPA AUTO PARTS	125.55	PAKOR INC
4402.30	PALMER SODERBERG INC	3896.14	PETROBLEND CORP.
3876.28	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC	743.35	PROLINE DIST INC
318.00	PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CONSULT	142.55	RAMADA PLAZA SUITES FARGO
16632.51	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF M	199.33	RICOH USA INC
700.00	RIVERSIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVIC	157.98	RUBBER-INC
214.79	SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	356.00	DR SCHMITT
157.00	SE MN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SUR	4500.00	SHERIFF FREEBORN COUNTY

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1372.24 DAVE SYVERSON FREIGHTLINER	192.03 TIGERDIRECT
309.41 TOWMASTER TRUCK EQUIPMENT	185.20 UNIFORMS UNLIMITED INC
788.24 UNITED LABORATORIES	210.00 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
100.95 WHITEWATER WIRELESS INC	335.00 WORLEIN FUNERAL HOME
701.07 Y WASTE REMOVAL INC	1442.47 ZIEGLER, INC
15 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$100	665.46
**** FINAL TOTAL.....	\$221,019.55 ****

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the Application for Abatement of Matthew and Wendy Dingley for a partial refund of taxes and any applicable interest and penalty due to a clerical error in the homestead designation on their parcel number 34.360.0380 in Mower County for taxes payable in 2013. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve appointing to the Mower County Water Management Committee the following persons as representatives of their noted agencies:

Clint Hertle	Township Representative
Justin Brandau	Mower Communities
Greta Anderson	Vision 20/20

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve out-of-state travel for Sheriff and Public Works staff to attend a police fleet expo with the approval of the Public Works director to approve sending his staff. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:34 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

The following employees from Mower County Public Works and the Sheriff's Department were recognized as the April 2014 employees of the month for their outstanding service during the winter blizzards:

Public Works	Position	Sheriff	Position
Dan Regner	Supervisor	David Pike	Sergeant
Don Smith	Supervisor	Jason Bresser	Deputy
Michael Arens	Equipment Operator	Ryan Chrz	Deputy
James Blomgren	Equipment Operator	Ryan Norton	Deputy
Eric Boe	Equipment Operator	Evan Sorenson	Deputy
Wade Christopherson	Equipment Operator	Jamie Meyer	Deputy
Duane Distad	Sign Technician	James Lamecker	Deputy
Gerald Frein	Equipment Operator	John Bachman	Deputy
Allan Huntley	Equipment Operator	Bruce Hemann	Investigator
Brandon Johnson	Equipment Operator	Steve Sandvik	Investigator
Vernon Kiefer	Equipment Operator	Neal Williams	Deputy
Kenneth Kilby	Equipment Operator	Brady Muelken	Deputy
Dennis Lewison	Equipment Operator	Briea Leif	Dispatcher
Nicholas Pedersen	Equipment Operator	Sue Olund	Dispatcher
Ryan Severson	Equipment Operator	Laura Geffert	Dispatcher
Peter Werner	Equipment Operator	Jill Morrison	Dispatcher
Kevin Whalen	Equipment Operator	Julie Corkill	Dispatcher

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Chris Eastvold	Mechanic	Tammy Cook	Dispatcher
Andrew Goltz	Mechanic	Sandy Daily	Dispatcher
Joe Schechinger	Mechanic, Lead	Sara Robertson	Dispatcher

In addition, the Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Tyler Lynch and April Kline for their blizzard assistance.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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