

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 24, 2015

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session November 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the agenda with the following additions: Update on purchase of Osmundson building/Adam's Shop and authorization to proceed with purchase and authorization to run an additional payroll for PTO/Vacation conversion elections. Motion carried.

Jill Cordes, County Recorder, provided the Board with a department update.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to switch from the Fidlar software program to a WCI web software program in the Recorder's office and adopt a new customer fee schedule as on file in the Recorder's office. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the 2016-2017 Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer, Director of Health & Human Services, provided the Board with Community Health Updates which included the following:

- \* Update on employee flu shot numbers and public health preparedness exercise in the elementary schools in Austin
- \* Open Door Mobile Clinic
- \* Exploring a contract with the Welcome Center for interpreter services especially Spanish and Karen languages
- \* Meetings scheduled in December to meet with Medica and BluePlus to discuss provider services and contracting for PMAP services
- \* Congratulations to the WIC staff on passing their State Management Evaluation

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the Human Services Accounts Payable. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

Amy Lammey, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided to the Board details of the changes made in the 2015 Emergency Operation Plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the 2015 Emergency Operation Plan. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015. Motion carried.

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

| <u>Vendor Name</u>                     | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Vendor Name</u>                     | <u>Amount</u>     |
|--|---------------|--|-------------------|
| 180 Degrees Inc                        | 9,523.75      | Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance      | 2,325.58          |
| Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc   | 2,263.72      | Mille Lacs Academy                     | 8,668.22          |
| Andersen, Inc./Earl F.                 | 4,696.40      | Mower County Soil & Water Cons         | 4,120.66          |
| Anoka County Human Services            | 8,179.00      | Olmsted County Community Services      | 3,465.00          |
| B & W Control Specialists Inc          | 2,478.75      | Petroleum Traders Corporation          | 15,551.82         |
| Bluff Country Septic Systems Llc       | 4,507.95      | Rupp,Anderson,Squires & Waldspurger Pa | 2,152.04          |
| Bruening Rock Products Inc             | 3,675.84      | Schmidt Goodman Office Products        | 2,929.57          |
| Cedar Valley Services, Inc             | 31,496.72     | Specialty Personnel Services           | 2,210.04          |
| Commissioner Of Transportation         | 8,283.99      | Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center    | 2,124.13          |
| Cummins Npower, Llc                    | 2,120.00      | Total Glass-Lock Inc                   | 5,140.27          |
| Department Of Corrections              | 3,855.00      | Towmaster Truck Equipment              | 2,062.52          |
| Donnelly Law Firm/Daniel               | 2,554.44      | Turnkey Corrections                    | 12,359.86         |
| Jones Haugh & Smith Inc                | 14,830.25     | Ulland Brothers Inc.                   | 77,525.40         |
| L & M Boiler Systems, Inc.             | 5,206.95      | Village Ranch Inc                      | 15,580.85         |
| M-R Sign Company Inc                   | 3,459.15      | Whitewater Wireless Inc                | 49,964.49         |
| Mayo Clinic Health System-Albert Lea & | 3,423.57      | 90 Payments less than 200              | 43,718.36         |
|  |               | <b>FINAL TOTAL:</b>                    | <b>360,454.29</b> |

Motion carried.

Mike Hanson, Public Works Director, provided a brief update on the Adam's Shop Project which included information on soil testing results and the plans for the facility this winter. The Environmental Phase I and II have been completed and any pollutants found are the responsibility of the current landowner and that there is minimal risk.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to proceed with the purchase of the Osmundson property / Adam's shop. Motion carried.

A concerned citizen addressed the Board concerning the conditions of Mower County roads after the recent snow event. The Snow and Ice Control policy was reviewed by the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the Human Resources Director to approve processing an additional payroll for the PTO Cash Out and Conversion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the 2015 MPCA Feedlot Performance Grant #2 Agreement / Application for \$4,162 in

grant funding and authorize Justin Hanson to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County. Motion carried.

The Commissioners set the date for the Commissioner's Employee Cookie Party to December 15 from 2-4 at the Government Center.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the 2016 Assessing Agreement with the City of Sargeant. Motion carried.

**Date: November 24, 2015**

**Res. #64-15**

**RESOLUTION**

**Affirming Mower County's endorsement of the revised County Program Aid formula Developed by the Association of Minnesota Counties' County Program Aid Work Group**

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held November 24, 2015 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties are mandated by the state to provide essential services in many program areas including human services, public safety, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, counties depend on County Program Aid ("CPA") for the financial sustainability of these state-mandated, count-administered services; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the CPA formula, pursuant to MS Chapter 447A.0124, creates considerable volatility in the fund's distribution, interfering with counties' abilities to accurately budget for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the current formula's inadequacies have also resulted in the dramatic reduction of funding for one-third of counties, that have lost at least 50 percent of their funding since 2005; and

WHEREAS, despite fluctuations over the past ten years, the state appropriation to the 2015 CPA is equal to the 2005 appropriation making it greatly depressed in terms of inflation; and

WHEREAS, a revised CPA formula in conjunction with additional funding will enable counties to continue to provide quality services that may also translate into reductions in county levies, decreasing the tax burden of Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the CPA Work Group including leadership from twenty counties and representatives from the Metropolitan Inter-County Association and the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus to analyze and develop a CPA formula that reflects the pressing needs of Minnesota's counties; and

WHEREAS, the CPA Work Group unanimously approved a revised CPA formula that benefits all Minnesota counties by reducing volatility and ensuring a fair distribution of CPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support the proposed CPA formula revisions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Mower County endorses the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid formula:

- ♦ A funding increase of \$40 million;
- ♦ The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid ("TBEA");
- ♦ Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties' loss of TBEA funding, including: an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to 9 percent;
- ♦ The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and
- ♦ The creation of a 5% cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than 5% of its funding each year.

Passed and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

Commissioner Reinartz on behalf of the Finance Committee reported to the Board that the Committee has been working on the proposed 2016 budget and levy, reviewing a proposal for pictometry which would be beneficial to many departments and funded from land records funding, and reviewing the aging pool fleet of vehicles.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to amend the 2015 budget to replace two pool vehicles for the approximate amount of \$40,000 from reserve contingency. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on wind revenue. It was suggested that the 2016 Finance Committee review the wind revenue monies and how to allocate the funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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