

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

October 11, 2016

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session October 11, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Prior to the Board meeting the County hosted a breakfast for employees being recognized for 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the agenda with the addition of noting the employee recognition breakfast and award presentation. Motion carried.

Twenty-five employees were recognized for their years of service and were presented with certificates and monetary awards.

Kristen Krell and Chuck Schwartau provided the Board with an Extension Department update.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve payment to vendors for Human Services Accounts Payable. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the customer agreement for sign language interpretation with ASLIS Company. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the grant contract for Adult Mental Health Services with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer provided the Board with human services updates that included 1) a concern raised by the landlord association regarding foster care licensing in rental properties and 2) Guardianship fees. With reference to guardianship fees, statute outlines certain eligibility programs that dictate whether or not a client may be responsible for a portion of

their guardianship fees. The department has put a process in place now to insure that those fees are collected. This could result in a savings to the county nearing \$45,000 annually. It is a win-win situation because those fees would be covered by the programs that the client is eligible for and would not come out of their own pocket.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to authorize the Chair and the Director to sign Purchase of Service Agreements for group residential housing renewal agreements effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for the following:

Adams Home Health Agency	Stephanie & Stacy Sargent
Diane Hanson	Julie Skinness

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:22 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Special Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:33 a.m. for regular business items.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny briefly updated the Board on a meeting he attended in Blue Earth County regarding Solid Waste and the impact of the flooding in Waseca. The Board also discussed the progress of the Recycling Addition and its roofline. Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, informed the Board that at his association's fall conference, AMC presented topic of concern for prioritization. The County Administrators prioritized the top three concerns of counties to be 1) County program aid formula, 2) mental health funding for Jails and HHS and 3) transportation. Some counties are concerned with assessing regulations due to the lack of qualified appraisers.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, 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>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	13,267.64	Mayo Clinic	14,769.77
Austin Utilities	2,635.71	Minn Dept Of Agriculture	697,929.23
Commissioner Of Transportation	2,504.51	Powerplan	9,384.41
Dave Lucas Consulting	5,980.52	Rochester Sand And Gravel, Inc	45,275.23
Dell Marketing L P	4,033.90	Sea Change	16,507.49
DM Stamp & Specialties	4,521.72	Strobel M.D./David W	5,212.00
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	3,625.96	Taser International	2,837.68
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	15,077.59	Towmaster Truck Equipment	114,851.00
Hanson Tire Of Austin Inc	2,929.20	Uhl Company Inc	6,060.00
Komitt Concrete Inc	19,207.00	Ulland Brothers Inc.	4,935.50
Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc	14,305.50	65 Payments less than 2000	19,745.39
		Final Total:	1,025,596.95

Motion carried.

Date: October 11, 2016

Res. #57-16

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 11, 2016 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, occasional users of the County Recorder's document website desire a means of accessing and acquiring documents from the website by paying online; and

WHEREAS, Mower County's Merchant Agreement with US Bank has a provision that will facilitate the process of credit card payments via PayPal for clients that are searching and making data requests for Mower County documents via the County Recorder's website. Elavon can supply the process configuration for PayPal. There will be no direct website payment access.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County establish under the Merchant Agreement with US Bank the process to facilitate the acceptance of credit card payments via PayPal for clients that are searching and making data requests for Mower County documents via the County Recorder's website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County financial staff establish a recommended fee schedule that includes document costs, transaction fees and administrative costs for the data requests for Recorder's documents to be acquired through this electronic method for County Board approval prior to implementing the PayPal electronic receipting process for the Recorder's documents.

Passed and approved this 11th day of October, 2016.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Craig Oscarson informed the Board that one bid had been received on the Grand Meadow shop property. The bid was received late but there was only the one bid and it was for the minimum requested bid amount along with a bond check.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to award the bid for the sale of the property at the Grand Meadow Shop to Tony Warmka with a bid of \$5500. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Henry L. and Richianne Burger, applicants, to construct a single family home in LeRoy, Minnesota.

Craig Oscarson reviewed the application with the recommendation to approve the application.

The Applicants were present and spoke on their own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Burger housing tax abatement application.

Date: October 11, 2016

Res. #58-16

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. 469.1813**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 11, 2016 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 469.1813 gives authority to the County of Mower to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, Mower County has adopted the Tax Abatement Policy for new construction of Single and Multi-family homes which includes criteria which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted; and

WHEREAS, Henry L. and Richianne Burger are the owners of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 1, River's Edge Addition
LeRoy, Minnesota

WHEREAS, Henry L. and Richianne Burger have made application to Mower County for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on October 11, 2016 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Henry L. and Richianne Burger have met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 2(i) as well as Mower County's criteria for tax abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. Mower County does, hereby grant an abatement of Mower County's share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel for the construction of a single family home.

2. The tax abatement will be for no more than five years commencing with the receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy, or not more than one year following approval of the taxing authority's resolution, whichever is first, on the first year of taxes payable for the assessed value(s) related to the capital improvements outlined in Paragraph 1.
3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record at the time of the payment, by December 30th of that calendar year.
4. The tax abatement shall be for up to the full amount of the real estate taxes collected from added tax base of the newly constructed housing/home annually. Land values and the current base value are not eligible and will not be abated.

Passed and approved this 11th day of October, 2016 with a vote of 3-1. Commissioner Reinartz voted nay.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the 2017 County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan Review and to authorize the County Feedlot Officer to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Housing Tax Abatement program in terms of how to get the word out that this program is being offered in Mower County. No action on the discussion took place.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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