

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

October 25, 2016

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session October 25, 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
 Tony Bennett
 Denise Barthels, Clerk pro tem

Absent: Craig Oscarson, Clerk/County Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) authorize the chair to send an informative letter to the Herald for publication regarding How County Program Aid Lowers Your Taxes and Why Legislators need to care; 2) American Legion Commander Jim Kellogg will appear to request reinstating the cooperative spring program between the Legion and the County for Know Your Government Day for school students and 3) Finance Director will present Investment Reports for review and approval. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer, Health and Human Services Director, along with public health staff (Pam Kellogg and Karen Frank) provided the Board with a department update. Healthy Family America program has changed how the department does home visiting and the local program has received accreditation. Unfortunately grant funding will be exhausted about September 2017. The United Way has indicated that it is willing to offer some financial support for the program.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the Health and Human Services Director to apply for United Way Grant Funding to support the Healthy Families America Program through the end of 2017. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the Health and Human Services Director to apply for United Way Grant Funding to support the Healthy Families America Program in the year 2018 and possibly beyond. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer provided community health updates which included information pertaining to Opiate Antagonist Protocol.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz 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	2,150.50	Government Management Group Inc	5,000.00
Aaa Striping Service Company	38,381.00	KaiserComm Inc	14,356.25
American Lung Association	3,366.62	Metro Sales Inc	3,375.57
Anoka County Human Services	16,831.00	Midwest Clinical Psychologists	2,250.00
Austin Newspapers Inc	2,860.29	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	3,134.32
Bustad Dozing And Excavating Inc	25,000.00	Mille Lacs Academy	8,707.50
Cargill Incorporated	89,563.62	Minnesota Counties Computer Co	24,601.91
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	51,318.84	National Business Systems Inc	10,500.00
Cliftonlarsenallen	16,594.00	Olmsted County Community Services	5,170.00
Dell Marketing L P	3,938.21	Path	2,593.80
Department Of Corrections	5,075.00	Schaeffer Mfg Co.	2,121.70
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	3,769.23	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,406.87
Erickson Engineering Co., Llc	3,059.00	Ulland Brothers Inc.	62,451.76
Falk Construction Co./L.R.	6,931.51	Village Ranch Inc	10,726.00
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	17,921.52	98 Payments less than 2000	43,481.49
Gerard Treatment Program	8,609.40	Final Total:	496,246.91

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to reappoint Sheldon Sayles to the Extension Committee as an adult representative for a second three year term effective 1-1-17 through 12-31-19 and authorize staff to advertise to fill a vacant youth and adult position on the committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve out-of-state travel for sheriff department staff to attend a training conference in Kansas. Motion carried.

Jim Kellogg, Commander of the American Legion, appeared before the Board indicating that the Legion would like to reestablish the spring student field trip for Know Your Government Day. It has been a couple of years since the Legion has hosted the event.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to host a Know Your Government Day with the American Legion to be held in the spring. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Scott Fox, applicant, to construct a single family home in Austin, Minnesota.

The Applicant was present and spoke on his own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Scott Fox housing tax abatement application.

Date: October 25, 2016

Res. #62-16

**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 25, 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, Scott Fox is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 1 Hirsch Subdivision, Austin, Minnesota
(PIN 34.324.0011)

WHEREAS, Scott Fox has 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 25, 2016 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Scott Fox has 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 the 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 25th day of October, 2016 with a vote of 3-1, one abstained. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, Commissioner Reinartz nay, Commissioner Bennett abstained, and Commissioner Glynn aye.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk Pro Tem

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Darren Wendt, applicant, to construct a single family home in Pleasant Valley Township, Minnesota.

The Applicant was present and spoke on his own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Darren Wendt housing tax abatement application.

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WHEREAS, Darren Wendt is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Approximate 5 acre building site NE ¼ SW ¼ Document #629236
Section 9, Pleasant Valley Township, Minnesota
(PIN 14.003.0021)

WHEREAS, Darren Wendt has 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 25, 2016 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

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Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2016 with a vote of 4-1. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, Commissioner Reinartz nay, Commissioner Bennett aye, and Commissioner Glynn aye.

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Clerk Pro Tem

At the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) District IX meeting, representatives of AMC provided a draft information letter regarding "How County Program Aid (CPA) lowers your taxes and why legislators need to care" that Counties can consider sending to the local media for publication for the public's education on CPA. The Commissioners that had attended the meeting indicated that they thought it was a good letter and it was advisable to send it to the Austin Daily Herald.

By consensus the Commissioners requested that the Chair, Commissioner Glynn, send the information letter on County Program Aid to the Austin Daily Herald and the local legislators once pertinent Mower County data is included in the letter.

The Board recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

Mike Hanson, Public Works Director, presented bid information received for the Shooting Star State Trail project CP 50-16-01 along State Hwy 56 between County roads 52 and 58.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the bid for project CP 50-16-01 (Shooting Star State Trail along State Hwy 56 between County Roads 52 and 58) to the low bidder Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking, Inc. with a low bid of \$621,845.75 and have the project commence. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer and Public Works Director.

Date: October 25, 2016

Res. #64-16

RESOLUTION

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 25, 2016 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, project number CP 50-16-02 completed under contract number 21602 by Ulland Brothers, Inc. has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Mower and authorize final payment as specified herein:

Contract Amount: \$ 716,160.23
Final Amount: \$ 776,868.20 [108.48%]
Final Payment: \$ 38,843.41

Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2016.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk Pro Tem

Commissioner Ankeny on behalf of the Building Committee reported to the Board that the building committee had met with the Historical Society to review the cost estimates to replace the current building security system and to look at adding an external camera system for building security. The cost of the current security system replacement is estimated at \$7,270 not including sales tax and the cost of adding external cameras would be an additional \$9,640 not including tax. The Historical Society has prioritized replacing the current system as the main priority with the cameras as their second priority. Upon review of the low level of vandalism experienced over the last couple of years compared to the cost of the cameras, the building committee is recommending that the county provide funding for the main priority request.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to allocate up to \$7,270 plus applicable sales tax to the Historical Society to replace the current outdated building security system and to require the Historical Society to obtain two quotes for said work with funding from the reserve contingency budget. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reinartz reported that that Solid Waste Committee met with the consultants and has reviewed another few chapters of the proposed new ordinance. The Committee will meet again in November. The goal is to finish the proposed ordinance by February.

Donna Welsh, Finance Director, provided the Board with the investment reports for January 2016 through June 2016. The Board accepted the reports.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk Pro Tem

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