

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2016

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session September 27, 2016 at 8:34 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Michal Hanson, Public Works Director (County Engineer) provided the Board with a department update.

Lisa Kocer, Health & Human Services Director, provided the Board with Community Health updates which included the notice of resignation of Dr. Gene Muchow from the Community Health Services Advisory Board and the notice of the employee flu shot clinics.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes of September 6 and September 13, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny 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	6,355.30	Mille Lacs Academy	17,124.75
Acs	5,530.02	Olmsted County Community Services	8,325.00
Anoka County Human Services	19,861.00	Olson Grading Inc	3,770.79
Bruening Rock Products Inc	5,375.44	Path	2,680.26
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	2,271.15	Petroblend Corp.	2,888.51
Dave Lucas Consulting	4,025.00	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	3,895.00
Erickson Engineering Co., Llc	3,198.50	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	2,476.80
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	14,025.39	Specialty Personnel Services	2,322.50
Glaxosmithkline	2,449.77	Syverson Truck Center/Dave	2,962.44
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	12,382.00	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,631.11
Mayo Clinic Health System-Albert Lea &	2,426.92	Village Ranch Inc	7,823.78
Midwest Diesel Sales & Service Inc	6,871.03	92 Payments less than 2000	35,952.82
Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	4,086.69	<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>181,711.97</b>

Motion carried.

**Date: September 27, 2016**

**Res. #54-16**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 27, 2016 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2016 the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. on July 16, 2017.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. for gambling at Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. on July 16, 2017.

Passed and approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint Jon Erichson to the Turtle Creek Watershed District for a three year term effective November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve a letter to acknowledge Arlen Schamber's years of service with the Turtle Creek Watershed District. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the request of the Mower County Sheriff for the Mower County 2016 SHSP funding proposal which authorizes the county to be the purchasing agent from the Motorola and to receive grant funds from RAC for portable and mobile radios for area fire and ambulance agencies. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gabrielson on behalf of the Finance Committee provided to the Board the Committee's recommendation on the 2017 preliminary budget and levy.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

---

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to set the preliminary 2017 levy at \$20,346,174 which is a 5.692% budget increase over 2016, and set the 2017 budget and levy public hearing to December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The proposed 2017 budget is as follows:

	General	Public Works	Human Services & Public Health	Bonds	Capital Projects	Library	Changes	Total	%Increase
Expenditures	18,034,339	11,397,562	13,880,808	2,461,418	365,000	259,980		46,399,107	
Non Tax Levy Revenue	5,756,322	8,294,875	9,134,249	117,775				23,303,221	
Co Program Aid	1,474,791	276,942	262,770					2,014,503	
Assigned/Restricted Reserve Use	432,500	450,000						882,500	
Budgeted Changes to Required Reserves	147,291							147,291	
								0	
Tax Levy Needed	10,518,017	2,375,745	4,483,789	2,343,643	365,000	259,980	0	20,346,174	5.692

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the 2017 solid waste service charge at \$5 per point. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Derek and Joelle Voth, applicants, to construct a single family home in Turtle Creek Estates, Austin, Minnesota.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, reviewed the application with the recommendation to approve the application.

The Petitioners were present and spoke on their own behalf. No other person spoke for or against the Voth housing tax abatement application.

**Date: September 27, 2016**

**Res. #55-16**

**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 September 27, 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, Derek and Joelle Voth are the owners of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 10, Block 2, Turtle Creek Estates, Mower County, Minnesota

(PIN 02.850.0100)

WHEREAS, Derek and Joelle Voth 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 September 27, 2016 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Derek and Joelle Voth 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

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

The Board recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Rita Hanegraaf, and other concerned citizens, expressed to the Board their concerns pertaining to the new feedlot permit application of Mr. Greg Reinartz. The Board was presented with a signed petition with 100 names, karst maps and an Iowa newspaper article where a feedlot was denied for the same reasons/concerns raised by the citizens present. Seven persons spoke against the feedlot permit application being approved and two persons spoke in favor of the application. The citizens were concerned with the proximity of the proposed feedlot to neighbors, possible water contamination of both surface and well water and the impact on the area wild life. The concerned citizens suggested that an Environmental Impact Study be done prior to the approval of the feedlot application. No board action took place at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

**INDEX**

**2**

2017 budget & levy hearing set for December 8, 196  
2017 solid waste service charge set, 196

**A**

adjourn, 198  
agenda, 194

**H**

Human Services Accounts Payable, 194

**M**

minutes 9-6-16 and 9-13-16, 194

**P**

preliminary 2017 budget & levy set, 196  
Public Hearing  
    Voth Housing Tax Abatement, 196

**R**

Res. #54-16 gambling permit – Root River Antique  
    Historical Power Assn., 195  
Res. #55-16 Voth Housing Tax abatement, 196

**S**

SHSP funding proposal  
    county Motorola purchasing agent, 195  
    funding from RAC for portable & mobile radios for  
        fire and ambulance agencies, 195

**T**

Turtle Creek Watershed District  
    appoint Jon Erichson, 195  
    letter of acknowledgment to A. Schamber, 195

**W**

warrants  
    Commissioner, 194