

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

March 21, 2017

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session March 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Tim Gabrielson, Chair
 Tony Bennett
 Polly Glynn
 Mike Ankeny
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Members absent: Jerry Reinartz, Vice-Chair

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) approve gambling permit of Clay Breakers Club, Inc. and 2) amend the Coordinator's budget for a new multi-purpose office machine. Motion carried.

Mark May provided the Board with a Sheriff's department update.

LeeAnn Schafer, Legal Assistant, was recognized for retirement from Mower County with thirty-two (32) years of service.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the 2017 child and teen checkups Administrative Services Contract Amendment and authorize the HHS director to sign the amendment. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer, Director of Health & Human Services, provided the Board with community health services updates which included information pertaining to 2017 legislative mental health proposal to create triage centers vs. emergency room visits for those persons experiencing mental health crises; the registered nurses in the department excited about the educational opportunities to become public health nurses; and a letter of recognition from the Department of Human Services for Val Kruger's perfect performance in meeting the department's financial reporting requirements.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Human Services accounts payable. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to reappoint Mike Merten as a Cedar River Watershed District manager effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to waive the CUP fee for a borrow pit for a flood control project in Section 24 of Red Rock Township Motion carried.

Mike Hanson, Public Works Director, presented bid information received for projects (seasonal) CP 50-17-03 fuel; CP 50-1-04 center and edge striping; CP 50-16-05 bituminous; and CP 50-17-06 weed spraying.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to award the bids to the low bidders as follows for the following projects (seasonal materials):

CP 50-17-03 fuel – Baudoin Oil

CP 50-1-04 center and edge striping – AAA Striping Service

CP 50-16-05 bituminous – Henry G. Meigs, LLC

CP 50-17-06 weed spraying – Sunshine Enterprises

Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer and Public Works Director.

Date: March 21, 2017

Res. #17-17

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 21, 2017 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has determined that the following Bridge is deficient should be replaced:

Bridge 88980 in Section 14 of Austin Township; and

WHEREAS, Mower County has determined that new structures should be constructed to replace the existing deficient bridges; and

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall State transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road system; and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement, rehabilitation, and removal of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the City, County and the Townships to proceed with the management of deficient bridges; and

WHEREAS, Mower County intends to proceed with the replacement of this bridge as soon as possible; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Mower County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents and the replacement of this bridge immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit the work to take place.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2017.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, 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>
Anoka County Human Services	50,099.00	Olmsted County Community Services	6,660.00
Austin Newspapers Inc	6,130.26	Path	2,439.36
Cdw Government Inc	6,922.36	Pomp's Tire Service, Inc	2,029.00
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	50,063.87	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	12,595.14
Dalco	15,368.38	Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, Atty	2,074.00
Department Of Corrections	11,965.00	SACRED HEART SCHOOL	3,278.00
Donnelly Law Firm/Daniel	2,620.44	Smyth Companies Llc	15,591.90
Election Systems & Software	10,092.53	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,792.11
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	7,011.08	Varidesk LLC	11,431.45
Hansen Hauling & Excavating Inc	2,000.00	Village Ranch Inc	24,044.44
Holiday Ford Lincoln Mercury	21,750.12	Wagner Construction Co	3,330.00
Mayo Clinic Patient Financial Services	5,964.65	Welcome Center Inc	2,992.50
Melchert Hubert Sjodin	5,608.50	105 Payments less than 2000	39,369.40
Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	3,554.50	Final Total:	327,777.99

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve fireworks permit for Chateau Raceway on July 7, 2017. Motion carried.

Date: March 21, 2017

Res. #18-17

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 21, 2017 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017 the Clay Breakers Club, Inc. presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the Cedar Valley Conservation Club, Austin, Minnesota on April 22, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to the Clay Breakers Club, Inc. for gambling at the Cedar Valley Conservation Club in Austin, Minnesota on April 22, 2017.

Passed and adopted this 21st day of March, 2017.

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to amend the Coordinator 2017 budget for the purchase of an office machine (scanner/printer/fax) in the amount of \$7,700. Motion carried.

Robert Gross, Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs, provided the Board with an update on the MN State Veteran's Cemetery located near Preston.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, informed the Board that there will be a Government Day for area students on April 4. The event is sponsored by the American Legion.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of David Hillier, property owner, Lance Pogones, developer, to construct a single family home in Austin, Minnesota (PIN34.742.0410) for Tim and Emilia Toliver, future property owners.

Craig Oscarson reviewed the application and the recommendation is to approve the application.

The future property owner, Mr. Toliver, was present. No one else spoke for or against the Hillier/Pogones/Toliver housing tax abatement application.

Date: March 21, 2017

Res. #19-17

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

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 21, 2017 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, David Hillier is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 1, Block 6, Meadows, Austin, Minnesota
(PIN 34.742.0410)

WHEREAS, David Hiller and Lance Pogones 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 March 21, 2017 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, David Hillier, property owner, and Lance Pogones, developer, 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 21st day of March, 2017.

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2017 at 1:00.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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