

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

April 4, 2017

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the agenda with the addition of accepting a \$510 Sheriff department donation and a corresponding budget amendment for the department to purchase a replacement duty weapon. Motion carried.

The American Legion was hosting Government Day for area high school students. During the Board meeting several groups appeared before the Board and each commissioner shared with the area students what it was like to be a commissioner, why they ran for commissioner and what residents of Mower County they represented.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to set the project letting date to May 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Public Works and awarded at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting for the following County projects:

SAP 050-599-144 replace bridge L5100	SAP 050-601-034 replace bridge 88956
SAP 050-598-004 replace bridge 50522	SAP 050-599-143 replace bridge L4981
SAP 050-616-033 replace bridge 50503	SAP 050-599-145 replace bridge L5134
SAP 050-628-009 replace bridge 88980	CP 50-17-01 CR 56 reconstruction
SAP 050-599-142 replace bridge 1721	SAP 050-612-012 & SAP 050-707-003 bituminous pavement

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the temporary closure of CSAH 7 on June 17, 2017 (to 1:00 a.m. June 18) in Dexter for Sunflower Daze. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ankeny reported on behalf of the Personnel Committee that the committee had discussed the open position in the Auditor/Treasurer office due to an employee accepting another position within the County. The Committee took this opportunity to review the needs of the department as well as the County. To best serve the

County, the Committee is recommending returning the position to a supervisory position and adding the requirement of a 4 year degree in Accounting or related field. A new job description had been distributed for the Board's prior review.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to replace Assistant Auditor-Treasurer position / job description (Grade 7) with Manager of Auditor-Treasurer office (Grade 12) and amend the Auditor-Treasurer's 2016 budget in the amount of \$15,000 for the increased salary for this revised position. Motion carried.

Jim and Sue Anderson appeared before the Board requesting a reduction in a variance fee from \$1500 to \$500. Angie Knish, Environmental Services Supervisor, was present and supported the Anderson's request due to a breakdown in timely communications with the Andersons.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the reduction in variance fee to the original fee cost for Jim and Sue Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albert Lea Electric Co.	2,081.12	Larson Law Office/Evan	2,408.81
Ami Imaging Systems Inc	3,280.00	Lenway Law Office	2,030.00
Austin Utilities	6,069.82	Mayo Clinic Patient Financial Services	2,504.20
Beckleys	2,400.00	Mille Lacs Academy	9,346.12
Cliftonlarsenallen	4,540.20	Office Of Mn It Services	2,278.20
Dell Marketing L P	13,336.64	Petroblend Corp.	3,674.75
Department Of Corrections	8,060.00	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	14,086.20
Department Of Transportation	8,894.26	Rupp,Anderson,Squires & Waldspurger Pa	4,131.77
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	16,499.50	Uniforms Unlimited Inc	2,819.40
Henricksen Psg	3,896.92	77 Payments less than 2000	39,992.99
		Final Total:	152,330.90

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the tobacco license effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for BP Food Shop and Freeborn County Coop Oil. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the Sentence to Service contract with the State of Minnesota effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 and authorize the Correctional Services Director to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to accept the \$510 donation from the Sheriff department's employees for a duty weapon purchase and approve a budget amendment for the Sheriff's department indicating the receipt of the donation and the expenditure for a replacement duty weapon. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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