

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

May 23, 2017

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session May 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.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 noting that the Department Report will be Human Resources instead of County Attorney. Motion carried.

Sherry Roth, Human Resources Director, provided a department update to the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer, Health & Human Services Director, provided the Board with Community Health Updates which included sharing the Mower County Public Health 2016 Annual Report and an update on the Minnesota measles outbreak.

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

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of John and Candace Drees, applicants, to construct a single-family home in Section 18, Red Rock Township, Minnesota (PIN 16.018.0025).

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

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

Date: May 23, 2017

Res. #34-17

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

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 May 23, 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, John and Candace Drees are the owners of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

E ½, NE ¼ S of RR & N191.89 FT NE ¼ SE ¼ E of RR & N of Creek, Section 18, Red Rock Township, Minnesota (PIN 16.018.0025)

WHEREAS, John and Candace Drees 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 May 23, 2017 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, John and Candace Drees 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 23rd day of May, 2017.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Doug and Kay Weseman, applicants, to construct a single-family home in Section 4, Lyle Township, Minnesota (PIN 11.004.0100).

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

The Applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the Weseman housing tax abatement application.

Date: May 23, 2017

Res. #35-17

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

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 May 23, 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, Doug and Kay Weseman are the owners of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

S ½, SW ¼ & NW ¼, SW ¼, Section 4, Lyle Township, Minnesota (PIN 11.004.0100)

WHEREAS, Doug Weseman 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 May 23, 2017 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Doug Weseman 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:

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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.
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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of May 9 and May 16, 2017. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

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>
Anoka County Human Services	15,067.27	Mid America Business Systems	9,275.00
Apex Equipment Llc	2,127.20	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	4,360.00
Boe Brothers Tiling Inc	2,255.00	Mille Lacs Academy	10,013.70
Cbr Drilling	2,500.00	NetMotion Wireless	2,062.50
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	51,235.45	Northland Business Systems	2,997.28
Department Of Corrections	9,670.00	Rupp,Anderson,Squires & Waldspurgen Pa	7,974.85
Mayo Clinic Health System-Albert Lea &	23,500.42	Village Ranch Inc	22,846.20
Metro Sales Inc	2,990.35	Welcome Center Inc	3,036.25
		90 Payments less than 2000	40,986.57
		Final Total:	212,898.04

Motion carried.

The Izaak Walton League (Bill Buckley and Larry Dolphin representatives) appeared before the Board with a request for assistance from County staff for pollution source investigation and water quality data compilation. The requested data is to assist with their analysis of contamination research in the Cedar River Watershed under a Water Quality Grant received by the League. The Board requested that the League further detail the request for assistance for the Board's consideration at a later date.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Caseload/Workload Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 (\$108,086 annually). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitoring Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 (\$11,000 annually). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the 3.2 On Sale liquor license effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for Meadow Greens Golf Course, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the applications of Deer Creek Speedway for fireworks/pyrotechnic special effects displays on July 1 (rain date July 15); July 8 (rain date July 9); and September 23 (rain date September 24). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to amend the 2017 County-Wide Fee Schedule for the Sheriff's Department to include a \$30 annual mini truck license Fee (effective 1-1-17). Motion carried.

Date: May 23, 2017

Res. #36-17

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 May 23, 2017 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has recommended the County establish a process for accepting credit card payments for various county services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #57-16 established under a Merchant Agreement with US Bank the process to facilitate the acceptance of credit card payments via PayPal for the County Recorder clients via the County Recorder's website; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director is now requesting to establish a Merchant Agreement with US Bank for Point & Pay versus PayPal and further that credit card payments be available in various departments subject to Board approved policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to rescind Resolution #57-16 in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mower County establish under the Merchant Agreement with US Bank the process to facilitate the acceptance of credit card payments via Point & Pay for Mower County customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County financial staff develop a policy for Board approval including, but not limited to, dollar limits for credit and usage, department accounting procedures for credit card usage by customers and user fees for the credit card usage.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of May, 2017.

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Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Board by consensus set the July meeting dates as July 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and July 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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