

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

April 24, 2018

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

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

Mike Hanson, Public Works Director, along with Angie Knish, Environmental Services Supervisor, provided the Board with a department update.

Marcie King, Financial Worker, was recognized for retirement from Mower County with 31 years of service.

Lisa Kocer, Health & Human Services Director, provided the Board with community health updates which included information pertaining to HIV testing potential grant opportunity that the department may or may not be interested in pursuing.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, 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.	2,289.24	Marston Consulting Group,LLC	2,000.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	3,413.70	Mayo Clinic	41,728.50
Anoka County Corrections	40,538.50	Mayo Clinic -Rochester	29,003.66
Baudoin Oil Company	21,519.60	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	6,009.00
CDW Government Inc	4,415.59	Minnesota Counties Computer Co	5,408.00
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	49,915.26	Motorola Solutions Inc	61,677.99
Dell Marketing L P	4,295.71	Olmsted County Community Services	11,880.00
Department Of Transportation	8,894.26	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	15,343.26
Donnelly Law Firm, PLLC	5,776.77	S & S Overhead Door	5,885.00
Erickson Engineering Co., LLC	2,479.00	Syverson Truck Center/Dave	2,988.77
Falkstone Llc	27,082.67	Village Ranch Inc	15,803.89
Gerard Treatment Program	9,178.79	Welcome Center Inc	2,598.75
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	2,770.00	77 Payments less than 2000	33,670.67
		<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>416,566.58</b>

Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Turtle Creek Construction, applicant, to construct a single family home Lot 4, Block 4, the Meadows Subdivision, Austin, Minnesota (PIN 34.742.0370)

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

The Applicant was not present. The owner of the property spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke against the housing tax abatement application.

**Date: April 24, 2018**

**Res. #24-18**

**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 April 24, 2018 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 G. Hillier Revocable Living Trust is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 4 Meadows, Austin, MN (PIN 34.742.0370)

WHEREAS, Turtle Creek Construction / Lance Pogones 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 April 24, 2018 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, David G. Hillier Revocable Living Trust AND Turtle Creek Construction / Lance Pogones 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 the single-family home.

2. The tax abatement will be for no more than five years commencing, in the tax year the property realizes a value increase over original value due to construction of the housing project. Partially constructed housing may result in an abatement in the first abatement year that may be significantly less than the following years. This will still be considered one of the five years of eligible abatement. In the event construction has not commenced within one year of approval, the abatement is eliminated and the property owner will need to reapply in accordance with this policy.
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 real estate taxes to be abated shall be for up to the full amount of the real estate taxes collected due to the added tax base of the newly constructed housing/home annually. The current value of the property is not eligible for the abatement, will not be abated as part of this program and is further defined as the "original value." Any eligible abatement years are calculated on the tax increase due to a value increase over the original value.

Passed and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**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 Turtle Creek Estates/Aric Olson, owner/applicant, to construct a single-family home Lot 5, Block 1 Seven Springs 3<sup>rd</sup>, Austin, Minnesota (08.511.0050)

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

The Applicant was not present. No one else spoke for or against the Turtle Creek Estates / Aric Olson housing tax abatement application.

**Date: April 24, 2018**

**Res. #25-18**

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

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2018 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

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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, Turtle Creek Estates is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 5, Block 1 Seven Springs 3rd subdivision Cd08511, Austin, MN (PIN 08.511.0050)

WHEREAS, Aric Olson, future owner, 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 April 24, 2018 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners on said application.

WHEREAS, Turtle Creek Estates AND Aric Olson 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;

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

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

Scott Delaney and Sandy Ferrell from the Local Advisory Council / Community Mental Health Wellness provided the Board with a program update. The Council is hosting the annual Mental Health Walk in May.

**Date: April 24, 2018**

**Res. #26-18**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 24, 2018 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #10-15 on January 13, 2015 authorizing a list of personnel to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money with the Financial Institution for the Mower County Canteen Funds / Jail Inmate Funds;

WHEREAS, there have been personnel / staffing changes within the department;

WHEREAS, a list of positions within the department, instead of a list of personnel, has been established that are authorized to endorse checks and order for the payment of money with the Financial Institution for the Mower County Canteen Funds / Jail Inmate Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mower County amend Resolution #10-15 adopted January 13, 2015 to replace the listed personnel authorized to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money with the Financial Institution for the Mower County Canteen Funds / Jail Inmate Funds with the following list of positions authorized to do the same which includes three additional positions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> most senior detention deputy per shift:

Jail Administrator  
Assistant Jail Administrator  
Program Coordinator  
Training & Compliance Sergeant  
Shift Sergeant Day Shift  
Shift Sergeant Afternoon Shift  
Shift Sergeant Evening Shift  
Most Senior Detention Deputy Day Shift  
2<sup>ND</sup> Most Senior Detention Deputy Day Shift  
Most Senior Detention Deputy Afternoon Shift  
2<sup>ND</sup> Most Senior Detention Deputy Afternoon Shift  
Most Senior Detention Deputy Evening Shift  
2<sup>ND</sup> Most Senior Detention Deputy Evening Shift

Passed and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

The Board discussed the June and July meeting schedule. The June meetings will remain the same as June 5, 12 and 26. The July meeting schedule will be changed to July 10, 17 and 31.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Buffer Ordinance Contract for Services with Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District for administration of the Buffer Ordinance at a contract price of up to \$18,000 per year effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the agreement with AVI Systems for court audio upgrades for a County share of

\$34,528.02 of the project and authorize the County Coordinator to sign the agreement.  
Motion carried.

Commissioner Ankeny reported on behalf of the Building Committee that an agreement had been reached regarding funding the third phase / section of the electrical upgrade / replacement at the fairgrounds. A request had been made to help fund the project.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to accept the grant / donation from the Hormel Foundation of up to \$37,000 and up to \$37,000 from the Fair Board for phase 3 of the electrical project at the fairgrounds. The County will contribute the remaining approximate one-third of the third phase of the project. The County and Austin Utilities are funding phases 1 and 2 of the electrical upgrade to bury overhead wires at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ankeny reported on behalf of the Solid Waste Committee that the committee has reviewed the request of the Austin Utilities for a waiver of the solid waste fee administered to them in accordance with the new point system adopted. The Committee has met with the utilities. A public hearing would be needed to consider a change. No action is to be taken. The utility company has not made a formal request.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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