

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

September 25, 2018

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session September 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Member absent:                    Tony Bennett, Vice-Chair

Prior to the Board meeting the County hosted a breakfast for employees being recognized for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the agenda with the addition of 1) Award bid on shooting star trail project CP 50-18-05 and 2) Approve 2019 flexible spending limits. Motion carried.

Thirty employees were recognized for their years of service and were presented with certificates and monetary awards.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, was recognized for retirement from Mower County with 32 years of service.

Terese Amazi, County Sheriff, provided the County Board with a department update.

Kurt Fuhrmann, a citizen from the LeRoy area appeared before the Board with a complaint that when County Hwy 56 was worked on last fall the end of his driveway was torn out as part of the project and the replacement driveway section is a poor replacement. In addition, the roller used by the construction company vibrated his home so much that cracks formed in his basement. Mr. Fuhrmann would like the issues addressed. His contact information was taken.

Lisa Kocer, Health & Human Services Director, presented Community Health Services business to the Board for action along with community health updates.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Perinatal Hepatitis B Grant Project Agreement effective October 2018 through

September 2023 between the Minnesota Department of Health and the Mower County Community Health Board. Motion carried.

Ms. Kocer informed the Board that the 2018 Community Health Assessment Survey has been distributed and the survey is in partnership with Goodhue and Freeborn counties providing for regional data collection. Assessments are done on a five-year cycle and are mandated.

Delivery of the new vaccine refrigerator has been delayed by Hurricane Florence. Flu shots will be ordered after the new vaccine refrigerator has been received.

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

Under Finance Committee business, Craig Oscarson provided information pertaining to the committee's recommendation to amend the 2018 budget to eliminate the interpreter position and adjust the approved staffing levels according. The committee has received a letter from the interpreter for consideration. Staff members from corrections, attorney, sheriff and courts were present at the Board in support of the interpreter / interpreter's response.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to table to October 2, 2018 the recommendation concerning eliminating the interpreter position to allow the finance committee (and personnel committee) and opportunity to receive more information and further review pertaining to the elimination of the position. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:39 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Gabrielson on behalf of the Personnel Committee reported that the Human Resource Director is recommending increasing the maximum allowable contributions employees can make to their Flexible Spending Accounts in 2019. The current limit was lowered in an effort to reduce qualifying for being taxed under the Cadillac tax. This tax has been extended out until 2020 and remains a topic of discussion for possible change.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to authorize the Human Resources Director to raise the 2019 maximum allowable contributions by employees into Flexible Spending Accounts to be the maximums allowed under IRS regulations (*\$2,650 Health & Dental and \$5,000 Dependent Care*). Motion carried.

It was reported that the Finance Committee has been continuing to work on lowering the impact of the 2019 budget and levy and has reduced the potentially 12.951% levy increase down to a possible increase of 9.742% over the 2018 budget. The modifications were outlined in a memo to the Board prepared by the County Coordinator on behalf of the Committee.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to set the preliminary proposed 2019 levy at \$22,854,861 for a percentage increase of 9.742% over the 2018 levy and set the Annual Budget & Levy Public Hearing for Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. The 2019 preliminary proposed budget is as follows:

	General	Public Works	Human Services & Public Health	Bonds	Capital Projects	Library	Changes	Total	% Increase
Expenditures	19,576,740	21,475,980	15,333,344	2,529,319	365,000	280,120		59,560,503	
Non Tax Levy Revenue	4,888,162	14,129,714	10,198,471	72,244	365,000			29,653,591	
Co Program Aid	2,180,981							2,180,981	
Assigned/Restricted Reserve Use	529,969	6,070,932						6,600,901	
Budgeted Changes to Required Reserves	87,500	1,642,331						1,729,831	
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Tax Levy Needed	12,065,128	2,917,665	5,134,873	2,457,075	0	280,120	0	22,854,861	9.742

Motion carried.

After reviewing the solid waste service charge fund balances compared with the expected increases in expenditures and the reduction in revenues, the Finance Committee recommends increasing the solid waste service charge in 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to set the 2019 Solid Waste Service Charge Fee at \$5.50 per point. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018. 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>
Anoka County Corrections	2,421.00	Mayo Clinic Rochester	41,440.22
Baudoin Oil Company	36,485.85	Office Of Mn It Services	2,495.00
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	51,817.23	Olmsted County Community Services	22,880.00
Charm-Tex Inc	2,518.36	Ratwik,Roszak & Maloney, P.A.	6,834.57
Complete Automotive Services	3,072.00	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	5,934.88
Conduent Business Services LLC	5,866.80	SE MN Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Assoc	2,996.21
Crop Production Services	24,329.41	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	4,560.00
Davidson Septic Service LLC	2,485.87	Veolia Environmental Services Inc	7,933.83
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	9,544.15	Village Ranch Inc	14,137.04
Mayo Clinic	4,753.40	73 Payments less than 2000	37,053.56
		<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>289,559.38</b>

Motion carried.

**Date: September 25, 2018**

**Res. #97-18**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 25, 2018 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2018 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 21, 2019.

**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 21, 2019.

Passed and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

Craig presented bid information received for project CP 50-18-05 and the Public Works Director's recommendation to award to the low bidder.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to award the bid on the Shooting Star Trail project CP 50-18-05 to the low bidder Hansen Hauling & Excavating with a low bid of \$876,431.45 and have the project commence. Motion carried. Full bid abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer and Public Works Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 10:41a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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