

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2019

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session April 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Mike Ankeny, Chair  
Jeff Baldus  
Polly Glynn  
Tim Gabrielson  
Jerry Reinartz  
Trish Harren, County Administrator

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the following Commissioner warrants for payment:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AMI Imaging Systems Inc	2,460.00	Harty Mechanical Inc	4,613.23
Applied Concepts Inc	2,966.00	Koch, Inc.	16,617.50
Austin Community Growth Ventures	50,000.00	Little Falls Machine, Inc.	3,630.99
Charm-Tex Inc	3,259.40	Mower County Soil & Water Cons	2,791.71
Election Systems & Software, LLC.	19,375.00	Office Of Mn It Services	2,910.36
Hansen Hauling & Excavating Inc	4,700.00	42 Payments less than 2000	17,262.00
		<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>130,586.19</b>

Motion carried.

Trish Harren, County Administrator, provided the Board with information pertaining to the Board's action to appoint a county highway engineer per Statute. Ms. Harren provided the Board with an outline of the responsibilities of the Mower County Highway engineer and the accomplishments of the current appointed engineer, Michal Hanson, with a recommendation that Mr. Hanson be reappointed.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to reappoint Michal Hanson as the County Highway Engineer for a 4-year term effective May 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve 2019 equipment purchases (within budget) as follows in Public Work:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
KMI Patch Wagon (new wo/trade)	\$ 37,342.00
2019 CimLine M2 Melter (new w/trade)	81,133.00
	Less Trade: (8,500.00)
2019 Caterpillar 420FH2 Backhoe Loader (new w/trade)	99,120.00
	Less Trade: (19,500.00)
	Total: <u><u>\$ 189,595.00</u></u>

Motion carried.

Craig Hoiium, Apollo Development, presented to the Board information pertaining to the company's proposal for the development of a Grand Stay Hotel in Austin which included the possibility that the company may request a tax abatement from Mower County for the site development costs associated with the proposed project. A discussion followed with no Board action.

Commissioner Reinartz on behalf of the Personnel Committee informed the Board that the Human Resource Director had spoken with the committee about exiting the MN Merit System. The Director believes the human resources staff has the ability to perform the tasks necessary for being in compliance with the Merit System.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to authorize the Human Resources Director to take the necessary steps to exit the MN Merit System. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glynn on behalf of the Finance Committee informed the Board that the Jail is preparing to change the inmate canteen provider. No action was taken at this time. Action will be taken at a later date when a contract is presented for possible approval.

Commissioner Ankeny on behalf of the Building Committee informed the Board that the committee is recommending a funding agreement for \$300,000 with the Fair Board for a three-season event venue (Purple Ribbon Plaza) to replace the current beer garden at the fairgrounds. The Fair Board will be contributing some funds towards the total cost of the project. The County is the owner of the building.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to advance \$300,000 to the Mower County Ag Society to build a three-season event building with said advancement to replace the annual appropriation from Mower County to the Mower County Ag Society for years 2019 through 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Motion carried.

At the request of Commissioner Baldus the Board reconvened and the Board held a discussion related to the Apollo Development presentation for the development of a hotel in

downtown Austin and the potential for a tax abatement for site preparation costs related to the development. No action was taken on the discussion.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Administrator**

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