

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 23, 2019

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session April 23, 2019 at 8:30 a.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 Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda with two additions under General Business for 2 Mn Department of Corrections Grants 1) approve/deny Caseload/Workload Grant and 2) approve/deny Remote Electric Monitoring Grant. Motion carried.

Jill Cordes, County Recorder, provided the Board with a departmental update. The Department is continuing to archive records electronically.

Lisa Kocer and Pam Kellogg provided the Board with community health services updates which included an update on an active TB investigation in the community and an update on the Healthy Families America program.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$232,373.06. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Benjamin Williams, applicant, to construct a single-family home on 23.38 AC Parcel B of Survey S ½ NW ¼; DOC #640054, Section 21, Red Rock Twp, Minnesota (PIN 16.021.0011).

Trish Harren, County Administrator, reviewed the application and recommended approval.

Applicant Benjamin Williams was present and spoke on his own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Williams housing tax abatement application.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #39-19

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

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 23, 2019 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, Benjamin Williams is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

23.38 AC Parcel B of Survey S ½ NW ¼; DOC #640054, Section 21, Red Rock Twp, MN (PIN 16.021.0011)

WHEREAS, Benjamin Williams 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 23, 2019 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Benjamin Williams 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:

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 30th 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 23rd day of April, 2019.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of David Drees, applicant, to construct a single-family home located at Outlot 15 & W165FT OL 12, in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, LeRoy Twp, Minnesota (PIN 09.038.0055).

Trish Harren, County Administrator, reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the David Drees housing tax abatement application.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #40-19

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

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 23, 2019 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 Drees is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Outlot 15 & W165FT OL 12, in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, LeRoy Twp, MN
(PIN 09.038.0055)

WHEREAS, David Drees 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 23, 2019 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, David Drees 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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Passed and approved this 23rd day of April, 2019.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Brian and Sharon Thiel, applicant, to construct a single-family home located at Hickok 3rd Addition Lot 4, Block 2, City of LeRoy, Minnesota. (PIN 26.007.0265)

Trish Harren, County Administrator, reviewed the application and recommended approval.

Applicant Brian Thiel was present and spoke on his own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Thiel housing tax abatement application.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #41-19

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

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 23, 2019 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, Brian and Sharon Thiel are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Hickok 3rd Addition Lot 4, Block 2, City of LeRoy, MN (PIN 26.007.0265)

WHEREAS, Brian and Sharon Thiel 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 April 23, 2019 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

Hickok 3rd Addition Lot 4, Block 2, City of LeRoy, MN (PIN 26.007.0265)

WHEREAS, Brian and Sharon Thiel 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.

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Passed and approved this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Debra Schmitt, Probation Officer was recognized and acknowledged for 18 years of service with Mower County. The County Board wishes her the best on her future employment endeavors.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #42-19

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 April 23, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, project number SAP 50-599-152 completed under contract number 21715 by Alcon Construction, has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Mower and authorize final payment as specified herein:

Contract Amount: \$ 176,736.74
Final Amount: \$ 163,862.35 [92.72%]
Final Payment: \$ 4,393.12

Passed and approved this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #43-19

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 23, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, project number SAP 50-616-033 completed under contract number 21709 by Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking, Inc. has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Mower and authorize final payment as specified herein:

Contract Amount: \$ 495,227.40
Final Amount: \$ 456,302.60 [92.14%]
Final Payment: \$ 22,815.13

Passed and approved this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #44-19

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 23, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, project number SAP 50-608-028 completed under contract number 21801 by Rochester Sand & Gravel, has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Mower and authorize final payment as specified herein:

Contract Amount: \$ 775,668.19
Final Amount: \$ 775,773.57 [100.01%]
Final Payment: \$ 38,788.68

Passed and approved this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Date: April 23, 2019

Res. #45-19

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 23, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, project number CP 50-17-03 completed under contract number 21717 by SGTS, has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Mower and authorize final payment as specified herein:

Contract Amount: \$ 199,211.39
 Final Amount: \$ 199,211.39 [100%]
 Final Payment: \$ 9,960.57

Passed and approved this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2019. 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.	12,771.85	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	7,324.89
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	14,093.86	Minnesota Counties Intergov'tal Trust	2,721.00
Alvero Llc	2,475.00	Minnesota Human Services	4,002.00
Anoka County Corrections	21,997.38	MJ O'Connor Inc	4,750.00
CDW Government	2,151.73	Olmsted County Community Services	18,040.00
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	52,828.55	OnSolve LLC	6,908.00
Department Of Corrections	31,000.00	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs Secure	22,139.20
Department Of Transportation	8,894.27	Pro-West & Associates, Inc.	18,938.04
Donnelly Law Firm, PLLC	7,905.94	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	30,080.05
ESRI	14,500.00	Syverson Truck Center, Inc./Dave	3,091.03
Hope Haven Inc	3,096.44	THE HILLS YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES	5,660.00
MCHS SE Minnesota	2,682.20	87 Payments less than 2000	37,726.77
Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	4,930.86	Final Total:	340,709.06

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Community Rating System (CRS) Annual Recertification related to floodplain management as prepared and recommended by the Environmental Services Supervisor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to amend the County Emergency Management 2019 budget for CodeRed in the amount of \$6908 from reserve contingency. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the December 2018 and January, February and March 2019 Investment Reports. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the Caseload/Workload Grant Agreement effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 (\$108,086 each year). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitoring Grant Agreement effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 (\$8,000 each year). Motion carried.

Under Personnel Committee it was reported that interviews were conducted for the Assistant Public Works Director. The finalist was offered the position, but declined. The County will re-advertise with some modifications to the qualifications upon hire.

Under Building Committee reports it was reported that the materials for the new Purple Ribbon Plaza will be delivered on May 7. Construction is scheduled to be complete before the 2019 fair.

Under Solid Waste Committee it was reported that the Mower County recycling program is working well. There will be an electronic recycling/collection on May 11. Commissioner Glynn informed the Board that she is hoping to promote more recycling in Grand Meadow and perhaps the Grand Meadow school students may be able to help. Commissioner Ankeny suggested that Mower County try to add something to our website like Olmsted County has in the link to "Waste Wizard" to assist the public on where to dispose of what and where.

Trish Harren, County Administrator, informed the Board that the Solid Waste SSTS subcommittee meeting went well. The Committee will work on education for citizens and first focus on the Dobbins Creek area. A multi-faceted plan is being developed to address non-compliant septic systems. The plan includes finalizing the septic system inventory GIS layer, ordinance revisions, public education, grant writing, community partnerships and addressing human e-coli contamination to protect water resources in Mower County.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____ **Chairperson**

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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