

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 28, 2019

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session May 28, 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 Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Kristen Nelsen, County Attorney, provided the Board with a department update providing 2017 sentencing statistics available from the BCA. Regionally, Mower County has the second highest number of felons sentenced with Olmsted County have the highest number. The majority of the cases are drug related. Ms. Nelsen thanked the Board for approving the additional attorney.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019. Motion carried.

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

| <u>Vendor Name</u>                    | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Vendor Name</u>                  | <u>Amount</u>     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| American Solutions For Business       | 14,820.81     | Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance   | 2,791.69          |
| Anoka County Corrections              | 28,062.00     | Napa Auto Parts                     | 3,826.60          |
| Baudoin Oil Company                   | 20,258.25     | Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc            | 37,805.00         |
| Charm-Tex Inc                         | 2,405.12      | Office Of Mn It Services            | 5,648.88          |
| Dell Marketing L P                    | 7,058.26      | Olmsted County Community Services   | 20,240.00         |
| Department Of Corrections             | 30,000.00     | Pro-West & Associates, Inc.         | 30,300.86         |
| FREEBORN COUNTY                       | 2,801.71      | Ronco Engineering Sales Co., Inc.   | 2,939.90          |
| Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.  | 29,714.35     | Syverson Truck Center, Inc./Dave    | 4,320.63          |
| Grifols USA LLC                       | 8,088.64      | Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center | 3,102.35          |
| HD Supply Construction and Industrial | 14,047.90     | Welcome Center Inc                  | 2,590.00          |
| Metro Sales Inc                       | 3,582.94      | 75 Payments less than 2000          | 28,565.41         |
| Midstates Equipment & Supply          | 72,633.00     | <b>Final Total:</b>                 | <b>375,604.30</b> |

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Adams Contract for Police Services effective through December 31, 2020 and update the 2019 approved staffing levels for an additional Deputy Sheriff and authorize the Human Resources Director to fill the position. Motion carried.

Janice Kennedy, Eligibility Worker, was recognized for retirement from Mower County with eleven years of service.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant agreement effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for funding totaling \$39,673. Motion carried.

Under Community Health Business two new Office Support Specialists were introduced: Lidia Hinh and Cliff Helkenn; the Medica audit has been completed 100% successful; and the area Tb investigation has been expanded to include Ellis Middle School.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$169,839.53. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the following liquor licenses effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 unless otherwise noted:

Cedar River Country Club - Full Liquor On-Sale & Sunday

Chateau Speedway 1956, LLC – 3.2 Beer on-sale

Austin Windows & Windrift Lounge LLC – Full Liquor On-Sale & Sunday

Meadow Greens Golf Course – 3.2 Beer on-sale

The Church of St. John of Adams, MN - Temporary 3.2 Beer on-sale (July 14, 2019)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the following tobacco license renewals effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

BP Food Shop of LeRoy

Freeborn County Coop Oil Co.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the application of Chateau Speedway for a fireworks/pyrotechnic special effects display on July 5, 2019 (rain date August 16, 2019). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve out-of-state travel for Correctional Services staff to attend training in Montana. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to declare the Road & Bridge 2007 Ford F150 truck (SN: 1FTRF14W47KD29566) as surplus property and donate it to the Ag Society. Motion carried.

**Date: May 28, 2019**

**Res. #54-19**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held May 28, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2019 Disabled American Veterans Mayo SE Chapter 28 presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at Deer Creek Speedway on August 17, 2019.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Disabled American Veterans Mayo Southeast Chapter 28 for gambling at Deer Creek Speedway on August 17, 2019.

Passed and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve an amendment to the Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitoring Grant for an additional \$3000. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the 2018 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the First Amendment to the Parking Lot Lease with the Austin Daily Herald to revise the lease from a five year agreement to an annual agreement with automatic renewals through December 2023. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a previous request by Apollo Development for a tax abatement on a proposed 56 bed Grand Stay hotel to be located on 4th Ave NE next to Tender Maid. The abatement request would be equivalent to the cost to get the site shovel ready. These expenses include hard surfacing for off street parking, curb and gutter, a retaining wall and stairs, utility hook up, site preparation and geo-technical work and landscaping. The estimated cost is \$182,174. The request is for a three year abatement but they would consider a six year abatement. The project cost is \$5.8 million and the estimated tax revenue that would be generated is \$18,557 state general tax, \$25,562 City of Austin, \$680 Austin HRA, \$11,930 for ISD 492 and \$23,528 for Mower County. The City of Austin Port Authority has signed a Development Agreement for the project that includes an abatement but it is contingent upon the County and School District approving the abatement as well.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set June 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the Apollo Development request for a three-year 100% tax abatement for the development of a hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Austin, MN. Motion carried.

Under other committees there was a discussion on the possibility of joining the Chamber of Commerce for governmental affairs. No action was taken.

Also under other committees the Board received an update regarding the SSTS sub-committee. Ordinance language changes will be proposed. The Dobbins Creek area may be like the Nicolville area and looking to contract with Sheila Craig for a Community Assessment Report for the possible SSTS project in the Dobbins Creek area.

The Board discussed a professional services agreement with Sheila Craig to facilitate a small community wastewater study. The agreement would include gathering information to develop and submit a Project Priority List Application to the State, development of a Request for Proposals to conduct a Community Assessment Report and work with homeowners to determine a plan to address individual sub-septic sewer system needs. The estimate cost would be \$15,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve a contract with Sheila Craig to facilitate a small community wastewater study. The agreement would include gathering information to develop and submit a Project Priority List Application to the State, development of a Request for Proposals to conduct a Community Assessment Report and work with homeowners to determine a plan to address individual sub-septic sewer system needs. The estimated cost for the professional services agreement with Ms. Craig would be \$15,000. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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