

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 9, 2019

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session July 9, 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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the agenda. It was noted that it will be recommended to continue the Smith housing tax abatement application public hearing to a later date again. Motion carried.

The Honorable Ross L. Leuning, Third Judicial District / Freeborn County, appeared before the Board with information pertaining to the Third Judicial District's Veterans Treatment Court. The Judge has been visiting the area counties to provide information about the creation of a Veterans court which is a specialized treatment court as a hybrid of court and probation which is aimed at getting veterans with substance abuse problems into treatment programs and possibly prevent other crimes. Probation is more effective and less costly than incarceration. The area veteran court is being held in Steele County with sessions every two weeks. Veteran court is serving as an avenue to enroll the veterans into other available Federal VA programs that shift cost from county and state to the federal level. The program is actually saving lives. Organizers have applied for a Federal Grant to assist with funding the Veteran court and are hoping for approval. High need, high risk Veterans are targeted, but they need to apply to participate and have to meet program criteria.

No business to report under Committee Reports. It was noted that SEMA Equipment in Grand Meadow was hosting an open house to which the Commissioners have been invited.

Cynthia Allas, Office Support Specialist, HHS was recognized for retirement from Mower County with 30 years of service.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve payments in the total amount of \$183,003.80 to vendors for Human Services Accounts Payable. Motion carried.

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Lisa Kocer, Health & Human Services Director, introduced Damien Londino-Green, as a new social worker in the Child and Family unit.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve and authorize the Director to sign the following Purchase of Service Agreements for Group Residential Housing renewal agreements effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

Austin Manor (Thrive Behavioral Network II, LLC)	Lutheran Social Service
Cedars of Austin	MSOCS
Cenneidigh, Inc.	Meadow Manor
Glendalough of Austin, Inc.	Sacred Heart Care Center, Inc.
Independent Management Services	

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:19 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:20 a.m. for regular business items.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the minutes of July 2, 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>
3D Specialties Inc	1670.30	Hansen/Victoria	50.00
Adams/Donald E	87.75	Innovative Office Solutions LLC	202.84
Ankeny's Mini Mart	194.40	Jax/Rebecca	63.34
Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel	98.40	Laser Product Technologies Inc	70.90
Association Of Minnesota Counties	175.00	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Services	1502.18
AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE LLC	713.60	Mccarthy/Jerome	50.00
Austin Builders Supply, Inc	22.99	MCHS SE Minnesota	618.00
Austin Daily Herald	31.12	Medgaarden/Taggart	50.00
Auto Value Austin	77.98	MEI Total Elevator Solutions	362.56
Beckleys	1864.00	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	5546.50
Benchmark Behavioral Health	14250.00	Mn Dept Of Health Well Management Sec.	637.50
Bruening Rock Products Inc	24983.20	NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	98.80
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	120.00	Olmsted County	1705.00
Cedar River Counseling Services	1100.00	Perkins/Gayle	61.60
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	2202.16	Petroblend Corp.	12.67
Commissioner Of Transportation	7389.99	Platte County	5.75
Complete Automotive Services	151.97	Plunkett's Pest Control, Inc.	42.58
Continental Research Corporation	2503.05	Proline Dist Inc	109.47
CORE Professional Services	800.00	Risius/James	50.00
Culligan Of Austin	124.00	Rubber-Inc	167.50
D & G Ace Hardware	92.95	Runnings Supply #3210625	56.95
Dave Lucas Consulting	2740.35	Sayles/Sheldon B	61.60
Department Of Corrections	31000.00	Schilling Supply Company	238.89
Deslauriers Inc	111.10	Schmitt /Norbert & Travis	98.00
Dettinger/Erica	136.72	Scholl/Paige	73.50
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	111.18	Schwaab, Inc	40.75

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EO Johnson Business Technologies	234.59	Sema Equipment	120.44
Etterman Enterprises	44.56	SEMREX	632.33
Evans Publishing & Printing Inc	117.50	Southern MN Bike Club	2100.00
Fairway Outdoor Funding	250.00	Syverson Truck Center, Inc./Dave	592.68
Firestone Complete Auto Care	100.00	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	954.00
FREEBORN COUNTY	4491.60	TOWMASTER	167.97
Garate/Miguel	50.00	Ulven's Ace Hardware	19.35
Grainger	199.14	Verified Credentials Inc	112.00
Grifols USA LLC	8073.92	Vermilyea/Dan	63.70
Hansen/Kaye	59.28	Vertiv Corporation	3350.00
		Final Total:	\$126,462.15

Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:24 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Don & Alice Darland, applicants, to construct a single-family home Lot 12 Block 1 River's Edge Addition, City of LeRoy, Minnesota (PIN 26.070.0120).

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

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

Date: July 9, 2019

Res. #67-19

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

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 July 9, 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, Eugene M. & Rita Miller are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 1 River's Edge Addition (Subdivision Cd 26070), City of LeRoy, Minnesota (PIN 26.070.0120)

WHEREAS, Don and Alice Darland 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 July 9, 2019 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Eugene M. and Rita Miller, sellers, and Don and Alice Darland, purchasers, 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 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 9th day of July, 2019.

A Public Hearing continued from June 25, 2019 was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Randy & Deidre Smith, applicants, to construct a single-family home W363FT E1092FT S495FT NE1/4 EXC W150FT BK292 PG75 Section 6 Township 102 Range 18, Austin, Minnesota (PIN 34.876.0030).

Trish Harren, County Administrator, reviewed the application. The applicant is in the process of obtaining ownership of the property through probate. It is recommended to table the public hearing.

The applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the Randy and Deidre Smith housing tax abatement application.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to continue the public hearing on the Randy and Deidre Smith housing tax abatement application (PIN 34.876.0030) to July 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

The Public Works Director, Michal Hanson, presented to the Board a Resolution for 5-Year Bridge Priority Plan for approval.

Date: July 9, 2019

Res. #68-19

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 July 9, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal; and has determined that the following bridges are obsolete and/or deficient and/or require attention, and

BRIDGE NUMBERS

738	2518	5070	50502	97420	L5094
1723	3141	5228	50511	L4979	L5096
2472	3344	5229	50512	L4980	L5099
2474	3345	6049	50514	L4982	L5101
2475	4570	7050	50518	L4988	L5123
2476	5064	7091	50526	L5003	L5129
2488	5065	7148	50541	L5013	L5143
2496	5067	7232	50555	L5035	L8597
2497	5068	8971	88966	L5040	R0238
2517	5069	50501	89212	L5091	

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall State transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local roadway system, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local roadway system and is necessary for Mower County and its Townships to proceed with the replacement of the bridges described above, and

WHEREAS, Mower County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges, and

WHEREAS, Mower County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years; now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following Township Bridges are high priority and Mower County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when Township Bridge Funds are available, and

Bridge Number	Roadway	Township	Township Br Funds	Local Funds	Total Cost	Construction Year
R0238	T-145	Udolpho	\$63,400	\$10,000	\$73,400	2020
2518	T-128	Dexter	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000	2020
Bridge Number	Roadway	Township	Township Br Funds	Local Funds	Total Cost	Construction Year
2517	T-128	Dexter	\$244,300	\$10,000	\$254,300	2020
L4988	T-19	Marshall	\$341,500	\$10,000	\$351,500	2020
1723	T-22	Leroy	\$119,500	\$10,000	\$129,500	2020
L5040	T-93	Windom	\$357,700	\$10,000	\$367,700	2020
97420	T-369	Lyle	\$42,150	\$10,000	\$52,150	2021
2488	T-122	Sargeant	\$323,500	\$10,000	\$333,500	2021
L5094	T-157	Red Rock	\$237,550	\$10,000	\$247,550	2021
L5143	T-263	Udolpho	\$452,200	\$10,000	\$462,200	2021
L5003	T-43	Nevada	\$99,100	\$10,000	\$109,100	2021
L4979	T-7	Bennington	\$61,700	\$10,000	\$71,700	2021
2476	T-250	Udolpho	\$102,500	\$10,000	\$112,500	2022
3345	T-39	Austin	\$122,050	\$10,000	\$132,050	2022
L5123	T-220	Frankford	\$160,300	\$10,000	\$170,300	2022
L5129	T-228	Leroy	\$130,550	\$10,000	\$140,550	2022
L4980	MUN-3	Marshall	\$124,600	\$10,000	\$134,600	2022
L5096	T-169	Racine	\$160,300	\$10,000	\$170,300	2022
L8597	T-68	Lyle	\$302,250	\$10,000	\$312,250	2023
L5035	T-90	Nevada	\$85,500	\$10,000	\$95,500	2023
2474	T-141	Udolpho	\$145,000	\$10,000	\$155,000	2023
L5091	T-146	Udolpho	\$129,700	\$10,000	\$139,700	2023
L4982	T-12	Bennington	\$260,600	\$10,000	\$270,600	2023
L5101	T-178	Pleasant Valley	\$99,100	\$10,000	\$109,100	2023
2475	T-141	Udolpho	\$276,700	\$10,000	\$286,700	2024
L5013	T-49	Lyle	\$155,200	\$10,000	\$165,200	2024
3344	T-39	Austin	\$134,800	\$10,000	\$144,800	2024
2497	T-173	Grand Meadow	\$119,500	\$10,000	\$129,500	2024
2472	T-146	Udolpho	\$109,300	\$10,000	\$119,300	2024
L5099	T-173	Racine	\$160,300	\$10,000	\$170,300	2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the following County Bridges are high priority and Mower County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when State Aid Funds, Federal Funds, and Local Funds are available, and

Bridge Number	Roadway	Township	State Aid Funds	Federal Funds	Local (Wind)Funds	Total Cost	Const. Year
50502	CSAH 16	Red Rock	\$0	\$0	\$600,900	\$600,900	2019-20
88966	CSAH 7	Adams	\$136,900	\$0	\$0	\$136,900	2020

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738	CSAH 4	Marshall	\$237,200	\$0	\$0	\$237,200	2021
4570	CSAH 4	Marshall	\$219,350	\$0	\$0	\$219,350	2021
3141	CSAH 4	Marshall	\$299,850	\$0	\$0	\$299,850	2021
5064	CSAH 46	Windom	\$111,360	\$445,440	\$0	\$556,800	2022
5065	CSAH 46	Windom	\$80,760	\$323,040	\$0	\$403,800	2022
5067	CSAH 46	Windom	\$76,850	\$307,400	\$0	\$384,250	2022
6049	CSAH 46	Windom	\$28,740	\$114,960	\$0	\$143,700	2022
5070	CR 59	Marshall	\$0	\$0	\$143,700	\$143,700	2023
89212	CSAH 5	Lyle	\$301,200	\$0	\$0	\$301,200	2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the following bridges within the City of Austin are high priority and Mower County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when State Bond Funds are available to fund 100 percent of the eligible bridge costs, and Local Funds are available to fund 100 percent of the approach costs, and

Bridge Number	Roadway	City	Bridge Bond Funds	Local Funds	Total Cost	Construction Year
5228	MSAS 139	Austin	\$2,150,000	\$400,000	\$2,550,000	2020-2024
5229	10 th Street	Austin	\$1,400,000	\$400,000	\$1,800,000	2020-2024

BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges as soon as possible after being notified that funds are available in order to permit the work to take place.

Passed and approved this 9th day of July, 2019.

The Board discussed connecting the Shooting Star Trail to the Iowa Bike Trail. A Resolution was presented for the Board's consideration that would allow the Public Works Director to move forward with planning on a connection to the Iowa Bike Trail by working with the DNR and applying for possible grant funds.

Date: July 9, 2019

Res. #69-19

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, and seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 9, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the County of Mower, State of Minnesota, has launched an initiative to extend the Shooting Star Trail from the current trailhead in the City of Leroy, MN to the Iowa Border, in support of the vision of linking the Shooting Star Trail and the Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail in the State of Iowa as expressed by and in accordance with Minnesota Statute 85.015 State Trails, Subdivision 17(b), and

WHEREAS, the Shooting Star Trail Extension initiative will include the support of the County of Mower, City of Leroy in Mower County, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in support of the aforementioned legislation, and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of Mower County that it support the extension of the Shooting Star Trail and adopt said resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mower County Board of Commissioners, Mower County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims its support for extension of the Shooting Star Trail to the Iowa/ Minnesota Border and encourages its citizens to take appropriate actions necessary for Mower County to facilitate this extension and continue to support the Shooting Star Trail resource.

2. The Mower County Board of Commissioners also encourages area stakeholders to take appropriate actions to extend the Shooting Star Trail to the Iowa/ Minnesota Boarder

3. The Mower County Public Works Director is authorized to take such further action as may be appropriate to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Passed and approved on this 9th day of July, 2019.

The Public Works Director reported that he had received a request from the LeRoy City Council for a road closure for the Summer Fest Parade on July 21.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the closure of County Road 56 for the Summer Fest Parade event in downtown LeRoy on July 21, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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