

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 13, 2019

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session August 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz:           Mike Ankeny, Chair  
  Jeff Baldus  
  Polly Glynn  
  Tim Gabrielson  
  Jerry Reinartz  
  Trish Harren, County Administrator (ABSENT)

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Tim Gabrielson, seconded by Polly Glynn to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Steve King, Director of Correctional Services, provided a department update which included information pertaining to prior staffing changes/reorganization due to the resignation of a probation agent. That agent has since returned to the agency and the department is now fully staffed and caseloads are normalizing. Mr. King noted that an employee that is currently shared with the County Attorney will be relocated to work solely with the County Attorney's office. This staff person was running the Juvenile Court program in Corrections. These cases will be heard as part of a diversion program that will be run out of the County Attorney's office. Mr. King also provided additional information pertaining to the Veterans Drug/Treatment court and the Sentence to Serve program activities.

**HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:**

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve payments in the total amount of \$298,185.07 to vendors for Human Services Accounts Payable. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to waive the credit card fee policy regarding sales tax. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the Purchase of Services Agreement with Olmsted County to provide intensive case management services to persons served in the Anoka Medical Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) and Minnesota Security Hospital (MSH). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Participation Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and TALX Corporation for the use of the "Work Number". Motion carried.

Val Kruger introduced the new Support Enforcement Aide, Ashley Kiker.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize the Director to sign the Purchase of Service Agreement for Group Residential Housing for Legacy of Brownsdale, LLC effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:16 a.m. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY BOARD**

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:19 a.m. for regular business items.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Riverland Community College / Housing & Redevelopment Authority for construction of a single-family home, Block 1, Lot 5 North Pointe, Austin, Minnesota (PIN 34.509.0050).

The applicants Riverland Community College Dean of Academic Affairs, Ryan Landemeier, and Taggart Medgaarden, Housing and Redevelopment Authority were present and spoke in favor of the application. No other person spoke for or against the housing tax abatement application.

**Date: August 13, 2019**

**Res. #83-19**

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

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held August 13, 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, Housing & Redevelopment Authority is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Block 1, Lot 5, North Pointe Addition, Austin, MN (PIN 34.509.0050)

WHEREAS, Housing & Redevelopment Authority, seller, and Riverland Community College, purchaser, 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 August 13, 2019 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Housing & Redevelopment Authority, seller, and Riverland Community College, purchaser, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

A Public Hearing continued from July 23, 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).

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to continue the public hearing on the Randy and Deidre Smith housing tax abatement application (PIN 34.876.0030) to August 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, 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>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	13,950.20	Mayo Clinic	7,530.70
Albert Lea Electric Co.	4,686.72	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	3,599.50
Ancom Communications	2,615.00	Precision Signs	4,079.44
Baudoin Oil Company	15,605.12	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	14,206.22
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	51,591.53	Ulland Brothers Inc.	10,016.26
Corner House	3,766.00	Village Ranch Inc	6,451.08
Donnelly Law Firm, PLLC	4,950.40	Ziegler, Inc	7,849.88
Friends of the Shooting Star Trail	2,024.78	65 Payments less than 2000	26,463.78
Henricksen Psg	3,856.29	<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>183,242.90</b>

Motion carried.

The Board set September 24, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. for the Employee Recognition Breakfast.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to amend Resolution #01-19 general fund appropriations to correct the amount for the Mower County Seniors from \$11,000 to \$16,000 as budgeted for 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the following list of surplus property for auction and/or disposal:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>
1	RCA Camcorder	H&HS
	Computer speakers	H&HS
1	Advantix Camera and film	H&HS
	Typewriter ribbons and correction tape	H&HS
	Cassette Tapes	H&HS
1	2006 Dodge Caravan VIN 1D8GP24E46B680785	Pool
1	John Deer push mower	R & B
1	2002 Ford F150 VIN 1FTRX18W52KD63113	R & B
1	1999 Ford F150 VIN 1FTRF18W2XKB50887	R & B

Motion carried.

Motions made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the David Drown Associates proposal (\$22,000) to conduct an organizational study to assess the current functions of the departments providing land related services and

authorize the chair to sign a contract with David Drown Associates for the organizational study. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve contract with CivicPlus (\$21,858 plus annual hosting fees) for website redesign and implementation of web content management system. Motion carried.

Under Personnel Committee reports it was reported that the committee is reviewing the requests for additional staff in the 2020 budget cycle.

Under Building Committee reports it was reported that the Auditor-Treasurer's office is going to be remodeled / refurbished and a grant request to the Hormel Foundation is being prepared for completing the restrooms in the Purple Ribbon Plaza.

Motion made by Tim Gabrielson, seconded by Jeff Baldus to adjourn the meeting at 10:21a .m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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