

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 27, 2019

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session August 27, 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 Reinartz, to approve the agenda with the addition of setting a letting date of for project SAP 050-616-034 to replace Bridge 50502 on CSAH 16 in Red Rock Township (#12) and request by the County Attorney for a closed session regarding a pending litigation pursuant to Minnesota Statute Pursuant to MS §13.D05 subd 3(a) at the end of the scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Auditor-Treasurer Scott Felten provided the Board with a department update that included information pertaining to the 2020 census, office remodel / refurbishing, upcoming training sessions for the primary presidential election and auditor-treasurers, special elections this fall for referendums, status of lease to purchase of the election equipment acquired through a grant and working on developing a summary of office responsibilities by staff and timelines.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Title V Grant Project Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Health and the Mower County Community Health Board effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024 with the first year grant amount of \$43,799. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the 2020 Child and Teen Checkup Grant amendment with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$171,190. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve ending the existing contract with Fernbrook and entering into a new contract for infant mental health reflective practice consultation with Teya Dahle, LICSW effective September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health extending the grant period through February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$502,261. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer introduced Sally Garry as the new Public Health Nursing supervisor.

Under Community Health Updates, Ms. Kocer informed the Board that there is a national outbreak of Hepatitis A and in correctional facilities outbreaks of Mumps and Chicken Pox.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$232,764.83. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the minutes of August 6 and August 13, 2019. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adams Township	8,029.33	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2,872.50
Anoka County Corrections	7,781.00	Minneapolis Forensic Psychological	2,700.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	6,141.46	Office Of Mn It Services	4,810.67
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	6,804.27	Olmsted County Community Services	17,600.00
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	5,000.00	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs Secure	15,476.64
Kiker Brothers, Inc.	37,050.00	Salvation Army	2,149.52
Meigs Paving Asphalts & Emulsions	129,623.62	SEMNRB	2,213.00
Metro Sales Inc	3,880.25	The Hills Youth And Family Services	12,735.00
Midwest Contracting, LLC	15,399.40	78 Payments less than 2000	37,795.57
		Final Total:	318,062.23

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve Real Asset Management proposal for an agreement between Mower County / MnCCC / Real Asset Management for an asset management program to replace the current program provided by Avenue effective upon the execution of the new software agreement. (*\$12,050 first year with subsequent annual license fees of \$2600*). Motion carried.

A Public Hearing continued from August 13, 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).

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application. The County received notice from the applicant that ownership has been established through Probate.

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

Date: August 27, 2019

Res. #84-19

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

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held August 27, 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, Randy and Deidre Smith are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

W363FT E1092FT S495FT NE1/4 EXC W150FT BK292 PG75 Section 6 Township 102 Range 18, Austin, Minnesota (PIN 34.876.0030)

WHEREAS, Randy and Deidre Smith 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 June 25, 2019 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application and subsequently continued to July 9, July 23, August 13 and August 27, 2019.

WHEREAS, Randy and Deidre Smith 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 27th day of August, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to authorize submission of Request for One Time Exception to Restrictions on Use of Minnesota Investment Fund State Funded Revolving Loan Repayment Funds and authorize payment to the State of Minnesota for the 20% requirement with the exception. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the US Imaging, Inc. proposal to scan land records from books on-site for the County Recorder at an estimated cost of \$103,454.40 and authorize the County Recorder to sign the proposal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the US Imaging, Inc. proposal to scan planning documents from aperture cards off-site for Public Works at an estimated cost of \$11,061 and authorize the Environmental Services Supervisor to sign the proposal. Motion carried.

Daniel Larson, Mn Rural Counties (MRC), provided the Board with a program update, noting that membership is spreading down to our region. Mr. Larson noted that there is a distinction between metro and rural counties and MRC is the only agency that lobbies on behalf of rural counties in Minnesota. He encouraged Mower County to consider joining. The annual membership fee is \$2400.

The Board recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

The Board discussed Midcontinent Communications (Midco) application to the Minnesota Border to Border Broadband Development Grant Program to build out broadband internet access for Rural Mower County. Midco is the recipient of Connect America Funds. Midco, through a reverse auction process, has been awarded \$28 million to build out broadband in Minnesota to approximately 7,410 homes that meets the minimum standard of 120/20 mbps. Mower County was selected as a potential project area due to the high percentage of unserved and underserved areas. Midco is submitting an application to DEED for a Minnesota Border to Border Broadband grant that would expand their reach into the four remaining towns in Mower County that do not have high speed internet at the 120/20

mbps rate. If successful, they would build out fiber in Dexter, Grand Meadow, Elkton and Sergeant at Gigabit speed level in addition to the rural areas. They are requesting a letter of support and Board resolution in support of their application.

Date: August 27, 2019

Res. #85-19

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held August 27, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS Midcontinent Communications (Midco) is applying to the 2019 State of Minnesota Border to Border Broadband Development Grant Program;

WHEREAS the Mower County Board of Commissioners believes Midco has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration;

WHEREAS the Mower County Board of Commissioners believes the broadband project, as developed by Midco, will benefit the citizens, businesses, and institutions of our community;

WHEREAS the Mower County Board of Commissioners is confident Midco will provide adequate matching, as required by the Border to Border Broadband Development Grant Program;

WHEREAS the Mower County Board of Commissioners believes the broadband project, as developed by Midco, aligns with the broadband deployment goals established in Section 237.012 of the Minnesota Statutes

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mower County Board of Commissioners supports the application submitted to the State of Minnesota Border to Border Broadband Development Grant Program by Midco.

Passed and approved this 27th day of August, 2019.

Date: August 27, 2019

Res. #86-19

RESOLUTION

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 August 27, 2019 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019 the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. on July 19, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. for gambling at Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. on July 19, 2020.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of August, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the quote of RT Vision for electronic time reporting software and approve the three year Service Level Agreement (*\$11,450 year 1; \$9,450 years 2 and 3*). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Optimum Solutions / MCCC License and Purchase Agreement for a three year license subscription for Human Resources Information System (HRIS) software (*\$26,700 year 1; \$16,700 years 2 & 3*). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set the project letting date to October 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Public Works and awarded at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting for County project SAP 050-616-034 to replace Bridge 50502 on CSAH 16 in Red Rock Township. Motion carried.

Under committee reports it was reported that 1) Finance is working on the preliminary budget figures and the numbers are coming in good, 2) Building is working on a grant application for completing the restrooms at the Purple Ribbon Plaza and 3) the Artworks Festival is appreciative of the use of some of the county's downtown property for the festival.

County Attorney Kristen Nelsen requested a closed session pursuant to MS §13.D05 subd 3(a). The County entered into closed session at 10:54 a.m. The closed session concluded at 11:04 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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