

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 13, 2021

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Polly Glynn, Chair
Jerry Reinartz
Mike Ankeny
Jeff Baldus
District One Seat Vacant
Trish Harren, County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the agenda with the following additions/corrections 1) Sheriff Sandvik to give an update on civil unrest in the State; 2) Liquor License Application for Meadow Greens; 3) Resolution to reduce SKB Lansing Landfill surety bond; and 4) Ecolab jail dishwasher lease agreement. Motion carried.

Sheriff Sandvik provided the Board with an update on civil unrest in the State in which persons have been protesting and rioting in and around Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center due to the Chauvin trial and an officer involved shooting in Brooklyn Center. The department has been assisting with mutual aid and there have been no threats to citizen safety in Mower County.

For the Health & Human Services Department report, Assessment/Investigation Social Workers Tarsha LeBarron and Krystle Hutchinson (*Debra Eul not present*) presented a report to the Board on Child Protection procedures and activities used to respond to reports of maltreatment. In 2020, the department received 762 reports of child maltreatment of which 341 met the criteria as maltreatment. Two hundred thirty-six cases were handled as family assessments; 50 as family investigations; 50 as child welfare and there were five facility investigations. In the fifty-five investigations, maltreatment was determined in twenty-nine cases.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$220,787.22. Motion carried.

Under Human Services Updates, Nina Blazevic, a Lead Social Worker in Health & Human Services Child Protection, was surprised with being presented a Bright Spots Award.

Bill Spitzer and Danielle Nesvold from Austin Positive Action Coalition (APAC) and Jayne Gibson Austin Aspires Executive Director presented Nina the award and flowers. Nina had been selected to receive the award for her work that has gone above and beyond with community youth and their families showing compassion, providing a calm and positive influence, embracing cultural differences and empowering families with keeping an open mind and heart. According to the nomination, Nina's heart of gold is helping to make a better community for all.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson informed the Board that the department had received notification that local public health will be receiving \$406,000 in Federal funding to assist with vaccine clinics.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Vaccination Implementation Grant totaling \$406,000. Motion Carried.

In addition, Ms. Peterson presented to the Board a Covid-19 update indicating that Mower County has had 4477 cases, 32 deaths and currently has 73 active cases. Fifty-one percent (51%) of Mower County citizens have been vaccinated. Statewide 47% of the population has been immunized. Breakthrough variants of the virus are being monitored statewide.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for funeral assistance services effective 3/1/21 – 12/31/21 for Ranfranz & Vine Funeral Home. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:51 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:53 a.m. for regular business items.

Justin Hanson and Tim Ruzek from the Mower County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cedar River Watershed District provided the Board with annual reports and program updates. Work continues with the farmers for creating and maintaining sustainable farming practices to promote good water quality and control soil erosion. In addition to water planning and cooperation for well sealing, work continues to promote recreational activities in and around the waterways including canoeing and fishing. Local waterways are being stocked with trout. Education regarding Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) also continues.

Public Works Director Michal Hanson requested the Board set a letting date for county bridge projects and approval for a budgeted purchase of a truck.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set the project letting date to May 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Public Works and awarded at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting for the following County projects:

Township Bridge Projects:

- SAP 050-599-170: New Bridge 50K84 in Red Rock Township
- SAP 050-599-172: New Bridge 50K81 in Bennington Township
- SAP 050-599-173: New Bridge 50K82 in Nevada Township

County Road Bridge Projects:

- SAP 050-604-027: New Bridge 50K86: CSAH 4 Marshall Township
- SAP 050-604-028: New Bridge 50K87: CSAH 4 Marshall Township

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the purchase of a 2022 F350 XL 4x4 Supercab truck (\$40,673.56) – budgeted.
Motion carried.

A request was made by SKB to reduce the surety bond requirement for the Lansing Landfill and the WCI Austin Landfill from a combined \$750,000 to \$350,000. Solid Waste Consultant Dave Lucas has reviewed the request and has recommended a reduction based on Minnesota Pollution Control Agency bond requirements in their permit of \$2,788,521.23.

Date: April 13, 2021

Res. #28-21

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 13, 2021 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties are required by law to manage solid waste in a manner that protects the state's land, air, water, and other natural resources, and public health by ensuring that certain reduction, separation and recovery, resource recovery, and proper disposal methods of solid waste is set forth in an ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Mower County Solid Waste Management Ordinance (ORD 01-17), the County requires any person or entity operating any solid waste facility to first obtain, and maintain, a license for the design, construction, and operation of a solid waste facility; and,

WHEREAS Section 6.9 of ORD 01-17 provides that the issuance of any solid waste facility license is contingent upon the applicant furnishing the County with Financial Assurance in an amount and form set by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the County Board adopted resolution #110-18, establishing financial assurance requirements for all solid waste facilities currently in operation within the County; and,

WHEREAS Financial assurance requirements for SKB Lansing Landfill is a \$350,000 surety

bond and WCI Austin Landfill is a \$400,000 surety bond, both payable to the County; and,

WHEREAS At the time the County established financial assurance requirements for both SKB Lansing Landfill and WCI Austin Landfill, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was not requiring financial assurance at these sites; and,

WHEREAS the County considered that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was not requiring SKB to provide for financial assurance when establishing the amounts; and,

WHEREAS the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued an operating permit (SW-514-001) to SKB Lansing Landfill, combining both WCI Austin Landfill and SKB Lansing Landfill as one operating permit; and,

WHEREAS, with the issuance of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Permit SW-514-001, SKB Lansing is required to provide for Financial Assurance for both landfill sites in the amount of \$2,788,521.23 as a surety bond; and,

WHEREAS SKB Lansing Landfill is requesting that the Mower County Board consider their Minnesota Pollution Control Agency required financial assurance amount and reduce its required amounts established in resolution #110-18; and,

WHEREAS the Mower County Board believes that a reduction in financial assurance amounts is reasonable considering the requirement by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES that in accordance with Section 6.9(A) of ORD 01-17, financial assurance requirements for SKB Lansing Landfill shall be as follows (and on file in the Mower County Public Works Department):

\$350,000 as a surety bond and naming Mower County as obligee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial assurances may be amended at any given time based upon conditions and information presented at the time of license renewal, modification, or violation of any County solid waste license in accordance with ORD-21.

Passed and approved this 13th day of April, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021. 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>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	15,030.57	Mayo Clinic -Rochester	30,608.27
Ahlman's	6,300.00	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	5,571.66
Benchmark Behavioral Health Systems	14,725.00	Prairie Visions	2,999.00
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	2,850.00	Sanco Equipment LLC	16,881.80
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	3,604.55	Sema Equipment Inc	4,925.69
Dave Lucas Consulting	5,973.75	Tech-One Services LLC	6,185.56

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DH Wireless Solutions	4,221.33	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,317.99
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	10,606.65	Ulland Brothers Inc.	39,580.81
Grifols USA LLC	2,472.50	Village Ranch Inc	16,006.98
Mayo Clinic	3,602.30	54 Payments less than 2000	25,574.45
		Final Total:	220,038.86

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the application of Chateau Speedway 1956 LLC for a seasonal liquor license effective May 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021 (subject to Township approval). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the application of Meadow Greens Golf Course, Inc. for a wine license with strong beer effective May 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the three year Dishmachine Rental Agreement with Ecolab, Inc. for a dishwasher for the detention center pending receipt of the final commercial kitchen equipment lease agreement with terms reviewed and accepted by the Jail Administrator and with a final review by the County Attorney. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports, Finance and Building Committee meetings were set. There was not any solid waste committee business to report. Commissioner Ankeny reported the Fair Board is waiting on future executive orders but remains optimistic in proceeding with the Fair. Commissioner Glynn attended the SEMCAC annual meeting virtually. Commissioner Baldus reported on attending the MRC meeting and that “garage” wild game processing was a primary discussion topic. In addition, Commissioner Baldus attended the Library Board and discussions continue on a remodel. Commissioner Reinartz attended another Senior Center Board meeting due to the resignation of the director.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 am. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator