

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 9, 2023

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Chair Mike Ankeny, Vice-Chair Jerry Reinartz, Dan Sparks and Polly Glynn. Member excused: John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen, County Administrator Trish Harren, Office Technician Kayla Lutz

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda adding under Human Resource Director to Discuss / approve offering the successful County Assessor applicant a salary at D61 Step 7. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, 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>
Above All Cleaning, Inc	6,681.31	Hancock Concrete Products, LLC	6,517.50
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	35,797.83	Insight Direct USA, Inc	13,735.69
Brock White Co LLC	4,160.00	Leadership Development Resources	3,002.00
CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	5,457.00	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Services	6,003.86
Dell Marketing L P	8,722.87	School District 497	6,655.40
Eric Boe and Sons LLC	2,420.00	Sicora Consulting, Inc.	11,249.26
Falkstone LLC	5,550.07	Streicher's	2,159.61
Fox Electric Company	29,782.92	73 Payments less than 2000	44,763.48
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	12,198.76	Final Total:	204,857.56

Motion carried.

Date: April 09, 2023

Res. #40-23a

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held May 9, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023 Join the Journey presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at Deer Creek Speedway on June 17, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Join the Journey for gambling at Deer Creek Speedway, Spring Valley, MN on June 17, 2023.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2023.

Date: May 9, 2023

Res. #41-23

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 May 9, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023 Disabled American Veterans Mayo Southeast Chapter 28 presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at Deer Creek Speedway on August 12, 2023.

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 12, 2023.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2023.

It was questioned whether or not the two gambling license applications for events at the Deer Creek Speedway should have an alternate rain date for the gambling event. It was noted that the Board approves amending the two previous Resolutions, if necessary, for the two non-profit organizations to hold the approved event on an alternative date due to rain.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the low quote of Indoor Technologies to clean the exhaust vents in the Government Center (\$9100) and the dryer vents in the Justice Center (\$2500). Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous Correspondence County Administrator informed the Board that she had received a communication that in July the County appointed representative position on the SELCO and the Library Board will be vacant. The Board will need to reappoint replacements.

Assistant Public Works – Environmental Services Director Valerie Sheedy provided a review of the Dodge Wind Gen-Tie Line with a request that the Board authorize the County Engineer and staff to prepare a formal response/comment letter on behalf of the County to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The formal response would be in regard to the proposed transmission line routes as each proposed route relates to the use of the right-of-way or other engineering considerations. In addition, the formal response will request PUC for its support in upholding County local ordinances pertaining to permitting inside, outside and adjacent to the right-of-way.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize the County Engineer on behalf of the County to submit a comment letter in response to the proposed transmission lines routes of the Dodge Wind Gen-Tie Line to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as each proposed route relates to the use of the right-of-way or other engineering considerations along with a request that PUC uphold County local ordinances pertaining to permitting inside, outside and adjacent to the right-of-way. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the reorganization in Health & Human Services modifying the 2023 approved staffing levels to reclassify five Support Enforcement Aide (SEA) positions to Case Aide I positions decreasing Support Enforcement Aide FTE positions from 5 to 0 and increasing the Case Aide I FTE positions from 2 to 7. The five SEA employees are currently performing the same work as those employees classified as Case Aide I positions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, subsequent to the previously approved motion, to reclassify and modify the 2023 approved staffing levels to reclassify one Case Aide I position to a Child Support Officer position thereby increasing the Child Support Officer FTE positions from 5 to 6 and to decrease the Case Aide I FTE positions from 7 to 6. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to authorize the advance fill for a Registered Nurse/Public Health Nurse position (temporary extra position) to allow for recruitment and training for a future open position of a nurse retiring later this year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to authorize the Human Resources Director to offer a successful County Assessor candidate the wage of D61 Step 7 on the 2023 pay scale. Motion carried.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$193,591.92. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson provided department updates which included introducing new Social Worker in the Child & Family Unit Amanda Orth and a brief a report on the grand opening of the Morning Star Center and the grand opening of the Community Action Center. It was noted that the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Declaration has been allowed to expire. Lastly Sally Garry provided information an AmeriCorps student update.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:54 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:55 a.m. for regular business items.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny reported that most Commissioners had attended the award ceremony hosted by Workforce Development on April 27 at which Mower County received an award as 2023 Best Place to Work. Commissioner Ankeny also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hormel Childcare Facility on May 3, 2023. This was also attended by Commissioner Reinartz and Commissioner Mueller. Commissioner Reinartz reported that he and Commissioner Mueller, had attended a Personnel Committee meeting on May 2. Commissioner Sparks thanked the Board for its understanding as he starts a new position.

The Board recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. in regard to CUP #960 of Heather Henaman (landowner/applicant) for the operation of a dog kennel and dog breeding facility located in Section 34, Lyle Township.

Valerie Sheedy, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations. The Planning Commission recommends denial.

The Petitioner was not present. One person spoke in favor of CUP #960 and one person spoke against CUP #960. No other persons spoke for or against CUP #960.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:16 a.m. in regard to CUP #960 of Heather Henaman.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:10 a.m. in regard to ISTS Ordinance Amendments.

Valerie Sheedy, Assistant Public Works Director, noted that it was recommended that the Board table the public hearing to a later date for more time for review and public comment.

The Board did not formally conduct the public hearing. The public hearing will be held at a later date. Discussion concluded at 10:22 a.m.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 10:22 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to DENY CUP #960 of Heather Henaman (landowner/applicant) for the operation of a dog kennel and dog breeding facility located in Section 34, Lyle Township. Motion carried.

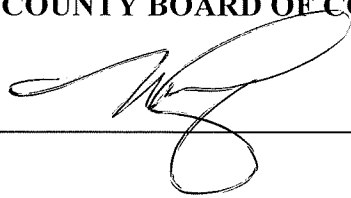
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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to table the public hearing on the proposed ISTS Ordinance Revisions to be continued. The public can make comments to Environmental Services and at the County Board Work Session on June 6, 2023. Motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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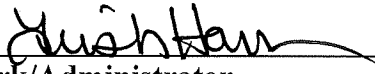
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Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____



Clerk/Administrator