

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 12, 2017

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session September 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Tim Gabrielson, Chair
 Jerry Reinartz, Vice-Chair
 Mike Ankeny
 Tony Bennett
 Polly Glynn
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Prior to the Board meeting the County hosted a breakfast for employees being recognized for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service.

Twenty-nine employees were recognized for their years of service and were presented with certificates and monetary awards.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Kevin Kiser, Freeborn County Co-op Oil, was present in the event the Board had questions regarding the request for an amendment to the recycling contract for additional services. A discussion took place regarding recycling services.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to amend the Recycling Contract with Freeborn County Co-op Oil Co. effective July 1, 2017 to add an additional site (Brookside Campground) for seven months annually of recycling pickup approximately May through November at the cost of \$500 per month plus adding an additional 78 miles per month for the fuel surcharge calculation. Motion carried.

Michal Hanson, Public Works Director, and Jeff Weaver, Solid Waste Officer, presented the Board with a Recycling Center Update.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve payment to vendors for Human Services Accounts Payable. Motion carried.

Chris Swatfager, Assistant Health & Human Services Director, provided the Board with community health updates which included information pertaining to Blue Cross mental health payment cuts and Children Placements.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the Chair and the Director to sign the following Purchase of Service Agreements:
Group Residential Housing Services

- Wildwood Grove – renew agreement, effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Special Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:39 a.m. for regular business items.

Department Report Continued:

Michal Hanson, Public Works Director, provided the Board with an update on additional road projects using sales tax revenue. The Director provided the Board with a map of recommended construction projects for 2018 that will be certified to the State. A discussion followed that included information pertaining to road and bridge projects that may be also considered and rescheduled with the funds raised through the ½ cents sales tax. Any of the projects listed on the 2018 – 2027 Capital Improvement Plan Funded by Sales Tax could be scheduled in a different order.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Housing Tax Abatement request of Daniel and Jill VanHooser, applicant, to construct a single-family home Lot 4, Block 1, Lickteig 2nd Addition, Austin, Minnesota. (34.412.0040)

Craig Oscarson reviewed the application and the recommendation is to approve the application.

The Applicants were present and spoke on their own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Daniel and Jill VanHooser housing tax abatement application.

Date: September 12, 2017

Res. #68-17

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

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 12, 2017 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

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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, Daniel and Jill VanHooser are the owners of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 1, Lickteig 2nd Addition
City of Austin, Mower County, Minnesota (34.412.0040)

WHEREAS, Daniel and Jill VanHooser 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 September 12, 2017 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Daniel and Jill VanHooser 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 with the receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy, or not more than one year following approval of the taxing authority's resolution, whichever is first, on the first year of taxes payable for the assessed value(s) related to the capital improvements outlined in Paragraph 1.
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 tax abatement shall be for up to the full amount of the real estate taxes collected from added tax base of the newly constructed housing/home annually. Land values and the current base value are not eligible and will not be abated.

Passed and approved this 12th day of September, 2017.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

The Board considered the request of Kim Gwilt and Edward Miller to repurchase tax forfeited parcel 34.689.0080. Mr. Miller was present.

Date: September 12, 2017

Res. #69-17

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 12, 2017 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board of Commissioners has received an application for repurchase of tax forfeited property located at 504 31st Street NW, Austin, MN 55912 and legally described as Lot 10 of Stanek Subdivision, located in the NE¼ of Section 5, Township 102, Range 18 West, Mower County, Minnesota (PIN #34.689.0080); and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board has determined and classified the parcel as non-conservation land as provided for in Minnesota's Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board has determined the repurchase of the parcel by the former owners Edward P. Miller and Kim D. Gwilt will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Mower County Board of Commissioners approve the repurchase of the tax forfeited property parcel #34.689.0080 by the former owners Edward P. Miller and Kim D. Gwilt at the repurchase price of \$13,731.41 and allow up to four weeks from this action for Mr. Miller to complete the repurchase.

Passed and approved this 12th day of September, 2017.

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Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

The Board recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

There weren't any action items under Committee Reports.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the following Commissioner warrants for payment noting that a letter is to be sent to Marston Consulting Group regarding the County's maximum ninety day practice for payment on claims:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	13,785.08	Meigs Paving Asphalts & Emulsions	104,740.69
Baudoin Oil Company	14,967.73	Petroblend Corp.	2,602.10
Cliftonlarsenallen	28,000.00	Tiny's Body Shop	2,163.77
Gerard Treatment Program	2,521.54	Uhl Company Inc	40,680.00
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	8,350.00	Village Ranch Inc	9,037.31
Marston Consulting Group,LLC	8,000.00	78 Payments less than 2000	29,503.26
		Final Total:	264,351.48

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to assess the \$5,820.32 clean-up costs of the Leuning property parcel 28.001.0960 as a 3 year assessment at 3% interest. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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