

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 28, 2020

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session January 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Jeff Baldus, Chair
Polly Glynn
Tim Gabrielson
Jerry Reinartz
Mike Ankeny
Trish Harren, County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the agenda. It was noted that the public hearing on CUP #894 is deferred to February 11, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, 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>
AED Authority	9,684.00	Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	5,013.40
Applied Concepts Inc	8,969.00	Minnesota Department Of Corrections	35,042.16
Association Of Minnesota Counties	2,700.00	Minnesota Human Services	4,695.99
Baudoin Oil Company	19,005.58	Mower County Soil & Water Cons	32,515.70
Bauer Built Tire	3,869.00	NetMotion Wireless	4,669.09
Boe Brothers Tiling Inc	7,247.90	Office Of Mn It Services	4,537.63
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	49,958.01	Petersen Professional Services LLC	11,000.00
City Of Austin	8,524.16	Rinke-Noonan	2,400.00
Commissioner Of Transportation	2,739.87	SEMV CET	7,649.09
Complete Automotive Services	4,044.19	Warning Lites of Minnesota, Inc	6,076.80
Erickson Engineering Co., LLC	2,223.00	67 Payments less than 2000	30,094.17
Grifols USA LLC	3,998.32	Final Total:	266,657.06

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to appoint Sherry Roth, Human Resource Director, and Michal Hanson, Public Works Director, as the Mower County Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2020 staff delegates. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to accept the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$25,828. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve out-of-state travel for Sheriff Staff to attend sniper training. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the monthly investment reports for the months ending November and December 2019. Motion carried.

Scott Felten, Auditor-Treasurer, provided the Board with a department update that included a summary of the 2019 transactions for property transfers, certificates for marriages, births and deaths; a summary of census / complete count activities; and a summary of the 2020 election activities.

Pam Kellogg, Community Health Division Manager, provided the Board with community health updates that included information pertaining to Minnesota Bio-monitoring Program; influenza current statistics for the season and a report of childhood lead levels. Mower County is one of four counties with significantly higher levels of lead reported and it is related to paint in the older homes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$301,313.81. Motion carried.

The public hearing for CUP #894 of Dairyland Power Cooperative, applicant, and various landowners (who have signed easement agreements) to construct a 69kV (overhead) transmission line approximately 8.5 miles long, along existing County and Township Road Right of Ways, located in Sections 12, 13, 24 and 36 of Clayton Township, Section 19 of Bennington, and Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24 in Lodi Township was deferred to February 11, 2020.

Sherry Roth, Human Resources Director, presented to the Board the Pay Equity Report for approval. Due to the new compensation schedule implemented the report fell within the necessary guidelines without issue.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Pay Equity Report and authorize the Chair to sign the report. Motion carried.

Under Building Committee it was reported that changes are being made to the old central services space to make the space usable again. In addition an informal request had been received that the Veteran Memorial space in the northwest corner of the Government Center lot be expanded for additional memorial pavers. It will be communicated that a formal request will need to be made for consideration.

Under Solid Waste Committee Commissioner Gabrielson provided information pertaining to the disposal of batteries. The Association of Minnesota Counties and Minnesota Rural Counties are working on introducing legislation to put the burden of battery

disposal back to manufacturers or retailers. The lithium batteries are volatile and can cause fires in landfills.

The Public Works Director, Environmental Services Supervisor and the Water Plan & Outreach Coordinator from the Mower County Soil & Water Conservation District presented to the Board a status update pertaining to the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Initiative. A draft press release to educate the public about this final phase of the SSTS initiative to achieve county-wide compliance for clean water was presented to the Board for consideration and approval. In addition it was reported that a draft ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission for review prior to bringing it to the Board for adoption.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the press release to be distributed to area media to notify the public that Mower County is launching into its final septic phase in its long-time initiative to focus on achieving county-wide compliance for clean water. Motion carried.

County Administrator Trish Harren informed the Board that the County had received an excellent jail inspection report and will be moved to two-year cycle inspections.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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