

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2020

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Jeff Baldus, Chair
 Polly Glynn
 Tim Gabrielson
 Mike Ankeny
 Trish Harren, County Administrator
Member excused: Jerry Reinartz

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Resolution approving Allzin for Alzheimer's lawful gambling application. Motion carried.

Steve King, Director of Correctional Services, provided the Board with a department update. The addiction support group, Coffee Connection, is proving to be a very effective support for maintaining sobriety and the idea is growing. Freeborn, Dodge and Steele counties have started a similar program. Mower County Corrections will be hosting Interstate Compact, a state-wide training, later this month. Mr. King advised the Board that there is a new Commissioner of Corrections and there are anticipated changes. The state may get out of the probation/supervision aspect of corrections all together in order to focus more on detention. Currently the state department of corrections handles adult felony level probation. Finally, out of home juvenile correctional placements (and costs) continue to be a challenge.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to authorize the Fiscal Services Division Manager to pay a late payment of \$1,521.04 to All New Directions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve payments in the total amount of \$121,293.01 to vendors for Human Services Accounts Payable. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Fraud Prevention Investigation Grant with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Motion carried.

Lisa Kocer indicated to the Board that some documents are being requested to be signed electronically with (DocuSign). The commissioners indicated that they were in favor of using DocuSign and other electronic signatures when warranted.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements renewal agreements effective 1/1/20 through 12/31/2021 unless otherwise noted:

Chemical Use Assessments

- o Independent Management Services -- effective through December 31, 2020.

CHIPS Attorney

- o Lenway, Thomas
- o Spyhalski, Paul

Employment

- o Cedar Valley Services, Inc. – amendment extending agreement through December 31, 2021.

Funeral Assistance

- o Hindt Funeral Home
- o Twin Cities Cremation – approve agreement effective January 3, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Group Residential Housing (GRH)

- o Adams Senior Living Solutions – approve agreement effective March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

Guardian/Conservator

- o Independent Management Services
- o Young, Barbara

Mental Health

- o Independent Management Services – effective to December 31, 2020.

Semi-Independent Living Services

- o Independent Management Services

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:43 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:48 a.m. for regular business items.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, 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>
Anoka County Corrections	5,271.00	Manatron Inc	49,289.79
Baudoin Oil Company	5,516.13	MCHS SE Minnesota	2,116.10

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Bishop Excavating Inc	11,946.63	Midstates Equipment & Supply	13,160.00
Bound Tree Medical Llc	2,554.52	Mower County Soil & Water Cons	4,834.30
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	2,398.78	MRI Software LLC	2,986.67
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	8,354.23	Olmsted County Community Services	16,280.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	5,168.78	Paragon Printing & Mailing Inc	5,268.61
Dell Marketing L P	7,104.02	Stroup & Lewison Distributing Inc	5,590.00
Department Of Corrections	18,200.00	West Central Indexing	15,375.00
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	10,734.37	58 Payments less than 2000	31,277.87
		Final Total:	223,426.80

Motion carried.

Date: February 11, 2019

Res. #11-20

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 11, 2020 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020 the Allzin For Alzheimer's presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the Lansing Corners Supper Club on April 19, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Allzin For Alzheimer's for gambling at Lansing Corners Supper Club on April 19, 2020.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of February, 2020.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to 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. Angie Lipelt, Environmental Services Supervisor, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner had raised an issue regarding one of the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Attorney Scott Anderson was consulted and discussions with the Petitioner had occurred. Attorney Scott Anderson informed the Board that an agreement had been reached to strike condition number 4 from the proposed resolution and add a new condition where the owner/applicant will endeavor to locate the center of all transmission line structures/poles no closer than 4 feet from the edge of the right-of-way.

The Petitioner was present and their attorney spoke in favor of the CUP and indicated that the Petitioner is willing to accept the new condition numbered 8 as read by counsel Scott Anderson and will not dispute the condition in the future. No other person spoke for or against CUP #894.

Date: February 11, 2020

Res. #12-20

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 11, 2020 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Mower County Planning Commission, having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #894 of Landowners (who have signed easement agreements [*list on file in Mower County Environmental Services*]), and Dairyland Power Cooperative, c/o Alyssa Britton, SR/WA, Petitioners, and to be issued pursuant to the Mower County Zoning Regulations for:

to construct a 69kV (overhead) transmission line approximately 8.5 miles long, along existing County and Township Road Right of Ways.

Location: 20 parcels located in Sections 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36 of Clayton Township, Section 19 of Bennington, and Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24 of Lodi Township [full legal descriptions on file in Mower County Environmental Services referred to as Appendix A for CUP #894];

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on the matter on November 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mower County Government Center, Board Room before the Mower County Planning Commission, on said petition;

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on February 11, 2020 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file in the Office of Environmental Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. Owner/applicant shall abide by and shall obtain all necessary Federal, State, County and/or local permitting related to this transmission line; and
2. Owner must contact the Mower County SWCD regarding the Wetland Conservation Act and provide the County a copy of one of the following:
 - a. A "No Loss Determination" (no wetlands on site)
 - b. A "Wetland Exemption" (the act does not apply)
 - c. A "Wetland Replacement Plan" approval;

3. The Owner/Applicant shall work cooperatively with Mower County to mitigate any issues brought to the attention of the County that are found to be legitimate that create a nuisance to adjoining landowners from the proposed use; and
4. The Owner/Applicant shall abide by all road and bridge weight restrictions or postings that apply to roads used as an ingress/egress to the properties; and
5. The Owner/Applicant shall be liable for any road damages as a result of this operation as stated under MN Statute 169.88; and
6. A violation of any condition set forth in a conditional use permit shall be a violation of this Ordinance and shall automatically terminate the permit (refer Section 14-35 Revocation); and
7. This permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.
8. Owner/applicant will endeavor to locate the center of all transmission line structures/poles no closer than 4 feet from the edge of the right-of-way (ROW) of CSAH 8. If any reconstruction of CSAH 8 necessitates, in the discretion of the County Highway Engineer, any modification or relocation of any center of structures/poles located closer than 4 feet from the edge of the ROW of CSAH 8, then said modification or relocation shall be at the expense of the owner/applicant.

This permit is issued in accordance with Article II Division 2 Agricultural District Section 14-51 Agricultural District, Conditional Uses, item (r) Dams, power plants, switching yards, transmission lines over 35KV, flowage areas and pipelines; and Article I Division 6 (Conditional Use Permits) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance (effective date 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2020.

Commissioner Gabrielson reported on the annual Joint Regional Radio Board Southeast MN Emergency Communications Board. The attendees discussed the 911 service outage that left the region without 911 call capability for four hours. There were 360 missed calls during that time. The failure was in the legacy side of the equipment. It is an aging system and there is a RFP (request for proposals) out to update the system. It was noted that 911 texting was never lost and to remind people to text if they can't call. The statewide 800 MHz communication system known as ARMER is also aging. The investment in this system is just over a billion, with 300 million in equipment and 700 million in infrastructure. Eighty percent (80%) of the infrastructure of the system is owned by the state. In Mower County the state owns the towers. The county will be responsible for expenses related to upgrading radio equipment. A consultant has been hired to help the state negotiate equipment upgrades with equipment provider Motorola. CAD to CAD interoperability was discussed. (CAD stands for Computer Aided Dispatch). Currently there is an ability to transfer calls but not data. There is an advantage to being able to share data in emergency situations. For an example, if it were possible to transfer data to the medical provider at the time of a call vs. while on route, it could improve outcomes. As well, sometimes the closest EMS or Fire responder may be out of county and if there was the ability to share data across county lines it would save on average 2 minutes in response time.

The Joint Committee agreed to apply for a \$150,000 grant that is available to just 1 of the 7 regions to find an interface solution that will allow for CAD to CAD interoperability. Steele and Rice already have this in place.

Commissioner Jeff Baldus reported on the Austin/Mower Homeownership program. 2019 was a record year for loans. Sixty-four loans were extended making a total of 837 approved loans since 1997.

Commissioner Ankeny had attended the Fair Board meeting and reported that the Fair Board is working on the 2020 fair and the Purple Ribbon Plaza's restrooms are not yet completed.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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