

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 27, 2021

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session April 27, 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
John Mueller
Trish Harren, County Administrator

Prior to the Board meeting the Commissioners hosted a breakfast for Public Health in recognition to the Covid-19 pandemic response. During the breakfast, the department was recognized and presented with a Bright Spots Award by Bill Spitzer and Danielle Nesvold from Austin Positive Action Coalition (APAC) and Jayne Gibson Austin Aspires Executive Director.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

New District One Commissioner John Mueller was welcomed.

County Recorder Jill Cordes presented a departmental update. The department has seen a steady increase in documents partly due to low interest rates and refinancing, but also due to sales. Covid has helped to move clients to the optional E-recording of documents. In 2019, 53% of documents were e-recorded and in 2020, 72% were e-recorded. Three of the four staff in the office are new. The department continues to advance with cross training of staff and developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for training. The department passed its Passport Inspection. The function of property splits has been added to the department and the processes are being updated for more efficiency and accuracy. Effective at the beginning of the year, the responsibility of issuing burning permits was transferred to Environmental Services. Lastly, the Recorder reported that there is a bill proposed to increase recording fees of certain documents by \$25.00 with the increase to be ear marked for clean water. Recorders statewide are opposed to this increase in recording fees. Recorder Cordes noted that over \$300 million in recorder fees are sent to the state each year already. The state recorder's association has worked hard to get uniformity in recording fees.

Under Community Health Services updates, Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson indicated that 1) legislation is being proposed to increase the allocations for

public health grants to be better prepared for health crisis such as the Covid-19 pandemic; 2) the Women Infant and Children (WIC) cash benefit value for fruits and vegetables is increasing to \$35 per individual from June – December 2021; 3) guidelines for using the \$406,000 Federal Vaccine Grant have been clarified and will be spending it on such expenses associated with vaccine clinics, advertising, etc.; and 4) Covid-19 Mower County update -- 4544 cumulative cases, 32 deaths and currently less than 50 active cases with some spread in schools and currently Pacelli is on distance learning protocols.

Under Committee Reports it was reported as follows: 1) Personnel had nothing to report; 2) Finance had nothing to report; 3) Building reported that the committee had met with the new Facilities Supervisor and a list of projects being worked on were reviewed and discussed (including Justice Center roof, Veterans' Memorial, 4-H building possible rental, signage and bollards) but there were not any items to act on by the Board at this time; and 4) Solid Waste will be meeting to discuss a request for a baler for the recycling center. The commissioners will review their committee assignments for possible reassignment by the Chair to the new Commissioner Mueller and will discuss at the next meeting.

Solid Waste Consultant Dave Lucas presented to the Board 3 solid waste renewal licenses for Board action.

Date: April 27, 2021

Res. #29-21

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 27, 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-21), 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 SKB Lansing Landfill submitted a Mower County Solid Waste Facility Application for renewal on February 6, 2021 for continued operation of a demolition debris landfill; and,

WHEREAS, after review, this application was deemed complete on March 20, 2021 in accordance with ORD-21; and,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) 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 in accordance with County Board Resolution #28-21 that was passed on April 13, 2021, financial assurance requirements for SKB Lansing Landfill is a \$350,000 surety bond listing the County as obligee; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby grants SKB Lansing Landfill a Solid Waste License for both WCI Austin Landfill and SKB Lansing Landfill as drafted by the Department and approved as to form by the County Attorney, providing operation of a Demolition Debris Landfill, Recycling Activities, and including a slope waiver, all as described in their License, with a term that will expire on December 31, 2024.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 2021.

Date: April 27, 2021

Res. #30-21

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 27, 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-21), 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 Watson Recycling, LLC submitted a Mower County Solid Waste Facility Application for renewal on February 9, 2021 for continued operation of a Processing Facility and Storage Facility; and,

WHEREAS, after review, this application was deemed complete on March 14, 2021 in accordance with ORD-21; 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 Watson Recycling, LLC is a \$25,000 surety bond payable to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES: issue Watson Recycling, LLC a Solid Waste License as prepared, and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office, providing for operation of a Processing Facility and Storage Facility, with a term that will expire on December 31, 2023.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 2021.

Date: April 27, 2021

Res. #31-21

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 27, 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-21), 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 Root River Recycling submitted a Mower County Solid Waste Facility Application for renewal on January 14, 2021 for continued operation of a Processing Facility; and,

WHEREAS, after review, this application was deemed complete on February 5, 2021 in accordance with ORD-21; 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 Root River Recycling is a \$25,000 Letter of Credit payable to the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby grants Root River Recycling a Solid Waste License as prepared by the Department and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office, providing for operation of a Processing Facility, with a term that will expire on December 31, 2026.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 2021.

Commissioner Baldus left at 10:14 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the low quote and authorize Public Works' to purchase of a new Weiler P385B Asphalt Paver \$199,317. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the following list of surplus property for auction:

Quantity	Item	Department
1	1998 Blaw-Knox PF-161 Paver 10333-17	Public Works
1	2006 Sterling Tandem Truck 2FZHAZDE66AX01216	Public Works
1	2006 Sterling Tandem Truck 2FZHAZDE46AX01215	Public Works
1	1993 Vermeer 1220 Brush Chipper 1VRD15115N1000368	Public Works

Motion carried.

Commissioner Baldus returned at 10:25 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$427,321.06. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the following Commissioner warrants for payment:

Vendor Name	Amount	Vendor Name	Amount
180 Degrees, Inc.	11,897.37	Frontier Precision, Inc	35,834.06
Albert Lea Trailer LLC	5,983.03	Grifols USA LLC	2,472.50
Anoka County Corrections	40,092.57	Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	17,428.20
Austin Daily Herald	3,592.36	Mayo Clinic	3,112.10
Baudoin Oil Company	18,058.25	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	5,642.00
Bustad Dozing & Excavating Inc	15,540.00	Minneapolis Forensic Psychological	3,750.00
Cedar River Horse Logging	2,200.00	Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	6,263.24
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	57,802.27	Northland Business Systems Inc.	3,405.90
Department Of Corrections	6,210.00	Office Of Mn It Services	4,236.90
Donnelly Law Firm, PLLC	10,605.15	ORBIS Corporation	36,750.00
Erickson Engineering Co., LLC	16,963.48	Ziegler, Inc	263,161.02
ESRI	13,523.90	71 Payments less than 2000	32,850.32
Falk Construction Co./L.R.	15,291.43	Final Total:	632,666.05

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve application to the SE MN Regional Radio Board (50-50 match by local authority) for a Local Radio System Enhancements grant for the City of Lyle for radio enhancements to include an outdoor distributed antenna system ("ODAS") administration system to be located on the city's water tower at an estimated cost of \$75,000 with a proof of concept study by ANCOM Wireless (\$3,000). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve application to the SE MN Regional Radio Board (50-50 match by local authority) for a Local Radio System Enhancements grant for the City of Grand Meadow for radio

enhancements to include an outdoor distributed antenna system (“ODAS”) administration system to be located on the city’s water tower at an estimated cost of \$75,000 with a proof of concept study by ANCOM Wireless (\$3,000). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve grant application to the SE MN Regional Radio Board for the cities of LeRoy, Adams, Lyle for 5 radios each to enhance radio communications with Iowa. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to acceptance of the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (\$25,468) and authorize signature. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize application for the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous Correspondence, the County received 1) a thank you from the Hormel Institute for the staff’s contributions to the Paint the Town Pink cancer fundraising efforts and 2) the Turtle Creek Watershed District minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator