

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 14, 2020

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session July 14, 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 Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the agenda with the addition to approve the new Health & Human Services Director and to delete General Business Item #5 related to the fair security contract. Motion carried.

**HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:**

Health & Human Services Director Lisa Kocer provided the Board with Human Services updates which included information pertaining to Child Protection Opioid Epidemic; Response Funding Update indicating that expected funding was significantly reduced; COVID 19 Response Update indicating that the number of positive cases daily has slowed and of the 991 reported positive cases only 31 are currently infectious; and new Staff Introductions: Mayra Imperial – Financial Worker and Miranda Ziebell – Office Support Specialist.

Ms. Kocer reported that interviews had been conducted for her replacement and the hiring committee is recommending the appointment of the successful applicant.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to appoint Crystal Peterson as the Health & Human Services Director effective August 3, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the following renewal Purchase of Service Agreements for Group Residential Housing effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

Cardinal of Minnesota, Ltd	Meadow Manor
Cedars of Austin	MSOCS
Lang's Board & Lodge	Quality Community Services

Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$195,097.53 which included a late claim for payment for vendor #1760 in the amount of \$138.96. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:31 a.m. Motion carried.

**COUNTY BOARD**

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:33 a.m. for regular business items.

Mr. Doran Kasel appeared before the Board to express his concerns about potential voter fraud related to mail in and absentee balloting.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	14,570.29	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2,505.00
American Solutions For Business	6,200.00	Minnesota Counties Intergov'tal Trust	3,010.53
AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE LLC	3,645.59	MRI Software LLC	3,500.10
Benchmark Behavioral Health Systems	14,250.00	Powerplan	2,870.32
Braun Intertec Corporation	2,317.50	Rochester Sand And Gravel, Inc	17,981.39
Bustad Dozing And Excavating Inc	25,376.40	Sanco Equipment LLC	7,034.49
Dave Lucas Consulting	3,224.78	Schneider Geospatial, LLC	40,895.00
Falk Construction Co./L.R.	4,143.37	SeaChange Print Innovations	12,976.32
FREEBORN COUNTY	4,590.00	Street Smart Rentals, LLC	4,500.00
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	10,044.15	TR Excavation & Hauling LLC	7,020.00
Hancock Concrete Products, Llc	3,961.76	Vertiv Corporation	3,395.00
MCHS SE Minnesota	3,495.20	57 Payments less than 2000	30,148.50
		<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>231,655.69</b>

Motion carried.

**Date: July 14, 2020**

**Res. #54-20**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 14, 2020 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mower County Board of Commissioners that Mower County enter into a Grant Agreement effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of

combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10 Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by Mower County that Rodney Streich, the County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

Passed and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the late claim for travel reimbursement beyond sixty days for employee number 1553. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the renewal application of Lansing Corners Supper Club for a full On Sale and Sunday liquor license effective July 14, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

County Administrator Trish Harren presented to the Board for its consideration some recommended Cares Act Covid Relief funding expenditures. The recommendations included a 2021 Chevy Suburban with 7x16 trailer for Emergency Management; Casework software SSI system for Health & Human Services and for all necessary departments laptops, web cams, etc. and internal hardware / server equipment to handle the volume of remote working. A discussion followed. The vehicle and trailer purchase was referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the CARES Covid Relief funding expenditures for laptops and hardware (approximately \$245,000) and the Casework Software (approximately \$104,253). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to transfer \$39,000 from the General Fund to the Bond Fund effective December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to appoint the Senior Accountant as the MCCC (Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative) delegate. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glynn presented to the Board a request for the Chair to sign a letter to legislators requesting for relief for Minnesota Pork Producers due to the effects of Covid-19 on hog production with processing plants closing due to illness, etc. The Board Chair signed the requested letter.

It was noted under committee reports that the Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss CARES Act Covid Relief Funding expenditures which includes the potential of approving grants to area business for economic relief. The County is working with the Development Corporation of Austin (DCA) in drafting a program and application for disbursing available funds.

Under Other Committee reports the Board was informed that staff has been working with Attorney Scott Anderson regarding the hazardous condition of one of the county residences due to the absence of the owner and vandalism. The residence has now burned increasing its potential as a public health hazard. The attorney should have an action item ready for the County Board by the next Board meeting.

The Board recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.05 subd. 3(a) to evaluate the performance of the County Administrator Trish Harren

The Commissioners entered into closed session at 11:03 a.m. and concluded the session at 12:31 p.m.

It was noted by the Board that the County Administrator successfully passed her performance review.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Administrator**

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