

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2025

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session February 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Polly Glynn, Vice-Chair Dan Sparks, Jerry Reinartz, Mike Ankeny and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen and County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve Minutes of January 28 and February 4 Work Session
2. Approve Petty Cash-Change Fund resolution

Date: February 11, 2025

Res. #10-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 11, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.162 allows for imprest cash funds and Minnesota Statute 375.45 allows for change funds, and,

WHEREAS, the Mower County Finance Director has reviewed all departmental needs and requests for said funds and found them valid,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following departmental change and imprest funds be established or re-established effective February 11, 2025:

Change Funds

Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00
Recorder	100.00
LEC	100.00
Health & Human Services	100.00
Public Works	100.00
Recycling	100.00

Petty Cash Funds

Health & Human Services	\$ 300.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous approvals for change or petty cash funds be repealed and replaced with the amounts in this resolution.

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

3. Approve Joint Powers Agreements for Cannabis regulation (City of Adams, Dexter Township)

Motion carried.

The Board received a department report from GIS Administrator Eric Miller and GIS Specialist Keith Bollinger. Some department highlights include a new housing tax abatement on-line application and program dashboard displaying program statistics and a flooding/disaster tracking system created in response to the June flooding. The disaster tracking system impressed FEMA and it will be refined to be used again in the event of future disasters. Septic records have been made available to contractors streamlining the process of getting the available information to contractors saving staff time and copy costs.

The Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of the Health & Human Services Board.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$98,484.41 Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Continuous Licensing with the Department of Human Services. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Talon Protection Agency Purchase of Service Agreement for secure transport services effective January 22, 2025 through January 21, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to accept a \$1000 donation from Austin Area Foundation for stocking the department Foster Care program supply of diapers, wipes and formula for client families. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson noted that the department had received a letter from the Minnesota Department of Health in acknowledgement of perfect performance on financial reporting.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:47 a.m. for regular business items.

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

Vendor Name	Amount	Vendor Name	Amount
Adams Township	2,535.25	Hanson Tire Of Austin Inc	3,582.18
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	40,378.17	Harty Mechanical Inc	12,633.33
Association Of Minnesota Counties	3,206.00	Healthiest You	4,350.00
Austin Automotive LLC	2,235.23	Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	2,325.00
Austin Police Department	2,551.61	Karen Organization of Minnesota	4,996.68
Baudoin Oil Company	37,434.30	Leadership Development Resources	2,285.00
CDW Government	8,102.24	Lodi Township	18,831.05
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	70,023.24	MCHS SE Minnesota	2,696.00
Charter Communications Operations, LLC	50,000.00	Rohl Electric and Services LLC	6,512.50
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	2,625.00	SGTS Inc	14,958.92
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	20,673.24	Sheriff Houston County	7,604.17
Dave Lucas Consulting	3,700.00	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	3,658.48
Dell Marketing L P	12,057.35	Village Ranch Inc	8,422.39
Fjetland/Tara	3,393.33	West Central Indexing	20,877.00
Freeborn County	17,643.52	Workshop Software, Inc.	6,545.00
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	11,047.43	70 Payments less than 2000	44,804.94
Fresh Baby, LLC	2,000.00		
		Final Total:	454,688.55

Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receiving the reports of electronic fund transfer payments made 1/2/25 to 2/4/25 totaling \$1,638,097.84. The list of payments will be included in the published list of auditor warrants published with a summary of Board minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Parking Lot Lease Amendment with the City of Austin to extend the lease effective May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026, with automatic annual renewals and amend the notice of termination from 90 days to 30 days. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve amending the Housing Tax Abatement Policy to clarify qualifying projects and maximum garage sizes for abatement.

The following sections of the policy are amended as follows:

Qualifying Units of Housing

Eligible units of housing include a single-family house or multi-family complexes. A house may be new construction, modular, or manufactured provided it is on a permanent foundation and is valued and assessed as real property for property tax purposes. **For all dwellings, including** Shouses ~~qualify, but~~ only the tax on the value of the area dedicated and occupied as a residence plus 12000 square feet ~~for~~ **of attached garage space** is eligible for abatement.

Abatement Exclusions

- Voter approved property tax referendums
- Existing or new special assessments on the property
- **Additions to existing dwellings**

Frequently Asked Questions paragraphs 5 and 6 as indicated:

5. Is a house moved within the county eligible for a tax abatement?
 - a. Yes, if the house is currently unoccupied **and** ~~unlivable~~ and the move is part of improvements that will render the house livable and will be occupied as a

residence. The abatement will be on the added value. The value of the land the house is moved onto is not eligible for abatement, just the value of the house.

6. If I tear down an existing house and build a new one, is it eligible for an abatement?

a. Yes, the added value of the new house is eligible for abatement. For example, if the current value of the property including land and house is \$100,000 and you tear down the house and build a new house with a combined land and house value of \$350,000, you are eligible for an abatement on the added value of \$250,000.

~~a.~~ b. An existing, unoccupied home that is in need of repair but has value does not qualify for added value improvements tax abatement unless it is fully removed and replaced.

Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:59 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. in regard to CUP #990 for CHS Inc to add 100'x120' chemical storage building onto existing liquid fertilizer building located in Section 33, Clayton Township (PIN 06.027.0036)

Angela Lipelt, Environmental Services Supervisor, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner was not present. No one spoke for or against CUP #990.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m. in regard to CUP #990 of CHS Inc.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:01 a.m. in regard to CUP #989 of Cory & Melissa Carroll for operation of a dog kennel facility with up to 10 dogs located in Section 6, Red Rock Township (PIN 16.006.0045)

Angela Lipelt, Environmental Services Supervisor, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner was present and spoke on his own behalf in favor of the CUP. No other people spoke for or against CUP #989.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. in regard to CUP #989 of Cory & Melissa Carroll.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 10:05 a.m.

Date: February 11, 2025

Res. #11-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 11, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Mower County Planning Commission, having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #990, by CHS Inc., Landowner, and Paul Frein, Petitioner, who have petitioned the Mower County Board of Commissioners to allow for the site to be used for:

Adding a 100'x120'x20' chemical storage building onto the existing liquid fertilizer building.

Located in Mower County, Minnesota and legally described as:

Tax Legal: Section 33 Township 103 Range 014 E933.47FT S933.47FT SE1/4 SE1/4
(Full legal description on file in the office of Environmental Services.)

And identified per Mower County tax records as parcel 06.027.0036; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on the matter on February 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mower County Government Center, Board Room before the Mower County Planning Commission, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on February 11, 2025 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has received the Findings of Fact; and

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. Applicant shall follow all state, federal and local regulations regarding the proposed use, which may include, but not be limited to; a spill containment system, an NPDES Storm water Permit; permits or licensures from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; permits or licensures from the MPCA; Mower County Zoning and Septic System Permits.
2. The applicant shall construct buildings in accordance with handicap accessibility codes as required by law and those amenities shall be appropriately marked.
3. The applicant shall demonstrate prior to opening that appropriate and acceptable measures shall be established for sewer, water, and proper waste disposal.
4. The Owner/Applicant shall keep the site in a neat, orderly, and aesthetically pleasing condition. The site shall not be used as a junk or scrap yard.
5. The Owner/Applicant shall properly contain all waste. If any waste material is subject to blowing the applicant shall contain any blowing or loose garbage/debris onsite by any means necessary which may include perimeter fencing.
6. The Owner/ Applicant shall provide adequate area onsite to park, back, or turn-around to not create a nuisance or hazard to the traveling public. Vehicles cannot be parked or backed onto the premises from the road or its right-of-way.

7. Transport vehicles, providing in-coming product shall not be stored on the proposed site for more than 24-hours.
8. The Owner/Applicant shall be required to provide dust control at their cost (not to utilize used oil, which is illegal) so as not to create a nuisance to neighboring property from the additional traffic.
9. 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 property.
10. The Owner/Applicant shall be liable for any road damages because of this operation as stated under MN Statute 169.88.
11. An emergency response plan shall be submitted to the local fire department(s), law enforcing agencies, and the Mower County Emergency Management and the Planning and Zoning Office for review and inclusion of department files for the proposed property. Information shall include spill prevention and clean up, considering topography, tiles lines, and runoff.
12. All lighting shall be directed downward to minimize glare to adjacent properties and public roadway. Lighting plans shall be included in the final site plan for review by the zoning administrator prior to signing zoning permits.
13. Precautionary measures consisting of a locked entrance(s) shall be required to prevent unlawful access to the chemicals stored.
14. Signage must comply with the Mower County Ordinance and must be located out of road rights-of-way. The sign(s) shall be always kept in a neat and tidy condition and kept free of any noxious weeds.
15. Parking and loading requirements of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance shall be met or exceeded. Refer to Ordinance Sections 14-14 thru 14-15.
16. Expansion or addition to the facility shall require an amendment to the conditional use permit.
17. A conditional use permit shall become void two (2) years from the date of approval by the County Board if no construction has begun or the use has not been established.
18. This Conditional Use Permit shall lapse and shall be no longer valid upon one-year of non-use.
19. 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 and valid that may create a nuisance to adjoining landowners from the proposed use.
20. 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.

This permit is issued in accordance with Section Div. 2, Agricultural District, Section 14-51 (m) Agriculturally oriented business of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance (effective date 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Date: February 11, 2025

Res. #12-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 11, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Mower County Planning Commission, having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #989, by Cory Carroll and Melissa Carroll Landowner(s), and, Petitioner(s), who have petitioned the Mower County Board of Commissioners to allow for the site to be used for:

A conditional use permit for operation of a dog kennel facility with up to 15 dogs.

Located in Mower County, Minnesota and described as per tax legal as:
Section 06 Township 103 Range 017 5AC BLDG SITE ALONG W LINE N1/2 SW1/4;
DOC#661454. *(Full legal description on file in the office of Environmental Services.)*

And identified per Mower County tax records as parcel 16.006.0045; and

WHEREAS, An application was received for operation of a dog kennel up to 15 dogs from Melissa and Cory Carroll for PID 16.006.0045; address as 27254 560th Avenue, Austin MN 55912; and

WHEREAS, Mower County's Zoning Ordinance allows dog kennels upon granting of a Conditional use permit in the Agricultural district via Section 14-51, item (f) kennel; and

WHEREAS, the agenda item was scheduled for public hearing on Tuesday January 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, public notices were provided in accordance with the law by legal notice in the Austin Herald on December 25, 2024, and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was sent to all landowners within ¼ mile, or the 10 nearest neighboring property owners, in accordance with the law on December 18, 2024, by first class mail. A copy of the list to whom the notices were sent are on file in the Office of Environmental Services and is part of the official record; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the matter on January 7, 2025, in which all interested parties were provided an opportunity to be heard, and

WHEREAS, The planning commission provided their recommendation to the County Board at their regular meeting of January 14, 2025 to deny the request for 15 dogs(kennel)

WHEREAS, At the County Board meeting of January 14, 2025, Environmental Staff asked the County Board to table the matter and remand it back to the Planning Commission to allow the staff to reach out and work with the applicant on an alternative outcome, and

WHEREAS, the County Board agreed to remand the matter back to the Planning Commission for further consideration at their next public hearing of February 4, 2025;

WHEREAS, staff and the applicant met and provided a proposal to decrease the dog numbers to 10, with conditions; and

WHEREAS, the 60-day law was extended January 31, 2025, in writing extend the time for consideration of the application to April 8, 2025, to allow for additional public hearing, further review and consideration of the matter; and

WHEREAS, public notices was provided in accordance with the law by legal notice in the Austin Herald for public hearing published on January 22, 2025, and

WHEREAS, notice of the second public hearing was sent to all landowners within ¼ mile, or the 10 nearest neighboring property owners, in accordance with the law on January 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the matter on February 4, 2025, in which all interested parties were provided an opportunity to be heard, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has received a copy of the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the Findings of Fact as presented by the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file as part of the official record 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. Minnesota Board of Animal Health licensure is required when exceeding three adult dogs. A copy of this license shall be provided to the Environmental Services Office annually.
2. Applicant shall decrease the current number of dogs (eleven) on or before February 14, 2026, to no more than ten.
3. Applicant shall notify Mower County Environmental Services when they achieve ten dogs or less at this site.
4. All dogs must be vaccinated within 30 days; and spayed or neutered within 60 days of receipt.
5. Dogs shall be contained to the applicants' property.

6. Applicants shall allow Mower County Environmental Services to perform inspection of the kennel facility with a minimum 24-hour notice.
7. Property shall be kept clean of animal urine and waste. Animal waste shall be properly disposed of.
8. Failure to comply with State law or conditions of this Conditional Use Permit (CUP) shall cause the CUP to be revoked.

This permit is issued in accordance with Section Agricultural District, Section 14-51 Conditional Uses, Item (f): Kennel

DEFINITION: Kennel: Any lot or premises on which four (4) or more dogs over four (4) months of age are kept permanently or boarded temporarily of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance (effective date 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Date: February 11, 2025

Res. #13-25

RESOLUTION

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 February 11, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

2025 ROAD RESTRICTION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 169.87, Seasonal Load Restrictions and 163.02, Subdivision 3, Load Restrictions, the following described County State Aid Highways and County Roads within Mower County, Minnesota, are hereby restricted to a maximum axle load as noted below, that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to impose weight and load restrictions on any highway under County Jurisdiction during the calendar year of 2025 and the County Engineer be hereby authorized to erect proper signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of these described roads. All restrictions shall become

Six Tons per axle

- C.S.A.H. No. 11- From T.H. No. 56 to East County Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 16 - From C.S.A.H. 2 to County Road 57
- C.S.A.H. No. 18 - From C.S.A.H. No. 7 to Iowa State Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 22 - From T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. No. 19
- County Road No. 52 - From C.S.A.H. No. 4 to T.H. 56

Seven Tons per axle

- C.S.A.H. No. 1 & 15 - C.S.A.H. No. 20 to C.S.A.H. No. 8
- C.S.A.H. No. 1- From C.S.A.H. No. 8 to East County Line
- C.S.A.H. No. 3- From T.H. 56 to C.S.A.H. No. 8
- C.S.A.H. No. 4- From C.S.A.H. No.7 to C.S.A.H No. 9
- C.S.A.H. No. 6 - From C.S.A.H. No. 19 South to T.H. 56
- C.S.A.H. No. 8- From T.H. 16 South to T.H. 56
- C.S.A.H. No. 8 - From C.S.A.H No. 1 to North County Line

C.S.A.H. No. 9 - Iowa State Line to C.S.A.H. No. 6
C.S.A.H. No. 10 - From C.S.A.H. No. 1 North to County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 13 - Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 7
C.S.A.H. No. 16 - From County Road 57 to North County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 20- From C.S.A.H. No. 7 to 1 ½ miles west
C.S.A.H. No. 24- From C.S.A.H. 46 to C.S.A.H. 16
C.S.A.H. No. 26 - From West County Line to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 27 - From West County Line to 1,595 ft. west of T.H. 218
County Road No. 57 - From C.S.A.H. No. 16 to C.S.A.H. No. 20

Nine Tons per axle

C.S.A.H. No. 1- From C.S.A.H. No. 36 to C.S.A.H. No. 20
C.S.A.H. No. 1 & 10- From C.S.A.H. No. 2 to C.S.A.H. No. 15
C.S.A.H. No. 3 - From T.H. 218 to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. No. 3 - From C.S.A.H. 8 to East County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 4 - From West County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 7
C.S.A.H. No. 5 - From T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. 7
C.S.A.H. No. 5 - From West County Line to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 5 - From C.S.A.H. No. 7 to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. No. 6 - From West County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 19
C.S.A.H. No. 7 - From Iowa State Line to Interstate 90
C.S.A.H. No. 7 - From C.S.A.H. No. 2 to North County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 8 - From T.H. 16 North to C.S.A.H. No. 1
C.S.A.H. No. 16 - From Austin City Limits to C.S.A.H. No. 2
C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From C.S.A.H. No. 46 to C.S.A.H. No. 2
C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From T.H. No. 56 to C.S.A.H. No. 46
C.S.A.H. No. 19 - From C.S.A.H. No. 6 to T.H. 56 at Rose Creek
C.S.A.H. No. 20 - From Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 3
C.S.A.H. No. 20 - From North County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 46
C.S.A.H. No. 21- From C.S.A.H. No. 28 to T.H. 105
C.S.A.H. No. 23 - From C.S.A.H. No. 28 to Austin City Limits
C.S.A.H. No. 25 - From C.S.A.H. No. 45 to C.S.A.H. No. 1
C.S.A.H. No. 28 - From West County Line to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 29 - From C.S.A.H. No. 4 to Austin City Limits
C.S.A.H. No. 36 - From C.S.A.H. No. 26 to C.S.A.H. No. 1
C.S.A.H. No. 46 East - From 28 St. N.E. exit to C.S.A.H. No. 20
C.S.A.H. No. 46 West - From Freeborn County Line to 1-90
County Road No. 51- From C.S.A.H. No. 21 to T.H. 105
County Road No. 54 - From Iowa State Line to C.S.A.H. 6
County Road No. 58- From Co. Rd. 58 to T.H. 56
County Road No. 58 - From Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 3
County Road No. 59 - From West end to C.S.A.H. No. 13
County Road No. 60 - From C.S.A.H. No. 20 east
County Road No. 61- Austin North to C.S.A.H. No. 2

Ten Tons per axle

C.S.A.H. No. 2 - From West County Line to East County line
C.S.A.H. No. 7 - From Interstate 90 to C.S.A.H. No. 2 West
C.S.A.H. No. 8 - From C.S.A.H. No. 1 North to Olmsted County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 12 - From Iowa State line to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. No. 14 - From T.H. 56 to T.H. 16

C.S.A.H. No. 27- From 1,595 ft. West of T.H. 218 to C.S.A.H. No. 45
C.S.A.H. No. 36 - From C.S.A.H. 2 to ½ mile North
C.S.A.H. No. 45 North - From Interstate 90 to T.H. 218
C.S.A.H. No. 45 South - From T.H. 218 to Austin City Limits

Five Tons per axle

All other County State Aid Highways and County Roads of Mower County, Minnesota, not covered by the foregoing 6, 7, 9 & 10 ton per axle restrictions.

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the shared purchase of a 2025 Etnyre Chipspreader from Swanston Equipment Companies (\$376,334) with the City of Austin (30% City of Austin / 70% Mower County) and declare the 1994 Rosco SPRH4 Chipspreader as surplus property for auction. Motion carried.

Date: February 11, 2025

Res. #14-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 11, 2025, at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has reviewed the pertinent data on pipes and bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal; and has determined that the in-place 88" diameter steel pipe known as E20W55 located on T-107 (760th Avenue) 1.7 miles south of TH 16 in Frankford Township is obsolete, hydraulically deficient, and requires attention, and

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall State transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local roadway system, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local roadway system and is necessary for Mower County and Frankford Township to proceed with the replacement of the following bridge, and

Old Bridge Number	Road Number and Name	Crossing	LPI	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds Requested	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
NA (LT-10)	TWP T-107 (760 th Avenue)	Deer Creek Tributary	NA	\$173,270	\$163,270	\$10,000	2025

BE IT RESOLVED that pipe E20W55 (New Bridge Number 50L04) is high priority and Mower County intends to replace this bridge as soon as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mower County does hereby request authorization to replace, this pipe with a new bridge, and

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mower County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 11th day of February 2025.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny reported that on 2/4 he attended the Austin Mower County Homeownership Fund Board meeting. The program parameters are being modified to encourage more funding applications. Commissioner Ankeny also reported that on 2/6 he attended a tour of the recycling center. Commissioner Reinartz reported that on 2/4 he attended the Austin Mower County Homeownership Fund Board meeting. Commissioner Sparks reported that on 2/7 he attended the Southern Minnesota Listening Session: Minnesota House Labor & Workforce Committee. Commissioner Mueller reported that on 2/4 he attended both the Planning Commission meeting and the Fair Board meeting. On 2/5 he attended a meeting with the DCA regarding economic development and on 2/6 a Building Committee meeting and also a tour of the recycling center. On 2/10 Commissioner Mueller attended a SE MN Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board meeting. Commissioner Glynn reported that on 2/5 she attended an economic development meeting at the DCA, on 2/6 she recorded a county podcast and on 2/10 met with the Administrator Trish to prepare for today's meeting. Also, on 2/10 she attended a SEMCAC meeting.

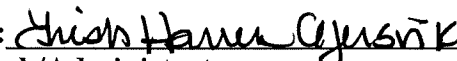
Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. renewal agreement effective November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025 with an adjustment in the renewal agreement reducing the mental health hours provided to incarcerated individuals from 40 to 20 hours. Motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:  Chairperson

Attest:

By: 
Clerk/Administrator