

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ANNUAL BUDGET AND LEVY PUBLIC HEARING  
December 6, 2012

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz:     Mike Ankeny, Chair  
  Raymond Tucker  
  Jerry Reinartz, Vice Chair  
  Tony Bennett  
  Tim Gabrielson  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order. County Board was introduced. There were seven County staff members in attendance. There were approximately 41 members of the public present. The County Coordinator explained the purpose of the meeting was not for property evaluations or classifications. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed 2013 budget and levy. Craig went through the memo to the Board and Citizens dated December 6, 2012 that indicated that the preliminary levy set in September was 11.53% but the budget adjustments have reduce the estimated levy to 9.051%. The budget will not be set today and public input will be taken into consideration prior to the budget and levy is set. Social and criminal costs are impacting the Mower County budget. In Minnesota, Mower County is number 13 for arrests and arrests per capita puts Mower County at number 3 in the State.

Donna Welsh, Finance Director, reviewed information on the financial impact of levy reductions on various properties. A reduction in the levy percentage does not reduce property taxes by the same amount.

The Chair called on the public for comment. Twelve persons commented on the 2013 proposed budget and levy with the majority concerned about funding for the Crisis Nursery.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to set the continuation of the 2013 budget and levy hearing to December 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**

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