

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL BUDGET AND LEVY PUBLIC HEARING

December 11, 2014

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Tony Bennett, Chair
 Mike Ankeny, Vice Chair
 Tim Gabrielson
 Jerry Reinartz
 Polly Glynn
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

The Chair Commissioner Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and explained the purpose of the meeting and welcomed the public to the meeting. It was noted that if anyone has a question of value or classification they are welcomed to see the County Assessor. There were six County staff members in attendance. There were approximately 12 members of the public present. Craig Oscarson provided information concerning the nature of the meeting and reviewed the highlights of the informational memo prepared for the meeting which included a discussion on County Program Aid and Federal Administration Aid reductions, a freeze of appropriations and staffing adjustments.

Commissioner Reinartz noted that he felt that there was one more noteworthy item impacting the Mower County budget—Alliant Energy tax court case which was handled by the State and resulted in a significant property tax refund.

The Chair called on the public for comment. Seven persons commented on the 2015 proposed budget and levy with comments related to funding for the Historical Society and Mower County roads; assessments reflecting sales data; the 2013 audit report and fees for services such as burning permits.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to set the continuation of the 2015 budget and levy hearing to December 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 23, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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