

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

December 1, 2015

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 1, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The Chair Commissioner Ankeny called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, asked the County Staff to introduce themselves and then explained the purpose of the public hearing. It was noted that if anyone has a question of value or classification they should see the County Assessor. There were nine County staff members in attendance. There were approximately five members of the public present. Craig Oscarson reviewed the highlights of the informational memo prepared for the meeting which included highlighted expenditure requests such as new personnel, software programs and/or upgrades, materials for road and culverts, etc. Revenue changes were also highlighted which included County Program Aid increase and wind production tax increase. Local option sales tax for road project funding was presented as a possible option. It will be studied as an option to fund infrastructure projects. Several area counties have already adopted this option.

The Chair called for public comment. Two persons addressed the Board raising concerns that included the amount of personnel hiring and the pictometry expenditures in 2016.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to set the continuation of the 2016 budget and levy hearing to December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

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