

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

December 8, 2016

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Member absent: Tony Bennett

The Chair called the meeting to order and had the staff present introduce themselves. There were eight County Department Heads in attendance. There were approximately nine members of the public present. Commissioner Glynn established the protocol for the meeting indicating any person addressing the Board will state their name for the record and have a five minute time limit.

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, reviewed the highlights of the informational memo prepared for the meeting. There are requests for additional staffing due to public safety concerns and increases in workload and the two year phase-in switch to true county assessing. The goal of the Finance Committee is to cut the preliminary levy set at 5.692% to 4% - 4.5%.

Two members of the public present spoke regarding the 2017 proposed budget and levy. Mr. Jim Hartson requested that funding to the SWCD be cut. Mr. Royce Helmbrecht appeared as a representative for the Historical Society. The Historical Society continues to request the funding requested with the budget process and that the funding is not cut from the proposed budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the continuation of the 2017 budget and levy hearing to December 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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