

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

April 17, 2017

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session April 17, 2017 at 5:37 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Also present: Angie Knish, Environmental Services Supervisor; Scott Anderson, legal counsel; and Dave Lucas, consultant

The Chair called the meeting to order and 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. There were approximately fifteen members of the public present.

County Coordinator, Craig Oscarson, indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to provide information and to receive public input regarding the County's intent in relation to the following:

- 1) Intent to accept the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) document regarding solid waste and the proposed ordinance;
- 2) Intent to repeal the current solid waste ordinance in its entirety and adopt a new Solid Waste Ordinance related to the regulation of waste within the County; and
- 3) Intent to adopt a new fee structure to support the proposed ordinance.

Each part will be reviewed separately indicating any additional modifications that have been suggested as a result of the Board's work session held on March 22 and then public input will be taken on each item.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to a Proposed New Solid Waste Ordinance for the regulation of waste within the County in relation to the County's intent to 1) accept the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) document regarding solid waste and the proposed ordinance; 2) repeal the current solid waste ordinance in its entirety and adopt a new Solid Waste Ordinance related to the regulation of waste within the County; and 3) adopt a new fee structure to support the proposed ordinance.

Angela Knish, Environmental Services Supervisor, reviewed modifications to the SONAR (Statement of Need and Reasonableness). The Chair called for public input. No one spoke for or against the SONAR document.

Angie Knish reviewed modifications to the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance. The Chair called for public input. Six members of the public made comments on items addressed and perhaps not addressed in the proposed ordinance or requested clarification on such items as yard waste composting, animal manure composting, stray litter from facility sites, grandfathering and seasonal high water parameters. Two of these six persons made favorable comments concerning the proposed solid waste ordinance.

Angie Knish reviewed modifications to the proposed fee schedule related to the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance. The Chair called for public input. No one spoke for or against the proposed fee schedule.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to refer the SONAR, Solid Waste Ordinance and Fee Schedule back to the Solid Waste Committee for final review and recommendation and continue the public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Additional public comments regarding the SONAR, the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance and the proposed Fee Schedule can be submitted through April 24 to the Solid Waste Committee in care of the County Coordinator.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**Attest:**

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

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