

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

August 4, 2020

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on August 4, 2020 at 2:37 p.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Jeff Baldus, Chair
 Polly Glynn
 Tim Gabrielson
 Jerry Reinartz
 Mike Ankeny
 Trish Harren, County Administrator

The Chair called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the list of CARES Act County Expenditures. During the Board session prior to the Work Session the Mower County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution indicating how the approximate \$4.9 million in funding would be designated. It was noted that funding was also received by the townships and the cities. Their funding must be dedicated by November 15 or it will come to the County. All funds received by the County needs to be dedicated by December 1.

The Board recessed the work session at 2:49 p.m. to relocate to the ballroom and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Also Present at this time: Donna Welsh, Finance Manager, John Garry, Development Corporation of Austin and various city and township officials some in person and some virtually via Go-To-Meeting (21 persons were on-line and 14 persons were present in the conference room)

County Administrator Trish Harren welcomed the City and Township officials in attendance and presented a report to go over the basics of the CARES act including expenditure criteria, eligibility and reporting, shared the County's plans for the funds, and answered the questions of the City and Township officials and indicated the County is ready to assist each entity in any way it can through this process.

Part of the Mower County Plan is to extend economic support to local businesses through grants. The County has been working with the Development Corporation of Austin in developing the criteria for eligibility and an application. Grants awards will be up to \$10,000 per eligible business. The County requests the assistance of the township and city officials in making local businesses aware of the grant program.

The Townships and Cities were informed that they need to apply to receive their CARES Act funding designations before September 15, 2020.

The work session concluded at 4:09 p.m. by the Chair.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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