

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 24, 2023

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session January 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Mike Ankeny, Vice-Chair Jerry Reinartz, John Mueller, Dan Sparks and Polly Glynn. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen, County Administrator Trish Harren, Executive Assistant Denise Barthels

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the agenda with an addition to Deny/Approve request to set a public hearing date on February 14th at 11:00 am to hear a request from Hormel Food Corporation for a 15 year tax abatement for improvements estimated at \$5,000,000 on Parcel ID 34.539.0120 to build a 13,347 square foot market rate community childcare center. Motion carried.

Sentence to Service Crew Leader Matthew Ziebell provided the board with a program update featuring the many ways individuals sentenced to community service are actively helping meet community needs with projects at the state, county, local government and non-profit levels. The Chair presented Mr. Ziebell with a certificate of appreciation.

Auditor-Treasurer Technician Jan Olson was recognized for retirement from Mower County with 34 years of service.

IT Manager Jeff Kasak was recognized for retirement from Mower County with 25 years of service.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the rental of two tractor for the Austin Shop from J&S JCB of Grand Meadow for a period of two years and authorize the Public Works director to sign the rental agreement. (Estimated cost per tractor per year \$12,000). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to re-deposit a \$30 change fund that was housed in Sheriff's office into the county Sheriff's general departmental funds. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$221,729.24. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the following Commissioner warrants for payment:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	38,645.99	Gallagher Benefit Services Inc	4,000.00
Association Of Minnesota Counties	5,700.00	Harbaugh Septic LLC	13,285.00
At-Scene, LLC.	8,985.00	Insight Direct USA, Inc	11,782.82
Austin Automotive LLC	7,901.49	Mayo Clinic	2,964.80
Auto Value Austin	3,150.42	Mayo Clinic -Rochester	31,195.01
Baudoin Oil Company	13,346.31	Minnesota Counties Intergov'tal Trust	556,974.00
Bauer Built Tire	11,852.16	Minnesota Sheriffs Association	10,591.31
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	60,045.93	Office Of Mn It Services	4,872.15
Certified Crime Fighter, Inc	2,100.00	Pacific Dunes Forensic Psychological	14,775.00
City Of Austin	8,970.72	Riverside Psychological Services	4,500.00
Complete Automotive Services	4,256.08	Schneider Geospatial, LLC	6,060.00
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	18,831.91	Uhl Company Inc	7,161.00
Department Of Corrections	38,813.74	Village Ranch Inc	12,901.27
Department Of Corrections	22,785.00	73 <small>Payments less than</small> 2000	38,920.36
Diamond Drugs, Inc.	2,324.30	Final Total:	967,691.77

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve out-of-state travel for Sheriff staff to attend a conference and training session for tactical operations. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to authorize the Chair to sign the annual Mower County 2023 CRS Recertification (Community Rating System – FEMA/Flood Mitigation Program). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve quote of Fox Electric for new led lighting at the recycling center. (\$4,592 after rebate). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve annual solid waste hauler licenses effective 2/1/23-1/31/24 for the following:

Ace Solid Waste, Inc.	Veit Disposal
Freeborn County Co-Op Oil Co.	Kruckeberg Services
Thompson Sanitation	Skjeveland Enterprises – pending payment
Hanson Hauling	Waste Management – pending payment

Motion carried.

Mower County received a request from the Sr. Manger of Corporate Properties for Hormel Food Corporation Jeff Holt for a 15 year tax abatement for improvements in an estimated amount of \$5,000,000 on Parcel ID 34.539.0120 to build a 13,347 square foot market rate community childcare center. A public hearing is necessary to consider the request.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to set a public hearing for February 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Board Room to consider the request of Hormel Foods Corporation for a 15-year tax abatement in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 469.1813 on parcel 34.539.0120 for a market rate community childcare center in Austin, MN with estimated improvements valued at \$5,000,000. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Glynn reported attending the SWCD annual meeting on 1/18/23. Commissioner Reinartz attend the Senior Center annual meeting on 1/20/23 as well as a Safety Committee meeting 1/18/23. Commissioner Sparks reported that he had attended a Workforce Development meeting via Zoom 1/12/23, a Finance Committee meeting 1/17/23 and an Impact Austin meeting on 1/23/23. Lastly via Zoom he had attend a Rural MN Energy Board meeting. Commissioner Ankeny also attended the Finance Committee meeting 1/17/23.

County Attorney Kristen Nelsen thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the national attorney conference. Ms. Nelsen would like the Board to consider using uncommitted ARPA funds for software to redact data being collected by the bodycams.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for a work session.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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