

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 25, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session January 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Jeff Baldus (remote), Vice-Chair Mike Ankeny, Jerry Reinartz, Polly Glynn (remote), and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen (remote), County Administrator Trish Harren, Executive Assistant Denise Barthels, Linda Boe (remote) and Austin Daily Herald Editor Eric Johnson (remote).

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Since the Chair was attending remotely, the Vice-chair conducted the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda to add the following: 1) an additional HHS Purchase of Service Agreement with LGC Services, LCL d/b/a Quality Case Management for Adult Mental Health Case Management Services; 2) Resolution to approve Lawful Gambling LG240B application of Allzin for Alzheimer's; and 3) additional Human Resources item requesting approval of classification for Environmental Services Technician. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Auditor-Treasurer Scott Felten provided the Board with a department update that included vital statistics from 2021 concerning recorded deaths, births, marriages; property tax status of payments; status of tax forfeitures; 2022 election schedule; and a summary of 2020 census data with consideration for redistricting wards and precincts.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements effective 1/1/22 – 12/31/22 unless noted differently:

Funeral Services
Worlein Funeral Home
Nelson Funeral Care and Cremation Services

Adult Mental Health Case
LGC Services, LCL d/b/a Quality Case Management
(effective 1/19/22-12/31/22)

The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve a Determination of Need application of Morning Star Center to expand day services to be authorized by the Health & Human Services Director. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$232,677.42. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022 Work Session and January 11, 2022 Board meeting. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A.J. Lysne Contracting Corp.	8,950.00	Mayo Clinic -Rochester	30,608.27
Acumen Psychology PLLC	2,400.00	MCHS SE Minnesota	2,827.00
Association Of Minnesota Counties	4,900.00	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2,821.00
Baudoin Oil Company	4,917.49	Minneapolis Forensic Psychological	2,406.25
Bruss, Psy.D., PLLC/Stephanie L	2,175.00	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	51,726.81
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	54,061.39	Minnesota Sheriffs Association	10,383.19
City Of Austin	6,524.16	Motorola Solutions Inc	9,726.50
Commissioner Of Transportation	4,547.32	Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	6,731.65
Complete Automotive Services	4,149.28	Rupp,Anderson,Squires & Waldspurger Pa	2,925.64
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	16,406.83	Schneider Geospatial, LLC	6,060.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	2,328.75	SEMNRB	9,500.00
Department Of Corrections	7,130.00	SEMREX	2,450.00
Erickson Engineering Co., LLC	10,595.00	Thompson Sanitation, Inc.	3,612.91
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	13,500.12	TOWMASTER	2,326.92
G & G Heating And Air Conditioning	3,500.00	Uhl Company Inc	10,584.00
Insight Direct USA, Inc	2,563.75	Village Ranch Inc	40,489.54
League of Minnesota Cities	2,160.00	76 <small>Payments less than 2000</small>	33,810.37
Mayo Clinic	7,904.00		
		Final Total:	387,703.14

The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to reappoint Taggart Medgaarden for a third term on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment (1/1/22 – 12/31/24). The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to appoint Ann Reinartz for a first term on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment (1/1/22 – 12/31/24). The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus Abstained, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried.

The Board expressed appreciation for Don Adams' service on the Planning Commissioner and Board of Adjustment.

The request to review/discuss/approve the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment schedule of 2022 meetings was tabled to February 1, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the 2022/2023 Natural Resources Block Grant. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

The Land Use Committee reviewed and discussed the housing tax abatement application of William & Linda Boe (PIN 21.016.0040) (*estimated value \$450,000*) tabled following the public hearing held on January 11, 2022 due to the county not receiving the application until December 28 and construction had begun. The Land Use Committee recommends approval due to a variety of extenuating circumstances including but not limited to the applicant receiving the application from the City of Adams when attending their council meeting on September 14, 2021 for a building permit then completed and signed the application on September 30, 2021.

Date: January 25, 2022

Res. #11-22

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. 469.1813**

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 25, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 469.1813 gives authority to the County of Mower to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, Mower County has adopted the Tax Abatement Policy for new construction of Single and Multi-family homes which includes criteria which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted; and

WHEREAS, William and Linda Boe are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Block 1 SubdivisionCd 21016 Boe Subdivision Lot 4 & W15FT Lot 5, City of Adams, MN (PIN 21.016.0040)

WHEREAS, William and Linda Boe have made application to Mower County for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, William and Linda Boe have met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 2(i) as well as Mower County's criteria for tax abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. Mower County does, hereby grant an abatement of Mower County's share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel for the construction of the single-family home.
2. The tax abatement will be for no more than five years commencing, in the tax year the property realizes a value increase over original value due to construction of the housing project. Partially constructed housing may result in an abatement in the first abatement year that may be significantly less than the following years. This will still be considered one of the five years of eligible abatement. In the event construction has not commenced within one year of approval, the abatement is eliminated and the property owner will need to reapply in accordance with this policy.
3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record at the time of the payment, by December 30th of that calendar year.
4. The real estate taxes to be abated shall be for up to the full amount of the real estate taxes collected due to the added tax base of the newly constructed housing/home annually. The current value of the property is not eligible for the abatement, will not be abated as part of this program and is further defined as the "original value." Any eligible abatement years are calculated on the tax increase due to a value increase over the original value.

Passed and approved this 25th day of January, 2022. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Mueller left the room at 10:06 a.m.

Date: January 25, 2022

Res. #12-22

RESOLUTION

Board Affirming Mower County's Support for Fully Funding SCORE Grants to Counties

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 25, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes requires counties manage Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) according to an established hierarchy; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties have made investments in waste prevention and recycling systems; and,

WHEREAS, counties with innovative ideas should be provided the requisite opportunity and flexibility to successfully implement those ideas so as to best serve their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties have continued to invest in waste reduction and recycling by imposing local taxes and/or fees; and,

WHEREAS, the revenues the State is collecting via the solid waste management taxes have continued to grow while amounts sent to the counties have not increased proportionally; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties face significant market trends that will require innovative approaches to manage materials separated from solid wastes in order to adequately meet the growing and changing needs of citizens and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota has an opportunity to improve its waste reduction and recycling system through funding the counties investments in infrastructure and expanded operations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Mower County supports the state funding, by increased SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) grants, in amounts which fully utilize the solid waste management tax revenues for solid waste reduction, management activities, and improving our environment.

Passed and approved this 25th day of January, 2022. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Commissioner Mueller returned at 10:08 a.m.

Date: January 25, 2022

Res. #13-22

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 25, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022 the Allzin For Alzheimer's presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the Lansing Corners Bar & Grill on February 20, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to Allzin For Alzheimer's for gambling at Lansing Corners Bar & Grill on February 20, 2022.

Passed and adopted this 25th day of January, 2022. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to set the project letting date to February 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Public Works and awarded at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting for the following County projects:

CP 50-22-01: CR 58 from CR 58 to TH 56

CP 50-22-02: CR 58 from CSAH 3 to I-90

SAP 050-602-034: CSAH 2 from CSAH 8 to TH 63

(letting for CSAH 2 project may be held at the discretion of the Engineer)

SAP 050-603-021: CSAH 3 from CSAH 8 to EAST COUNTY LINE

SAP 050-604-029: CSAH 4 from TH 56 to NORTH END OF THOME CURVE

SAP 050-605-016: CSAH 5 from TH 105 to TH 218

The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Human Resources Director Kris Kohn presented several items on behalf of the Personnel Committee for the Board's consideration and approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Law Enforcement Labor Services #83 to amend Article 4.14 of the union agreement creating a placeholder for the person in the position of Captain to be returned to the Union should the appointment at the discretion of the Sheriff end. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve modifying the Financial Assistance Supervisor position to 2 tiered position by

- * renaming the current position to Financial Assistance Supervisor II which requires a Bachelor's Degree and significant experience
- * creating a Financial Assistance Supervisor I position with lower educational and experience requirements

allowing the county to hire one person at either level and providing a career path for anyone hired at the Supervisor I to move to the II level once experience/skills are enhanced. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve adding an optional voluntary payroll deduction for the annual Salvation Army Food Shelf drive/donation. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Ms. Kohn reported that the Supreme Court decision indicated that executive power overstepped its authority and the County and other large businesses will not be required to implement for its employees a required vaccine or testing policy if not vaccinated.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the classification of the Environmental Services Technician at a B23 DMB rating. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Reinartz noted attendance at the Safety Committee meeting on 1/21/22. Commissioner Mueller attended a very lengthy virtual meeting of the SE MN Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board on 1/21/22. Commissioner Reinartz noted that he will be attending a Senior Center meeting on 1/27/22. Commissioner Glynn noted that the Personnel Committee met on 1/11/22 and the Land Use Committee met on 1/24/22. Commissioner Baldus noted that the Workforce Development committee had met via zoom.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Vice-Chair Mike Ankeny noted meeting as adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Vice-Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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