

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 8, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session February 8, 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, and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen (remote), County Administrator Trish Harren, and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels

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 Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the agenda. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Correctional Services Director Steve King provided the Board with a department update. Mr. King's report included Legislative Probation Mandates and Responsibilities changes through the years. In 1980 there were 18 identified mandates and responsibilities for probation agents which has grown to 80 identified in 2009 and still in 2021. Mr. King commended his staff for their work and the flexibility and creativity needed during the pandemic to meet the needs of the clients and comply with mandate and was happy to report that 2021 out-of-home placements came in under the annually budgeted \$1 million.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of February 1, 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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$159,081.19. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson provided an update on Public Health grants indicating the Community Health Workers have started which were hired with a Workforce Development grant. Other optional grants have not applied for due to the success with community partnerships and the SHIP program and the lack of capacity to write

and implement them due to the pandemic response. The department has received notice to review health plans in preparation for Health Plan Procurement 2023 from which the State will pick establishing a list of available health plans for medical assistance clients. And, lastly, in COVID updates there have been 11,352 cumulative cases and 64 deaths in Mower County. Daily case numbers are declining.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements: :

Funeral Assistance	Mankato Mortuary	1.25.22 – 12.31.22
Housing Support	Inisfail, Inc.	1.1.22 – 6.30.22
Mental Health	South Central Human Relations Center	1.1.22 – 12.31.22
Child Care	Freeborn County Human Services	1.1.22 – 12.31.23

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 social service actions. 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 adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:50 a.m. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Mueller aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:51 a.m. for regular business items.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Above All Cleaning, Inc	2,128.00	Mower County Soil & Water Cons	2,058.26
Anoka County Corrections	35,607.74	REDI Transports, LLC	2,908.80
AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE LLC	40,058.56	Rural Minnesota Energy Board	2,500.00
Baudoin Oil Company	3,325.02	Schneider/Thomas A	2,234.00
Complete Automotive Services	4,149.28	Sign Solutions USA	2,931.39
Dash Medical Gloves Inc.	3,649.80	Spyhalski/Paul	2,706.25
Diamond Drugs, Inc.	2,607.54	Talos Dynamics	2,539.43
Donnelly Law Firm, PLLC	5,636.16	Thein Well Rochester, Inc.	2,500.00
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP	2,751.50	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,000.61
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	10,843.85	West Central Indexing	17,758.00
Kronos Incorporated	4,590.63	48 Payments less than 2000	21,482.74
		Final Total:	176,967.56

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 Glynn, to table the review and approval of the Registered Land Survey No. 5 on parcel 02.021.0010 in Austin Township. 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 Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. in regard to the Housing Tax Abatement Application of Robert and Susan Keith for a single-family home located at Lot 3, Block 1, River's Edge Addition, LeRoy, MN (26.070.0030)

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The applicant Susan Keith was present and spoke on her own behalf. No one else spoke for or against the Keith housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. the Housing Tax Abatement Application of Robert and Susan Keith for a single-family home located at Lot 3, Block 1, River's Edge Addition, LeRoy, MN (26.070.0030)

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 10:04 a.m.

Date: February 8, 2022

Res. #17-22

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

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 8, 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, Robert K. and Susan A. Keith are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 1, River's Edge Addition, Mower County, LeRoy MN (26.070.0030)

WHEREAS, Robert K. and Susan A. Keith 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 February 8, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Robert K. and Susan A. Keith 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 8th day of February, 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 Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set the project letting date to March 17, 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 50-22-03 Gasoline & Diesel	CP 50-22-04 Centerline & Edge Striping
CP 50-22-05 Bituminous Material FOB job sites	CP 50-22-06 Roadside Weed Spraying
CP 50-22-07 Aggregate material FOB job sites	

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 Mueller reported attending the Fair Board meeting and the Fair Board has some large projects it is working on such as a new sound system, lighting updates to LED fixtures with planned project updates totaling about \$35,000. Commissioner Ankeny will be attending the Austin Homeownership Fund Board meeting February 9. Commissioner Reinartz reported that the director of the Senior Center

resigned. Commissioner Baldus attended the One Watershed One Plan meeting and will attend scheduled Building Committee today, Personnel and AMC on Thursday. County Administrator Trish Harren reported that the Redistricting Committee has already formulated two potential plans.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to adjourn. Commissioner Ankeny declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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