

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2023

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the agenda adding 1) Job description change/reclassification. Motion carried.

Land Records Taxpayer Services Director Joy Kanne took the County Assessor oath of office. Ms. Kanne will serve as County Assessor until the county fills the vacancy.

Jail Administrator James Brown provided the Board with a department update which included incarceration statistics such as the average length of stay for an inmate is 15 days. The jail is licensed through 2024 with a maximum capacity of 88 persons. Mr. Brown highlighted how changes to sentencing and incarceration patterns have impacted their segregation capacity to provide adequate isolation for medical or mental health conditions of inmates. The department continues to struggle to recruit qualified personnel to staff the jail.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$122,073.15 Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the CDC Federal Infrastructure Grant (\$167,903). Motion carried.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson introduced new employees Emily Regenscheid, Financial Worker, and Adriana Reyes, Development Disabilities Social Worker.

Ms. Peterson informed the Board that the Federal Public Health Emergency for the Pandemic is scheduled to end on May 11, 2023 and Health and Human Services will feel the impact as persons will need to do the renewal process for their benefits such as but not limited to, medical assistance, MnChoices, E-SNAP, etc.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Children's Mental Health Respite Grant Amendment effective 12/31/22 – 12/31/23 (\$17,659). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the social service actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:53 a.m. for regular business items.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the minutes of February 28 and March 7, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, 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	6,642.71	Minnesota Dept Of Agriculture	3,277.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	11,223.69	Nelson Auto Center	36,758.00
Austin Automotive LLC	3,808.78	Office Of Mn It Services	3,162.11
Baudoin Oil Company	8,615.71	Petroblend Corp.	4,396.84
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	61,345.81	Riverland Community College-Austin	2,100.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	2,940.00	RTVision, Inc.	3,625.00
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	19,052.48	Sicora Consulting, Inc.	2,504.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	4,200.00	Sign Solutions USA	3,230.88
Fox Electric Company	6,704.70	Stellar Truck & Trailer	154,941.70
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	9,544.15	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	7,605.88
Harty Mechanical Inc	22,286.26	Tiny's Body Shop	14,480.80
Healthiest You	3,240.00	67 Payments less than 2000	34,808.67
Leadership Development Resources	6,302.50	Final Total:	436,797.67

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve amending the Committee Appointments to add a Joint School / County committee for all the commissioners. Motion carried. It was noted that the first meeting is scheduled for May 8.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to amend the Credit Card and Charge Account Policy effective February 1, 2023 by revising the last paragraph in Section IV. A. by editing two titles and adding one additional position authorized to have a County Credit Card. The modified language is as follows:

For purposes of this Section IV. A., the following Mower County officials are approved for a County Credit Card:

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| Administrator | Recorder Records Specialist |
| Attorney | Assessor |
| Data Processing Manager IT Director | Auditor-Treasurer |
| GIS Administrator | Public Works Director |
| Sheriff | Human Resources Director |

Health & Human Services Director
Correctional Services Director
Building Maintenance Supervisor
Land Records & Taxpayer Services Director

Chief Deputy Sheriff
Emergency Manager
Finance Department Employees

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the renewal application of NuWay-K&H Cooperative d/b/a LeRoy Classic Stop for a tobacco license effective March 14, 2023 through June 30, 2023 but subject to the approval of the Sheriff. Motion carried.

Date: March 14, 2023

Res. #24-23

RESOLUTION

Authorizing County Staff to Execute All Necessary Documents to Ensure County Participation in the Multistate Settlements Relating to Opioid Supply Chain Participants, and in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 14, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against opioid supply chain participants related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several opioid supply chain participants, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of April, 18 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, as amended (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Mower County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mower County supports and opts in to all future multistate settlement agreements with opioid supply chain participants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mower County authorizes the County Attorney to execute all necessary documents to ensure Mower County participation in the multistate settlement agreements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement.

Passed and approved this 14th day of March, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to award the quote (#3002709) of Versus Corporation and purchase the firewall replacement product and approve the Master Services Agreements. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the Ayres Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Geospatial Services (GIS/Pictometry) effective 2023. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:06 a.m. in regard to CUP #950 of Timothy Koch Trust and Lynda Koch Trust request a Conditional Use Permit for Mining operation of sand/gravel; concrete and/or bituminous storage and crushing; temporary and intermittent location for a concrete or asphalt, located in Section 28, Leroy Township.

Valerie Sheedy, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioners were present and spoke on their own behalf. No other persons spoke for or against CUP #950.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m. for CUP #950 of Timothy Koch Trust and Lynda Koch Trust.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:17 a.m. in regard to CUP #957 of Nichole M. Rustad c/o Hertz Farm Management on behalf of Our Hartman Family Farms requests an exemption from platting to split an existing building site of approx. 3.10 acres from the larger tillable tract, located in Section 35, Austin Township.

Valerie Sheedy, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner was not present. No one spoke for or against CUP #957.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:21 a.m. for CUP #957.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 10:21 a.m.

Date: March 14, 2023

Res. #25-23

RESOLUTION

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 March 14, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Mower County Planning Commission, having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #950, by Timothy Koch Trust and Lynda Koch Trust Landowner(s), and Petitioner(s), who have petitioned the Mower County Board of Commissioners to allow for the site to be used for:

Mining operation of sand/gravel; concrete and/or bituminous storage and crushing; temporary and intermittent location for a concrete or asphalt plant

Located in Mower County, Minnesota and legally described as:

That part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 101 North, Range 14 West, lying South of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railway Company right-of-way.

And identified per Mower County tax records as parcel 09.028.0050; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on the matter on February 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mower County Government Center, Board Room before the Mower County Planning Commission, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on March 14, 2023 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has received the Findings of Fact; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file in the Office of Environmental Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. Applicant (and any subcontractors working on the site) shall follow all local, state, and federal regulations regarding the proposed use including various MPCA and/or DNR permits, as applicable; and
2. A Restoration Bond in the amount of \$2,000 for the first acre and \$750 for each additional acre based on a four approx. 10-acre phases shall be posted with the Mower County Auditor prior to initiating activity and until reclamation is complete per Section 14-143 Land Rehabilitation; and
3. If at any time the total disturbed acres exceeds 40, a mandatory EAW will be required; and

4. Zoning Ordinance section 14-142 (Performance Standards), subp (e) requires a screening barrier shall be maintained between the mining site and any public road within five hundred (500) feet of any mining or processing operations. The screening barrier shall be planted with a type of fast growing trees such as green ash. Existing trees and ground cover along a public frontage road shall be preserved, maintained (and supplemented) for the depth of the roadside setback except where traffic safety requires cutting and trimming; and
5. Zoning Ordinance section 14-142 (Performance Standards), subp (f) requires mining operations be setback 30 feet from property lines, unless written consent from adjoin owner is obtained, and processing aggregate material shall be at least 100 feet from property lines; and
6. No processing of materials is allowed within 500ft of any residential structure; and
7. Owner must contact the Mower County SWCD regarding the Wetland Conservation Act and provide the County a copy of one of the following:
 - a. A "No Loss Determination" (no wetlands on site).
 - b. A "Wetland Exemption" (the act does not apply).
 - c. A "Wetland Replacement Plan" approval.
8. Owner must provide the County a copy of an Erosion Control Plan or SWPPP for NPDES coverage of the site as a gravel pit. Any use of the site for temporary hot mix or concrete operations will require the Operator provide proof of additional NPDES coverage specific to that industry; and
9. Owner/Operator must maintain a low water mist during any crushing operations. Any runoff that would be present from this low water mist during the crushing operation must be contained and properly disposed of; and
10. Hours of operation shall be 7a-7p, Monday through Saturday for processing materials; no processing of materials on traditional holidays. Loading and hauling material is permitted outside of the operational hours. Exception to these hours is granted for emergency purposes; and
11. The Applicant shall provide at least 24h notice to the County prior to initiating crushing or processing of material, or the installation of a portable concrete or bituminous plant, and include the expected timeline for activity; and
12. The Owner/Applicant shall abide by all road and bridge weight restrictions or postings that apply to roads used as an ingress/egress to the property. The Owner/Applicant shall be liable for any road damages as a result of this operation as stated under MN Statute 169.88; and
13. The conditional use permit shall become void if the use is established, but then discontinued for a period of one (1) year. (Refer Section 14-36 Discontinuance). A conditional use permit shall become void two (2) years from the date of approval by the County Board if no construction has begun or the use has not been established; and
14. Access to the property is currently provide through a residential driveway off TH56. Owner must request access from MNDOT for the change of use for this access point as a commercial operation; and
15. The Owner/Applicant shall keep the site in a neat and orderly condition. No solid waste disposal or accumulation is allowed; and
16. The Owner/Applicant shall work cooperatively with Mower County to mitigate any issues brought to the attention of the County that are found to be legitimate and valid that may create a nuisance to adjoining landowners from the proposed use, and
17. The Owner/Applicant shall be required to provide dust control on the access road so as not to create a nuisance to neighboring property from the additional traffic; and
18. No burying of waste material is allowed and to do so would be in violation of MPCA Regulations and Mower County Solid Waste Ordinance. The existing solid waste violation on the site shall be resolved by December 1, 2023; and
19. This permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.

20. The Conditional Use Permit shall be reviewed on a 5-year interval for compliance with the permit conditions. Non-compliant conditions may require amendment to the permit to resolve; ongoing non-compliance can result in permit revocation.

This permit is issued in accordance with Article II, Section 14-51 (Conditional Use Permits) (i) Mining and gravel extraction, (s) Temporary storage, crushing/recycling of concrete and/or bituminous material, and (u) uses of the same general character of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 14th day of March, 2023.

Date: March 14, 2023

Res. #26-23

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 14, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Mower County Planning Commission, having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #957, by Our Hartman Family Farms on behalf of John F. Hartman and Christopher P. Hartman Landowner(s), and Nichole M. Rustad c/o Hertz Farm Management, Petitioner, who have petitioned the Mower County Board of Commissioners to allow for the site to be used for:

an exemption from platting to split an existing building site of approx. 3.10 acres from the larger tillable tract

Located in Mower County, Minnesota and legally described as:

PREPARED LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that part of the NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 35-T102N-R18W, Mower County, Minnesota; described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the NE1/4 of said Section 35; thence South 00°35'27" East a distance of 458.70 feet on an assumed bearing on the east line of said NE1/4, to the point of beginning;

thence South 00°35'27" East a distance of 290.00 feet on said east line, to the southeast corner of the north 748.70 feet of said NW1/4;

thence South 89°05'12" West a distance of 465.20 feet on the south line of said north 748.70 feet;

thence North 00°35'27" West a distance of 290.00 feet, parallel with said east line, to the south line of the north 458.70 feet of said NE1/4;

thence North 89°05'12" East a distance of 465.20 feet on the south line of said north 458.70 feet, to the point of beginning;

subject to highway easement on the east side thereof.

And identified per Mower County tax records as (Parent Parcel Number 02.032.0060 and new parcel TBD) (*full legal description on file in the office of Environmental Services.*); and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on the matter on February 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mower County Government Center, Board Room before the Mower County Planning Commission, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on March 14, 2023 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has received the Findings of Fact; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file in the Office of Environmental Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. Applicant shall follow all local, state, and federal regulations regarding the proposed use; and
2. The permit shall become void two (2) years from the date of approval by the County Board if the split has not been completed through Property Adjustment Application. Note, all structures must meet setbacks in place at time of subdivision for the split to be approved; and
3. The Owners shall record the survey along with the deed in lieu of plat at the office of the Mower County Recorder; and
4. There will be no further subdivision of this quarter-section allowed unless it is approved through plat; and
5. Petitioner must sign and notarize the "Rural and Agricultural Homeowners Assumption of Risk Assessment Form" and have it recorded at the Mower County Recorder's Office; and
6. A Zoning Permit shall be obtained prior to any construction of any structure on the property; and
7. A Certificate of Compliance on existing septic systems is required prior to transfer of property in accordance with Mower County Ordinance. The landowner (seller) is required to comply with the requirements thereof; and
8. This permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.

This permit is issued in accordance with Section 13-129 Small Subdivision of Mower County's Subdivision Ordinance and Article II Division 2 Agricultural District of Mower County's Zoning Ordinance.

Passed and approved this 14th day of March, 2023.

The Board discussed the Business Succession and Transition Program which had been presented at the Work Session on March 7, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve a Business Succession and Transition Program to be administered by the Development Corporation of Austin utilizing the \$160,000 in 2023 Grow Austin Funds and the remaining funds from the Business Resiliency Grant Program. Motion carried.

Hormel Nature Center Director Luke Reese and Naturalist Kelly Bahl providing for the Board information pertaining to the Nature Center's Environmental Education Programing for area schools and grant opportunities . Through Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) funding the Nature Center's educational programs have been extended beyond to 20 additional schools outside of the Austin schools within a 25-mile radius and has increased the number of summer adventure classes. The Nature Center is reapplying for LCCMR funding and request a letter of letter of support from the County to include with the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve letter of support for the Hormel Nature Center's application to Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for funding. Motion carried.

Date: March 14, 2023

Res. #27-23

RESOLUTION

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 March 14, 2023, at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal; and has determined that the following bridges are obsolete and/or deficient and/or require attention, and

BRIDGE NUMBERS

2472	5069	8971	50526	L5091	50J03
2476	5070	50501	50536	L5096	
2488	5228	50511	50541	L5099	
2496	5229	50512	89212	L5101	
2497	7050	50514	93079	L5123	
2512	7091	50518	L4980	L5129	
2518	7148	50520	L5013	L5143	
5068	7232	50524	L5035	L8597	

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall State transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local roadway system, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local roadway system and is necessary for Mower County and its Townships to proceed with the replacement of the bridges described above, and

WHEREAS, Mower County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges, and

WHEREAS, Mower County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next four to five years; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Township Bridges are high priority and Mower County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when Township Bridge Funds are available, and

Bridge Number	Roadway	Township	Township Br Funds	Local Funds	Total Cost	Construction Year
L5096	T-169	Racine	\$359,600	\$10,000	\$369,600	2024-27
L4980	MUN-3	Marshall	\$267,200	\$10,000	\$277,200	2024-27
L5129	T-228	Leroy	\$282,600	\$10,000	\$292,600	2024-27
2488	T-122	Sargeant	\$782,000	\$10,000	\$792,000	2024-27
2476	T-250	Udolpho	\$210,000	\$10,000	\$220,000	2024-27
L5035	T-90	Nevada	\$166,000	\$10,000	\$176,000	2024-27
L5013	T-49	Lyle	\$346,400	\$10,000	\$356,400	2024-27
2472	T-146	Udolpho	\$227,600	\$10,000	\$237,600	2024-27
2497	T-282	Grand Meadow	\$254,000	\$10,000	\$264,000	2024-27
L5091	T-146	Udolpho	\$280,400	\$10,000	\$290,400	2024-27
L5101	T-178	Pleasant Valley	\$201,200	\$10,000	\$211,200	2024-27
L5099	T-173	Racine	\$359,600	\$10,000	\$369,600	2024-27
L5143	T-263	Udolpho	\$698,400	\$10,000	\$708,400	2024-27
L8597	T-68	Lyle	\$727,000	\$10,000	\$737,000	2024-27
2518	T-128	Dexter	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	2024-27
L5123	T-220	Racine	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	2024-27
50J03	T-173	Pleasant Valley	\$67,000	\$10,000	\$77,000	2024-27
2512	T-124	Dexter	\$452,000	\$10,000	\$462,000	2024-27
2496	T-150	Pleasant Valley	\$980,000	\$10,000	\$990,000	2024-27

BE IT RESOLVED that the following County Bridges are high priority and Mower County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when State Aid Funds, State Bridge Funds, and Local Funds are available, and

Bridge Number	Roadway	Township	State Aid Funds	Bridge Funds	Local (Wind)Funds	Total Cost	Const. Year
50524	CSAH 2	Lansing	\$0	\$650,000	\$950,000	\$1,600,000	2023
5070	CR 59	Marshall	\$0	\$79,200	\$154,200	\$233,400	2024-27
89212	CSAH 5	Lyle	\$215,700	\$215,700	\$0	\$431,400	2024-27

BE IT RESOLVED that the following bridges within the City of Austin are high priority and Mower County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when State Bridge Funds are available to fund 100 percent of the eligible bridge costs, and Local Funds are available to fund 100 percent of the approach costs, and

Bridge Number	Roadway	City	Bridge Funds	Local Funds	Total Cost	Construction Year
8971	MUN-279	Austin	\$176,000	\$251,000	\$427,000	2024-2027
5228	MSAS 139	Austin	\$2,750,000	\$750,000	\$3,500,000	2024-2027
5229	10 th Drive	Austin	\$2,250,000	\$500,000	\$2,750,000	2024-2027

BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges as soon as possible after being notified funds are available in order to permit the work to take place.

Passed and approved this 14th day of March, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve leave of absence for employee 0526. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve hiring two additional licensed peace officers (Deputy Sheriffs) and temporarily increase the staffing levels by 2 for anticipated vacancies due to the length of time to recruit, hire and train the officers. When the two anticipated vacancies occur, the positions will not be filled thereby returning the staffing levels to the initially approved 2023 staffing levels. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve revising the job description entitled Help Desk Technician at a B22 classification rating to a new title of IT Support Specialist with a B24 classification rating. Motion carried.


Under Committee Reports Commissioner Mueller reported attending the Fair Board meeting on 3/7 at which a sign and fence project were discussed. Commissioner Mueller was unable to attend a virtual Public Safety meeting on 3/13 due to the late notice of the meeting. Commissioner Sparks reported attending the Collaborative/Family Connection meeting on 3/1 and the Impact Austin meeting on 3/2. Impact Austin is working on refining its mission statement. Commissioner Sparks also attend the Minnesota Rural Counties meeting via Zoom on 3/9 and discussions included public safety funding, broadband and guns. Lastly, Commissioner Sparks reported on attending the Work force development meeting. Commissioner Glynn attended the SE MN EMS meeting on 3/9 at which financial reports were discussed. Commissioner Glynn commented on the surprising how much funding from seatbelt regulations has dropped. In 2011 the funding was \$222,645 and now it is \$40,000 annually. There is also an interesting Mayo airway anatomy class that uses cadavers for airway training. There is also a review of energy transmission lines.

Hormel Institute PTTP Coordinator Daneka Wiechmann presented to the Mower County 2023 Paint the Town Pink Committee a plaque with a thank you for the fund raising efforts this year for Paint the Town Pink. \$2951 was raised at Mower County. The Committee Members recognized were:


Amanda Kiefer	Julie Lowe	Rochelle Kalvig	Stephanie Leverington
Stacy Deming	Leslie Kuiper	Sarah Belden	Sandy Daily
Ercie Angell	Melissa Deters	Sarah Escamilla	Alyssa Tabor

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:  vice Chairperson

Attest:

By: 
Clerk/Administrator