

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session July 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Jeff Baldus, Vice-Chair Mike Ankeny, Jerry Reinartz, Polly Glynn, and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen, County Administrator Trish Harren, Executive Assistant Denise Barthels, Austin Daily Herald Reporter Eric Johnson, Loni Swenson, Becky Handegraaf (remote), Randy Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Runde, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heimer.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the agenda adding 1) Authorize the appointment of a Hearing Examiner to hear the for Johnson appeal on Order to Abate Solid Waste and 2) Approve HIPAA agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen. Motion carried.

County Administrator Trish Harren provided a department update. Ms. Harren reviewed the status of broadband buildout across Mower County. As of the end of 2021, 85% of Mower County residents have access to high-speed internet (broadband). The remaining 15% of the county's population is unserved or underserved and accounts for over 50% of the land area. These are the areas where a private business can't make a business case to build out internet service. The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC)-backed initiative to provide broadband Internet speeds to the unserved, underserved, and partially served homes and businesses across the country. Top 10 winners of the RDOF Reverse Auction include LTD Communications (1.3 billion). Most of the unserved and underserved area in Mower County is in their service area based on this award. Those projects are set to begin in summer of 2023. LTD is applying to the Minnesota Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program to build out in areas not covered by RDOF. The two project areas are in NE Mower County with 376 passings and 245 households at a cost of \$2,452,228. The second project is in SW Mower County with 209 passings and 136 households \$3,544,677. Charter is also submitting a proposal to cover an area south of the city of Austin that includes adding 99 locations south of the city of Austin. Project cost is \$677,000.

The Board recessed at 9:29 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:30 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Trenton & Tamara Bleifus for a single-family home located Approx W340FT E920FT S330FT N2315FT SE¼NE¼ & Approx E389FT S50FT N2215FT SE¼NE¼ Sec. 3 Grand Meadow TWP, MN (07.003.0030)

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

Mr. Dean Runde appeared on behalf of the applicants and spoke on their behalf in favor of the application. No one else spoke for or against the Bleifus housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. regarding the Bleifus Housing Tax Abatement application.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:32 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Carter Conrardt for a single-family replacement home located SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ N OF CNTR-LINE RR & SW OF HWY 56; EXC PARCEL I IN DOC#615902 Windom Twp, MN (20.022.0100)

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval noting that this structure is a Shouse.

The applicant Carter Conrardt was not present. No one spoke for or against the Conrardt housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m. regarding the Conrardt Housing Tax Abatement application.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:35 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Bigelow & Lennon Construction for a single-family home located Lot 8, Block 1 North Pointe Subdivision, Austin, MN (34.509.0080)

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The Randy Lennon for the applicant Bigelow & Lennon Construction was present and spoke in favor of the application. No one else spoke for or against the Bigelow & Lennon Construction housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:37 a.m. regarding the Bigelow Housing Tax Abatement application.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:37 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Harvey & Cynthia Heimer for a single-family home located Block 2, Lots 3 & 4 Boe Subdivision, Adams, MN (21.016.0090)

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The applicants Harvey and Cynthia Heimer were present and spoke on their own behalf in favor of the application. No one else spoke for or against the Heimer housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:39 a.m. regarding the Heimer Housing Tax Abatement application.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 9:39 a.m.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #79-22**

**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 July 26, 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**, Trenton Bleifus is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Approx W340FT E920FT S330FT N2315FT SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  & Approx E389FT S50FT N2215FT SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 3 Grand Meadow TWP (07.003.0030)

**WHEREAS**, Trenton and Tamara Bleifus 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 July 26, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

**WHEREAS**, Trenton and Tamara Bleifus 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #80-22**

**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 July 26, 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**, Carter Conradt is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> N OF CNTR-LINE RR & SW OF HWY 56; EXC PARCEL I IN DOC#615902  
Windom Twp, MN (20.022.0100)

**WHEREAS**, Carter Conradt has 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 July 26, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

**WHEREAS**, Carter Conradt has 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #81-22**

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

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 26, 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**, Bigelow & Lennon Construction is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 8, Block 1 North Pointe Subdivision, Austin, MN (34.509.0080)

**WHEREAS**, Bigelow & Lennon Construction has 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 July 26, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

**WHEREAS**, Bigelow & Lennon Construction has 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #82-22**

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

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 July 26, 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**, Harvey and Cynthia Heimer are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Block 2, Lots 3 & 4 Boe Subdivision, Adams, MN (21.016.0090)

**WHEREAS**, Harvey and Cynthia Heimer 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 July 26, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

**WHEREAS**, Harvey and Cynthia Heimer 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$216,259.58. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, 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>
Baudoin Oil Company	3,106.42	Insight Direct USA, Inc	21,545.90
Bruening Rock Products Inc	221,425.28	Leadership Development Resources	5,930.00
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	60,043.38	Leroy Ostrander Public Schools	2,300.00
Commissioner Of Transportation	5,470.56	Mayo Clinic	4,757.60
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	17,552.07	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Services	4,287.59
Dave Lucas Consulting	5,518.03	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2,915.00
Dell Marketing L P	18,306.58	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	4,694.24
Diamond Drugs, Inc.	2,452.68	Minnesota West	4,475.00
Election Systems & Software, LLC.	2,984.33	Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	7,440.00
Erickson Engineering Co., LLC	14,983.00	Olympic Fire Protection Corp	2,240.92
Gallagher Benefit Services Inc	4,000.00	Village Ranch Inc	27,436.80
Henry G Meigs, LLC	69,533.34	92 Payments less than 2000	49,085.13
		<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>562,483.85</b>

Motion carried.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #83-22**

**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 July 26, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED by Mower County that the County enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Mower County that Jeff Baldus, Chair of the County Board, be authorized to execute the FY2023 Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Proclamation #02-22**

## **Proclamation** **Of County Staff Appreciation Day**

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Proclamation was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 26, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, Mower County is one of 87 counties in Minnesota that provide essential services from issuing birth certificates and marriage licenses to operating 911 call centers to running elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Mower County staff serve as the cornerstone of county government, dedicating their time, skills, and expertise for the benefit of their neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, County Staff promotes healthy and safe communities, foster conditions for economic development, and improves the quality of life for all residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Mower County Board of Commissioners, proclaim July 27, 2022 as County Staff Appreciation Day and extend our thanks to the staff of our county and express deep gratitude for their commitment to excellence in public service.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

The Mower County Board of Commissioners reviewed and briefly discussed the request of Darlene Bos to waive the after-fact-penalty for septic permit for refund.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to table the request of Darlene Bos to waive the after-fact-penalty for septic permit for refund to August 9, 2022 for action and at the August 2, 2022 Work Session the Mower County Board of Commissioners will discuss the solid waste and zoning ordinances regarding permitting fees including after-the-fact fees. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve three-year Maintenance Agreement with Metro Sales, Inc. for the copier/printer in the Recorder's office. Motion carried.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #84-22**

### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LTD BROADBAND LTD MINNESOTA OFFICE OF BROADBAND BORDER TO BORDER GRANT APPLICATION**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of

Commissioners at a meeting held July 26, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, Mower County is a rural county in South East Minnesota that continues to have a majority of its geography either unserved or underserved by broadband; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband has become a basic need for all residents for education, medical, business and other quality of life requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband access in rural areas is linked to increased job and population growth, higher rates of new business formation, increased home values and lower unemployment rates; and

**WHEREAS**; agriculture is the key industry in Mower County and broadband is essential to farmers to follow commodity markets, communicate with customers, manage processes from field tile to distribution of ag chemicals, and;

**WHEREAS**, LTD Broadband, Inc has is one of ten recipients of federal Rural Digital Opportunity funding and is designated as the internet service provider to build our fiber service for the majority of Mower County's unserved and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mower County Board of Commissioners understands the importance of Broadband for the constituents it serves.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mower County supports the Application of LTD for a Minnesota Broadband Border to Border matching grant to jump start the timeline for the build out two project areas as follows:

NE Mower County broadband project to lay 82 miles of fiber with 376 passings and service points for 245 households with a total project cost of \$2,452,228 and the SW Mower County broadband project to lay 138 miles of fiber with 209 total passings and service points for 136 household with a total project cost of \$3,544,677.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mower County is willing to partner in this build out and has committed matching funds in the amount of \$585,000.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve a letter of support for Charter Communication's Minnesota Broadband Border to Border Grant application for an internet project south of the City of Austin to extend fiber to 99 locations for a Project. Motion carried.

**Date: July 26, 2022**

**Res. #85-22**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CHARTER GRANT APPLICATION**

**TO MINNESOTA OFFICE OF BROADBAND BORDER TO BORDER**

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 26, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, Mower County is a rural county in Southeast Minnesota that continues to have a majority of its geography either unserved or underserved by broadband; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband has become a basic need for all residents for education, medical, business and other quality of life requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband access in rural areas is linked to increased job and population growth, higher rates of new business formation, increased home values and lower unemployment rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Communications is submitting a Minnesota Border to Border Broadband Grant Application to build out fiber service south of the City of Austin, MN in an unserved and/or underserved location; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mower County Board of Commissioners understands the importance of Broadband for the constituents it serves.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mower County supports the Application of Charter Communications for a Minnesota Broadband Border to Border matching grant for the following project:

South and Southwest of Austin, Mn Mower County 99 passings at a cost of \$677,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mower County is willing to partner in this build out and has committed matching funds in the amount of \$99,000.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to accept the Emergency Communications Network Grant in the amount of \$176,268 to upgrade emergency communication equipment for the communities of Lyle and Grand Meadow and authorize the use of up to \$60,000 in Mower County American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover required match and connectivity expenses. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the HIPAA agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize the County Administrator to find a person to serve as the hearing examiner for the written appeal received from Arnie Johnson in response to the County Board's June 28, 2022

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Order for Abatement of Solid Waste on Vicki L. Johnson's property identified as parcel number 28.002.0150 located at 310 Taylor Avenue, Austin, MN

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to authorize Human Resources to extend a wage offer to the successful Corrections Technician candidate at B22 Step 7. Motion carried.

Sheriff Steve Sandvik reviewed the events of the Taopi Tornado on April 12, 2022 and recognized the following groups of persons for their exemplary response efforts during the storm.

Public Works	Dispatch	Law Enforcement Patrol
Don Smith Pete Werner Nick Wehner Bruce Ellinghusen Brandon Johnson	Jessica Tollefson Tracy Hauschildt Stephanie Brehmer Lori Brogan	Tom Brogan Bronson Hindal Andy Pike TJ Lynch Mark May Ryan Norton Katlyne Fisher

Life Safety Award

Gary Kasel  
Sergeant Tom Brogan

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Glynn reported that she had attended the Land Use Training Session (with some of the other commissioners) on July 21 and attended the Rural Management Board meeting on July 25. At the Rural Management Board meeting Budgets were discussed as well as the talk of rolling black outs. Reports indicate that Minnesota will be impacted due to load shedding practices. Commissioner Mueller indicated that the fairgrounds lighting project is complete and that Extension is looking again to fill the office support position. Commissioner Ankeny (Commissioner Reinartz also in attendance) reported that the Solid Waste Committee had met on July 18 with good discussion regarding recycling. Commissioner Glynn informed the Board that there are still plans for the used wind tower blades being stored in Grand Meadow will be properly disposed of / recycled into jersey barriers.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Administrator

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