

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 12, 2021

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Polly Glynn, Vice-Chair Jerry Reinartz, Mike Ankeny, Jeff Baldus, and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen, County Administrator Trish Harren, and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels. Presenters Lisa Dierks and Don Smith from the University of Minnesota Extension, Doug Host, Clifton Larson Allen and Thomas Vonbische, Next Era Energy.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Lisa Dierks, Regional Director University of Minnesota Extension with Master Gardner Don Smith provided the Board with a department update. The youth programs are continuing to be successful.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for Mower County Family Services Collaborative, effective 10/12/2021 until a new agreement is signed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for Fraud Prevention Services with Brian Krueger in the amount of \$49,848.00, effective 10/25/2021 through 10/31/2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the recommended appointment of Dr. Kara Heimer to the Mower County Community Health Services Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve Human Services accounts payable totaling \$245,750.48. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson introduced new staff, reported that a Community Health Need Assessment Survey will be distributed soon, and provided Covid updates indicating there have been 6178 total cases in Mower County with 39 deaths and that the rate of new cases has been steady at about 30 per day.

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

CHIPS Attorney	Evan Larson	1/1/22 – 12/31/23
Funeral Assistance	Czaplewski Family Funeral Home	1/1/22 – 12/31/22
	Mayer Funeral Home	1/1/22 – 12/31/22
SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program)	Workforce Development, Inc. (Wabasha County)	10/1/21 – 9/30/22
Transportation	Austin Public Schools	7/1/21 – 6/30/22

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 10:01 a.m. for regular business items.

Doug Host, Clifton Larson Allen, conducted an exit interview of the 2020 Audit. He noted it was a clean audit with no material deficiencies.

Thomas Vonbische, NextEra Energy, provided the Board with project information pertaining to projects in and near Mower County: Dodge County Wind, Timberwolf Wind and Timberwolf Solar Information

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2021 Regular Session and Work Session with noted corrections. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, 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	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Services	2,084.40
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	15,104.64	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	5,132.55
Baudoin Oil Company	18,198.73	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperat	5,571.66
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	3,390.00	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	57,851.97
Charm-Tex Inc	2,269.66	Slowinski Flooring	3,360.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	3,518.75	Survey Systems	3,514.38
Hancock Concrete Products, Llc	5,480.00	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,248.99
L & M Boiler Systems, Inc.	3,557.30	Uhl Company Inc	15,495.00
Leadership Development Resources	2,045.00	42 Payments less than 2000	20,985.16
		Final Total:	171,936.19

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve a late claim for payment for employee #59. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports, there was a brief discussion on obtaining quotes for the purchase of portable recycling containers for events. There was also a brief discussion regarding the communications regarding septic compliance.

The Board held a Closed session from 11:26 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. pursuant to MS §13.D05 subd 3(c3)) for a discussion regarding property currently for sale located at 310 2nd St. NE, Austin, Minnesota.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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