REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2024

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session September 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair John Mueller, Vice-Chair Polly Glynn, Mike Ankeny, Dan Sparks and Jerry Reinartz. Also in attendance were County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik staff, reporter

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the Board meeting the County hosted a breakfast for employees being recognized for years of service.

Employee	Department	# of Yrs	Employee	Department	# of Yrs
Kevin Whalen	Highway	40	Sally Garry	Health & Human Serv	10
Paul Oelfke	Health & Human Serv	30	Nicholas Wehner	Highway	10
Tammy Cook	Sheriff	25	Jennifer Volkart	Health & Human Serv	10
Gregory Hartquist	Sheriff	25	Bruce Ellinghuysen	Highway	10
Ramona Sack	Health & Human Serv	25	Megan Burroughs	Attorney	10
Dennis Zwiener	Highway	25	Scott Felten	Auditor-Treasurer	5
Jill Morrison	Sheriff	25	Valerie Sheedy	Environmental Services	5
Amber Miller	Health & Human Serv	25	Kea Maxwell	Attorney	5
Kristen Nelsen	Attorney	20	Lidia Hinh	Health & Human Serv	5
Edward Schmitt	Corrections	20	Clifford Helkenn	Health & Human Serv	5
Pamela Hall	Health & Human Serv	15	Rochelle Klavig	Human Resources	5
Sandra Daily	Sheriff	15	Ashley Lunt	Health & Human Serv	5
Ronald Howard	Corrections	15	Debra Schmitt	Corrections	5
Laura Speltz	Health & Human Serv	15	Talia Bremer	Health & Human Serv	5
Connie Branchaud	Attorney	15	Lora Petersson	Bailiff	5
Nicole Anderson	Health & Human Serv	15	Andrew Woodfin	Highway	5
Tyler Lynch	Sheriff	10	Bronson Hindal	Sheriff	5
Michelle Nelson	Recorder	10	Cody McCormick	Sheriff	5
Eric Miller	GIS	10	Kelli Finholdt	Corrections	5
Steven Vaith	Veteran Services	10	Leslie Kuiper	Human Resources	5
Tarsha Lebarron	Health & Human Serv	10	Sawyer Weiss	Sheriff	5

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda adding under consent agenda approval for Late Claim for payment for Employee #5083 ($11.32). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
1. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2024

2. Resolution #69-24 approving Root River Anique Historical Power Assn., gambling permit

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #69-24**

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2024 the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. presented for approval a Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for gambling to be conducted at the Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc., Spring Valley, MN on July 20, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the LG220 Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc. for gambling at Root River Antique Historical Power Assn., Inc., Spring Valley, MN on July 20, 2025.

Passed and adopted this 24th day of September, 2024.

3. Approve Resolutions adopting Assessments for Septic Loans for the following:

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #70-24**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policies of the Mower County Septic Loan program the owner of property has requested a loan from Mower County for replacement of a failing septic system on the below-listed property and has requested to pay back that loan by assessment to the subject property, to Mower County, over a ten-year term.

Property owner(s): Mark R. Schulz and Jamie M. Schulz, spouses
Property address: 18709 690th Avenue, Elkton MN 55933
Parcel Identification No: 04.019.0030
Tax parcel legal description: Section 19 Township 102 Range 015 12 AC IN E1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 & IN SE1/4 NE1/4 BK 392-569
Assessment amount: $24,600.00 (Twenty-four thousand six hundred dollars and no/100)

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

1. Such proposed assessment, made part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named herein, and each tract of land herein included is hereby found to be benefitted by the proposed improvement and the amount of the assessment levied against it.
2. Such assessment shall be payable in simple decreasing installments extending over ten (10) years. The first of the installments shall be payable along with the first half taxes when due, as reflected on the tax statement payable year 2025, and shall bear interest at the rate of three percent per annum. Each payment including interest thereafter will be paid with taxes payable, until the assessment obligation is satisfied.
3. The owner of any property, so assessed, may pay the entire assessment on such property by December 31, 2024, without interest accrued.
   Thereafter the owner of property, so assessed, may pay the annual assessment amount, or any amount exceeding the annual assessed amount so listed on the tax statement, with any unpaid interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made.
   The County will accept payments up until the close of business day December 31 in the year of payment. If December 31st is a weekend or holiday; payment must be received in advance of closing of the last business day in the year payment is made.
4. There shall be no penalty for advance payment or pay-off of the full balance of the assessment.
5. The County Administrator / clerk shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate of this assessment to the County Auditor to be extended on the property tax list of the County and such assessment shall be collected and paid over the same manner as other municipal taxes.
6. This assessment must be paid in full at the time of property transfer to any other owner, owners, heirs, assigns or entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mower County Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute the Promissory Note on behalf of the County for the loan of funds from the Mower County Septic Loan program.

Passed and approved this 24th day of September, 2024.

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #71-24**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policies of the Mower County Septic Loan program the owner of property has requested a loan from Mower County for replacement of a failing septic system on the below-listed property and has requested to pay back that loan by assessment to the subject property, to Mower County, over a ten-year term.

Property owner(s): Wayne Orvel Peterson, and Mary Kaye Peterson, spouse
Property address: 17877 540th Avenue, Austin MN 55912
Parcel Identification No: 02.024.0060
Tax parcel legal description: Section 27 Township 102 Range 018 10 AC NE1/4 NE1/4 EXC .48 AC 9.52AC
Assessment amount: $19,086.08, (Nineteen Thousand, eight-six dollars & 08/100)

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

1. Such proposed assessment, made part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named herein, and each tract of land herein included is hereby found to be benefitted by the proposed improvement and the amount of the assessment levied against it.
2. Such assessment shall be payable in simple decreasing installments extending over ten (10) years. The first of the installments shall be payable along with the first half taxes when due, as reflected on the tax statement payable year 2025, and shall bear interest at the rate of three percent per annum. Each payment including interest thereafter will be paid with taxes payable, until the assessment obligation is satisfied.
3. The owner of any property, so assessed, may pay the entire assessment on such property by December 31, 2024, without interest accrued.
   Thereafter the owner of property, so assessed, may pay the annual assessment amount, or any amount exceeding the annual assessed amount so listed on the tax statement, with any unpaid interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made.
   The County will accept payments up until the close of business day December 31 in the year of payment. If December 31st is a weekend or holiday; payment must be received in advance of closing of the last business day in the year payment is made.
4. There shall be no penalty for advance payment or pay-off of the full balance of the assessment.
5. The County Administrator / clerk shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate of this assessment to the County Auditor to be extended on the property tax list of the County and such assessment shall be collected and paid over the same manner as other municipal taxes.
6. This assessment must be paid in full at the time of property transfer to any other owner, owners, heirs, assigns or entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mower County Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute the Promissory Note on behalf of the County for the loan of funds from the Mower County Septic Loan program.

Passed and approved this 24th day of September, 2024.

4. Approve Surplus Property Disposition Request for recycling of old phone handsets for disposal (200 various models of Avaya phones)

5. Approve a late claim for payment for Employee #5083 ($11.32)
Motion carried.

Assistant Public Works Director-Environmental Services Valerie Sheedy provided a department update. Ms. Sheedy's report included statistics on zoning permits, progress of solid waste violation clean-ups and septic permits. As well, Ms. Sheedy reviewed Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment activities and provided other project status updates such as the Dobbins Creek study area and the Comprehensive Plan 2045. *A copy of the report is available via email at mower.admin@co.mower.mn.us.*

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Lucas Consulting (Solid Waste) effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the following list of surplus property for auction:

Quantity	Item	Department
1	2014 Freightliner 114 SD (Unit #99004) SN: 3ALHG3DV3EDFT0085	Road & Bridge
1	2014 Freightliner 114 SD (Unit #90010) SN: 3ALHG3DV3EDFT0084	Road & Bridge
1	2001 Snogo MP-3D (Unit #9048) SN: 81677	Road & Bridge

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the low quote of Buening Rock Products, Inc. for Class 2 Aggregate to stockpile at the Austin and Adams out shops. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:31 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Trevor & Ashley Hanson for a single-family home located at W470FT N1040FT NE 1/4 SE 1/4; DOC#681796/798, Grand Meadow, MN (PIN 06.003.0031).

County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The Applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the Hanson housing tax abatement application.

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

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:32 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Hteet Powl for a single-family home located at Block 1, Lot 17 Nature Ridge 3rd Austin, MN (PIN 34.468.0170).

County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The Applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the Powl housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:33 a.m. regarding the Powl Housing Tax Abatement application.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:33 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Josh McGill for a single-family home located at 9.51AC IN NLY

PORTION OL 6; & SLY PORTIONS OLS 9 & 10; DOC#673264 (PARCEL 3) Racine, MN (PIN 29.005.0242).

County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The Applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the McGill housing tax abatement application.

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

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:35 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of New Horizon Homes, LLC for a single-family home located at Lot 4, Block 1 Nature Ridge 3rd, Austin, MN (PIN 34.468.0040) .

County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The Applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the New Horizon Homes housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:36 a.m. regarding the New Horizon Homes Housing Tax Abatement application.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 9:36 a.m.

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #72-24**

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

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 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, Trevor and Ashley Hanson are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

W470FT N1040FT NE ¼ SE ¼ Doc#681796/798, City of Grand Meadow, MN (PIN 06.003.0031)

WHEREAS, Trevor and Ashley Hanson 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 September 24, 2024 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Trevor and Ashley Hanson 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 24th day of September, 2024.

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #73-24**

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

On motion of Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 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, Hteet La Powl is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Block 1, Lot 17 Nature Ridge Third, Austin, MN (PIN 34.468.0170)

WHEREAS, Hteet La Powl 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 September 24, 2024 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Hteet La Powl 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 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 24th day of September, 2024.

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #74-24**

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

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 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, Joshua McGill is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

9.51AC in NLY portion OL 6; & SLY portions OLS 9 & 10; DOC#673264 (parcel 3) Section 35, City of Racine, MN (PIN 29.005.0242)

WHEREAS, Joshua McGill 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 September 24, 2024 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Joshua McGill 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 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 24th day of September, 2024.

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #75-24**

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

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 24, 2024 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, Nature Ridge Properties of Austin Co. is the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 1 Nature Ridge 3rd, Austin, MN (PIN 34.468.0040)

WHEREAS, New Horizon Homes, LLC 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 September 24, 2024 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Nature Ridge Properties of Austin Co (sellers) and New Horizon Homes, LLC (buyers) 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 24th day of September, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling $212,268.89. Motion carried.

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

Vendor Name	Amount	Vendor Name	Amount
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	2,814.80	Herness Construction Co	4,980.00
AMI Imaging Systems Inc	5,815.00	Imperial Sand, LLC	3,840.00
Anoka County Corrections	10,370.75	Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	3,545.70
Austin Automotive LLC	47,055.94	KnowBe4, Inc.	4,183.67
Baudoin Oil Company	25,799.13	Language Line Services	2,720.47
Bob Barker Company Inc	6,597.00	Merit Contracting Inc	3,106.29
CDW Government	51,819.17	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	9,354.10
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	67,307.00	Northland & Companies	3,304.50
Commissioner of Transportation	14,016.97	Propel Nonprofits	3,750.00
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	19,195.28	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	6,274.63
Dave Lucas Consulting	3,780.00	RingCentral, Inc.	24,129.48
Department Of Corrections	35,340.00	Rochester Sand And Gravel, Inc	32,493.20
Diamond Drugs, Inc.	3,948.06	Rohl Electric and Services LLC	4,254.40
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	9,544.15	Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc.	14,737.66
Fresh Baby, LLC	6,745.86	Village Ranch Inc	9,020.87
Gallagher Benefit Services Inc	4,000.00	White Cap	5,773.99
Greenman HVAC, Inc.	4,222.50	66 Payments less than 2000	30,590.14
		Final Total:	**484,430.71**

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to authorize the creation of an emergency forgivable loan program to be administered by the Development Corporation of Austin for LeRoy businesses economically negatively impacted by MnDOT's construction in LeRoy which was further delayed due to the spring weather events. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the FY25 DWI Traffic Safety Officer Grant Agreement ($104,822) effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 *(pending change in Grantee's Authorized Representative on the grant agreement).* Motion carried.

Date: September 24, 2024 **Res. #76-24**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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 September 24, 2024 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety, for traffic safety enforcement projects during the period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 *(pending change in Grantee's Authorized Representative on the grant agreement)*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mower County Chair and the Mower County Administrator are authorized to execute such agreement and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Mower County Board and the Mower County Sheriff's Office and that Mower County shall administer the grant and serve as fiscal agent.

Passed and approved this 24th day of September, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the following list of surplus property for disposal:

Quantity	Item	Department
1	2014 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR9EGC13907	Sheriff
1	2016 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR7GGC91881	Sheriff
1	2017 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR8HGC56851	Sheriff
1	2017 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR1HGC56853	Sheriff
1	2017 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR3HGC56854	Sheriff
1	2019 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR5KGA78825	Sheriff
1	2019 Ford Police Entr SUV VIN#1FM5K8AR7JGA78826	Sheriff

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to add to the agenda under Human Resources business the approval of a Service Agreement with North Risk Partners. Motion carried.

Human Resources Director Kris Kohn presented for approval the recommendations by the County Benefits Committee for the 2025 Health Plan. The recommendation is for the County to adopt the Mower County Health Plan, a self-funded plan outside of the current provider of the MN Health Consortium (MHC). The plan will allow employees to choose to continue to utilize current providers as well as a new Direct Primary Care provider HELPcare

Clinic which will offer a menu of services at zero cost to employees. Kohn reported that the new plan will also offer enhanced benefits options in the areas of prescription drugs, major tests (such as MRI) and outpatient surgeries. The recommended plan will allow for lower premiums for employees (up to 50% lower than 2024 rates) as well as a savings of over $670,000 to the County and taxpayers when compared to the 2025 MHC renewal.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve adopting the Mower County Health Plan, a self-funded plan administered by Self Fund Health, outside of the current plan provided through the Mn Health Consortium. The health plans for 2025 will offer two (2) options with contribution rates as follows:

Mower County Health Plan 2 - Health Plan Options	Contributions (Monthly)					
	Single Plan / Employee only		Employee+Child(ren)		Family Plan	
	Employee	County	Employee	County	Employee	County
2600/5200 80% - With VEBA	$ 25.00	$ 913.88	$ 310.87	$1,848.52	$ 654.67	$2,443.59
County Contribution to VEBA		138.87		216.67		216.67
Monthly Total Contribution	$ 25.00	$1,052.75	$ 310.87	$2,065.19	$ 654.67	$2,660.26
2600/5200 80% - Without VEBA	$ 0.00	$ 938.88	$ 155.49	$2,003.90	$ 438.00	2,660.26
Monthly Total Contribution	$ 0.00	$ 938.88	$ 155.49	$2,003.90	$ 438.00	2,660.26

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Service Agreement for Large Group Employee Benefits with North Risk Partners effective October 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Glynn reported attending on 9/11 the roundtable discussion at Southland regarding daycare options, the SWCD meeting on 9/12, a Finance Committee meeting on 9/18, the mural ribbon cutting on 9/19 and also the Township Association meeting on 9/19 and met in LeRoy regarding the loan program on 9/23. Commissioner Sparks reported attending the SMART meeting via zoom on 9/11, and on 9/23 a rural energy meeting. Commissioner Reinartz reported attending on 9/10 a Personnel Committee meeting, on 9/19 the mural ribbon cutting as well as a Community Health board meeting, and on 9/20 a Senior Center meeting. Commissioner Ankeny reported that on 9/17 he attend a 4-H/Extension Committee meeting, 9/18 a Finance Committee meeting, and on 9/19 the mural ribbon cutting. Commissioner Mueller reported that on 9/10 he attended the Personnel Committee meeting, on 9/11-9/13 the Association of Minnesota Counties policy committee meetings, on 9/17 the 4-H/Extension Committee meeting, on 9/19 the mural ribbon cutting as well as the Township Association meeting.

County Administrator Trish Gjersvik reported that a thank you letter was sent to Farm Bureau for the new fair square stage building. She also reported that the Executive Leadership Team participated in a strategic planning session and created three-, six- and 1-year goals. A Board retreat will be scheduled for January.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The next meeting is a work session scheduled for October 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: John T. Mueller
Chairperson

Attest:

By: Kristina Kohn Jensvik
Clerk/Administrator