

MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION

October 1, 2024

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on October 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Soil & Water Conservation District, District Manager Cody Fox provided the Board with an annual update the included a highlight of the flood control projects completed in the last year and the impact the completed projects had in mitigating the devastation potential of the flooding events that occurred this year.

The Board discussed the University of MN Extension contracts in response to the information received at the district meeting and the new contract cycle for all counties. It was noted that there is a formula to distribute the costs of salaries among all the county extension contracts to equalize the costs due to the fact that some salaries are lower and others higher due to the length of time an employee has held the position at any given county. County staff will work on acquiring the local district extension salary information and it will be communicated to the Association of Minnesota Counties to include this topic at the District IX meeting to be held on October 21 in Steele County.

Commissioner Glynn provided a brief update that the wind turbine blades that have been stored in Grand Meadow are in the process of being removed.

Commissioner Mueller provided a brief summary of the top public safety priorities that were created at the Association of Minnesota Counties policy conference.

The work session concluded at 1:54 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: John D. Mueller Chairperson

Attest:

By: Trish Harren Gjersvik
Clerk/Administrator