

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 12, 2024

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session November 12, 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 Attorney Kristen Nelsen and County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve Minutes of October 22 and November 5 work session
 2. Approve Public Works 12'x5' conference room table and 10 chairs as surplus property for disposal and/or auction.
- Motion carried.

Information Technology Director James Keltgen provided a department update that highlighted the usage of the work ticket system, data and internet security trends and notable achievements including replacing network switches, replacing the phone system, replacing the firewall, aligning technology purchases to user needs, creating an inventory of county programs, service agreements, delegating staff time to high priority specialty needs in high demand. Additionally, embedding cyber security training. The department will continue to build out the foundational infrastructure that supports county service delivery. For 2025, Policy development and intentional integration of AI (artificial intelligence) technology.

The Board recessed at 9:24 a.m. for the purpose of the Health & Human Services Board.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$135,998.34. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Master Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2029. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention Grant with the Minnesota Department of Health effective November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025 (\$111,461). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to accept the Nexus-Gerard Family Healing \$250 donation for the fatherhood forum. Motion carried.

Under Health & Human Services Updates, Public Health Manager Pam Kellogg informed the Board that in response to H5N1 the department did outreach to dairy and poultry farmers to encourage vaccinations to reduce the possibility of creating a super virus. There was limited response. Executive Director Crystal Peterson provided the Board with information pertaining to new legislation for the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act (MAAFPA). This legislation is designed to enhance service delivery to underrepresented populations and shift county interventions from reasonable efforts to active efforts. Based on a recent survey completed by Health & Human Services and the County Attorney it is estimated that the cost to implement this locally could be as much as \$700,000 since ninety-nine percent (99%) of the client base are families that would qualify under this Act. The county supports the concept and believes all children and families deserve these interventions. However, it will be costly, and counties would like to see funding following the legislative mandates. This will be a MACSSA legislative priority in the 2025 budget year to acquire funding for implementing this act locally so that it does not impact local levies.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the social service actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreement renewals effective 1/1/25 - 12/31/25 unless otherwise noted:

Guardianship	Mental Health	Semi-Independent Living Services
Alternative Resolutions Independent Management Services Olson, Norma Serenity Services Southern MN Guardianship Services Tindal, Barb Unique Abilities, LLC	Independent Management Services Moran, Todd Nexus-Gerard Family Healing, LLC LGC Services	Independent Management Services Lutheran Social Service (10/1/24-12/31/24)
		Transportation Services
		Austin Public Schools LeRoy-Ostrander Public School (7/1/24-6/30/25)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:59 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 10:00 a.m. for regular business items.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to appoint Mike and Jerry to the Canvassing Board Members scheduled to meet on November 13. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	30,374.87	Leadership Development Resources	7,221.00
Anderson Memorials	2,332.00	Liberty Tire Services of Ohio, LLC	18,643.60
Anoka County Corrections	9,806.25	Marston Consulting Group, LLC	2,000.00
Austin Automotive LLC	5,893.14	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	4,235.00
Austin Community Charitable Fund	8,620.00	Minnesota County Attorneys Association	2,370.00
Baudoin Oil Company	25,845.40	North Risk Partners LLC	8,000.00
Bruening Rock Products Inc	205,277.60	Paape Distributing Co.	15,550.00
Bustad Dozing & Excavating Inc	17,516.18	Pro-West & Associates, Inc.	3,150.00
CDW Government	3,525.61	Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, P.A.	3,366.54
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	58,554.38	Regents Of the University of Minnesota	46,243.40
Concrete Cowboy LLC	2,900.00	Rochester Sand and Gravel, Inc	11,326.26
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	20,641.32	Rohl Electric and Services LLC	5,052.80
Damel Corporation Morem Tree Service	17,149.64	SGTS Inc	8,875.82
Dave Lucas Consulting	6,370.00	Sheriff Houston County	9,900.00
Dell Marketing L P	12,057.35	Slowinski Flooring	4,728.00
Election Systems & Software, LLC.	13,593.63	Softree Technical Systems Inc	3,120.00
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	19,114.93	Syverson Truck Center/Dave	114,725.85
Fortra, LLC	8,290.30	Taylor Print & Visual Impressions, Inc.	11,109.74
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	9,544.15	Ulland Brothers Inc.	8,956.90
Hansen Hauling & Excavating Inc	36,081.83	Ulven Outdoor Power, LLC	2,472.80
Healthiest You	3,460.00	Veolia Environmental Services Inc	12,085.57
Heimer Drainage LLC	2,182.80	Village Ranch Inc	5,336.34
J & S Repair Inc	15,080.35	White Cap	2,692.44
Language Line Services	2,173.38	94 Payments less than 2000	48,633.03
		Final Total:	896,180.20

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the Spectrum Charter Communications Broadband Infrastructure Grant Agreement regarding local county contribution of \$100,000 towards the border-to-border broadband grant project. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set Trust Account rates in Fee Schedule at \$.72/ton for Construction & Demolition debris and at \$1.00/ton for Industrial Solid Waste and authorize staff to negotiate Host Fee Agreement with SKB. Motion carried.

Sheriff Steve Sandvik presented renewal contracts for providing Law Enforcement Services to the cities of Adams, Lyle and LeRoy. Each negotiated two-year contract renewal includes a six percent rate increase for 2025 and an additional two percent increase for 2026 for the services provided.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve contract for Law Enforcement Services for the City of Adams effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve contract for Law Enforcement Services for the City of Lyle effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve contract for Law Enforcement Services for the City of LeRoy effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Sparks reported that on 10/28 he attended the 1st & 3rd Apartment Ribbon Cutting event along with Commissioner Mueller, and on 10/28 and 10/29 attended the Building Committee/Space Study meetings along with Commissioner Glynn. Commissioner Reinartz reported he had nothing new to report but had some upcoming meetings. Commissioner Ankeny reported that he attended the annual Fair Board Association meeting and on 11/5 he attended the Foster Care Parent appreciation event along with Commissioner Mueller. Commissioner Mueller noted he attended the 1st and 3rd Apartment ribbon cutting on 10/28, the Foster Care Appreciation event on 11/5, the Fair Board annual meeting on 11/4 as well as the Planning Commission on 11/6/.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: John D. Mueller Chairperson

Attest:

By: Yvonne C. Quirk
Clerk/Administrator