

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

December 3, 2024

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on December 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, 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.

Kevin Finley, Mower County Ag Society President Kevin Finley provided the Board with an annual update. The information provided by Mr. Finley was information that had been presented at the Fair Board's annual meeting and included a list of 2024 projects for the improvement of the fairgrounds. One of the major additions was the new Farm Bureau stage. The Farm Bureau Association donated funds towards the new stage and it was completed in time for the fair. Another notable addition was the fencing of the property known as "Sterling Park" which enhanced security of the fairgrounds and added an additional area for campers. Mr. Finley expressed sincere appreciation for the working relationship / partnership with the County for being able to offer an outstanding fair experience that brings in participants from other counties.

Under Miscellaneous / Other Discussion the Board reviewed discussed the housing tax abatement application recently received on parcel 17.035.0016 for a home completed in 2022. Staff was directed to respond to the applicant as the project is ineligible.

Commissioner Mueller reported briefly on the communications board meeting he had attended in Rochester on December 2. Grant funding is being made available to map schools to assist emergency response efforts if and when there may be a need.

The work session concluded at 2:19 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: John T. Mueller Chairperson

Attest:

By: Trish Harren Gjersvik
Clerk/Administrator