

SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Budget & Levy Hearing

December 16, 2024

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session December 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.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 and Finance Director Loni Swenson.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik and Finance Director Loni Swenson presented an overview of Overview of 2025 Budget and Levy recommendations.

The recommended 2025 budget is \$73,113,906 and the levy is \$26,252,538. This reflects a 4.99% (\$1,248,172) increase over the 2024 levy.

Budget impacts that led to the levy increase include a contractually agreed upon 2% market rate increase, budgeting to be fully staffed in the detention center, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds expended, decreased county program aid and inflationary impact on equipment purchases. To reduce the budget and needed levy funding, the county proactively changed health plans and a planned use of cash reserves from the general, health and human services and public works funds. The county remains fiscally stable.

No public comment was received regarding the Mower County proposed 2025 budget and levy.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: John Mueller Chairperson

Attest:

By: Trish Gjersvik
Clerk/Administrator