

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 24, 2025

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session June 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Chair Polly Glynn, Vice-Chair Dan Sparks, Mike Ankeny and John Mueller. Excused: Jerry Reinartz. Also in attendance were County Administrator Matthew Verdick and County Attorney Kristen Nelsen.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

1. Approve Minutes of June 10, 2025
2. Acknowledged that due to technical issues the Receipt of Electronic Fund Transfer Payment Reports are not available in accordance with policy at this meeting and will be presented at the next Board meeting
3. Approve/Deny Fireworks Permit Application for Deer Creek Speedway, LLC for July 5, 2025 (rain date of July 6, 2025) subject to review and approval of the Sheriff
4. Approve/Deny Fireworks Permit Application for Deer Creek Speedway, LLC for June 28, 2025 (rain date of July 26, 2025)

5. Motion to authorize HR to hire successful STS Coordinator applicant at Step 7
Motion carried.

Dr. Reichard & Monica Kendall Southern MN Regional Medical Examiner's Office presented to the Board the annual medical examiner report. Statistical data for 2024 regarding deaths in Mower County was reviewed. Ninety-two percent (358) of the 390 deaths were reported to the medical examiner's office. Reviewing the manner of death 325 were by natural causes, 29 accidental, 4 suicides. Accidental deaths were primarily resulting from falls.

Deputy County Administrator Valerie Sheedy provided a Land Records Taxpayer Services department update. The Land Records Taxpayer Services Director left in March but left the department in good working order. There have been good teamwork with cross training and the office technicians have done job shadowing and meeting regularly to share learning experiences and knowledge that benefits the entire staff. There was an extensive collaboration among the staff in collection of tax payments this spring. The departments are working across walls and hallways delivering effective services.

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Fiscal Services Supervisor Trisha Blaser presented Health & Human Services accounts payable for approval in the amount of \$90,114.59 noting expected reimbursement is \$65,003.56.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$90,114.59. Motion carried.

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

Vendor	Amount	Vendor	Amount
Above All Cleaning, Inc	\$ 55,332	MCHS SE Minnesota	50,000
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	60,608	Med City Painting & Decorating, Inc	1,186,001
American Databank, LLC	2,965	Metro Sales, Inc	73,606
American Dental Association	20,500	Midwest Diesel Sales & Service Inc	3,464
Ankeny's	23,490	Midwest Machinery Co	10,197
Applen/Mark	6,000	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	289,325
Association Of Minnesota Counties	15,000	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	36,000
Attorney General's Office	81,443	Mower County Historical Soc	272,269
Austin Automotive LLC	169,448	NAPA Auto Parts	26,801
Austin Daily Herald	15,059	New Line Mechanical, Inc.	385,000
Baudler,Maus,Forman & King, LLP	30,750	NUSS Truck & Equipment	1,976
Baudoin Oil Company	93,596	Olmsted County	234,000
Brumm/Emily	84,000	One-Time Only Vendor	8,250
Cardinal Health	10,799	Parenting Resource Center, Inc	8,000
Carey Group Publishing, LLC	45,000	Proline Dist Inc	70,738
Camey Auto Sales, LLC	2,200	ProTools Group LLC	38,000
CDW Government	489,273	Ready Mix Concrete Co LLC	195,000
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	5,990,294	Red Cedar Consulting, LLC	1,823,428
Cintas Corporation	36,548	Rhomar Industries, Inc.	42,816
DataWorks Plus LLC	241,161	Road Machinery & Supplies Co.	757,326
Department Of Transportation	30,000	Rochester Sand And Gravel, Inc	18,359
Diamond Drugs, Inc.	638,382	Rockmount Research & Alloys Inc	137,476
Diamond Ridge Printing LLC	142,290	Rohl Electric and Services LLC	47,700
DLT Solutions LLC	679,751	Ronco Engineering Sales, Inc	11,856
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	34,230	Runnings	32,001
Etterman Enterprises	29,336	Schilling Supply Company	51,822
Everett Law, L.L.C.	1,239,996	Scott County Treasurer	56,300
Fjetland/Tara	219,923	Sellers Lock & Key	4,800
Global Technology Systems, Inc.	185,969	Sheriff Houston County	760,417
Grainger	85,902	Sheriff Olmsted County	157,000
Gregerson Towing	27,500	Sign Solutions USA	466,773
Grinders Deli	30,206	Streicher's	52,398
Hanson Tire Of Austin Inc	6,995	Swanston Equipment Companies	58,314
Harbaugh Septic LLC	852,500	Syverson Truck Center/Dave	25,874
Harty Mechanical Inc	519,500	Terminal Supply Co.	107,893
IHS Pharmacy	53,698	Thompson Sanitation, Inc.	80,600
Imperial Dade	32,500	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	137,481
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	50,802	Tidal Wave Management LLC	31,000
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	84,000	TimeValue Software	14,000
J & S Repair Inc	210,223	Turnkey Corrections	44
Kiker Brothers, Inc.	148,559	Ulland Brothers Inc.	271,172
Krueger Transportation	53,000	Ulven Outdoor Power, LLC	37,215
Language Line Services	272,191	Vault Workforce Screening	25,196
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	345,569	Zahl Equipment Service Inc	317,425
Mayo Clinic Ambulance Services	201,400	Ziegler, Inc	626,410
		FINAL TOTAL	\$ 22,689,611

Motion carried.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin has been working with the developer for a proposed 40-unit apartment complex in the City of Austin. The proposed project is similar to the 1st and 3rd Apartments housing project. Letters of Support are being

requested for the proposed housing complex (Cedarview Apartments to be located at 15th Avenue NE Austin, MN) as well as funding support.

Motion made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the letter of support (as modified during discussion) in support of the proposed Cedarview Apartments housing project with possible \$250,000 in economic development funding support. Motion carried.

Date: June 24, 2025

Res.# 32-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, Resolution #32-25 was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held June 24, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

Under Miscellaneous Correspondence the Board briefly discussed the request from Olmsted for member participation on an established / reestablished Rochester Airport Zoning Board. Environmental Services Angela Lipelt will serve on behalf of Mower County and one additional person will be selected. The matter will be discussed at a Planning Commission meeting to determine if one of the members will also serve on behalf of Mower County. If not a County Commissioner will serve as the second representative.

Solid Waste Officer Marcus Thompson requested that the Board consider accepting the proposal of RRT Design & Construction's proposal for a site optimization evaluation / feasibility study regarding Mower County recycling and solid waste continuity of services with the handling of waste changes. The feasibility study will review current operations, market trends and needs and the feasibility of combining existing solid waste services and ultimately provide recommendations for the Board's review and consideration.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to accept the proposal / contract with RRT Design & Construction for a Solid Waste Study subject to review and approval of the County Attorney. (\$30,000) Motion carried.

Date: June 24, 2025

Res. #33-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held June 24, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Local Results and Innovation developed a standard set of performance measures that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services and measure residents' opinion of those services; and

WHEREAS, Benefits to Mower County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and

WHEREAS, any county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Board has adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, Mower County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the county's website, or through a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mower County will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the county.

Passed and approved this 24th day of June, 2025.

Date: June 24, 2025

Res. #34-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held June 24, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, WINONA is statutorily obligated to appoint and employ a County Assessor who has knowledge and training in the field of property taxation and who has the expertise to perform the duties and obligations set forth in Minnesota Statute Sec. 273.061 Subdivision 7 through 9; and

WHEREAS, WINONA does not have an appointed County Assessor at this time due to the exit of employment of the previous incumbent. WINONA wishes to temporarily fill the Winona County Assessor position until such time as a permanent appointment can be made; and

WHEREAS, MOWER has an appointed County Assessor who is SAMA certified; has extensive knowledge, experience, and expertise in the field of property taxation, and who has the ability to perform the required duties outlines in Minnesota Statute 273.061, subd. 7-9; and

WHEREAS, MOWER is willing to assist WINONA by temporarily allowing their County Assessor to also act as interim WINONA County Assessor and perform the statutory duties of WINONA County Assessor from June 24, 2025 until September 5, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the terms of Agreement to Provide Interim Assessor Duties Between Mower County and Winona County must be acceptable to the Minnesota Department of Revenue Property Tax Division.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mower County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Agreement to Provide Interim Assessor Duties Between Mower County and Winona County subject to the terms being accepted by the Minnesota Department of Revenue Property Tax Division.

Passed and approved this 24th day of June, 2025.

Minnesota State Representative Patricia Mueller appeared before the Board and provided a legislative update.

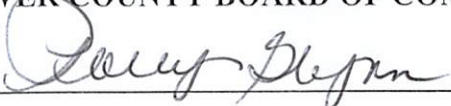
MCIT Risk Management Consultant Jim Karels provided the Board with the annual report. Inflationary and reinsurance costs are affecting insurance costs.

Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO) Executive Director Krista Ross and Mower County Library Directors (Austin Public Library Director Julie Clinefelter, et al) provided the Board with library programing updates along with making a 2026 budget/funding request. The library / library system strives to deliver efficient services with a network of library collections, technology and programs. The local libraries are currently involved with their individual summer reading programs providing enriching educational experiences for local youths.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny reported his attendance at the following meetings: 6/13 solid waste committee, 6/17 County Board of Appeals & Equalization, and 6/20, 6/23 and 6/24 (later today) emergency operations center meetings. Commissioner Sparks reported his attendance at the following meetings: 6/17 family services collaborative, 6/17 County Board of Appeals & Equalization as well as the Riverland food summit and 6/18 FAARM program / breakout meeting. Commissioner Mueller reported his attendance at the following meetings: 5/28 comp plan meeting 6/12 Mower County environmental development meeting with City of Stewartville, 6/13 solid waste committee, and 6/17 Finance Committee and County Board of Appeals & Equalization. Commissioner Glynn reported her attendance at the following meetings: 6/12 Mower County environmental development meeting with City of Stewartville, 6/17 Finance Committee and County Board of Appeals & Equalization, and 6/20, 6/23 and 6/24 (later today) emergency operations center meetings.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: 

Chairperson

Attest:

By: 

Clerk/Administrator