

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2025

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Regular Session on July 1, 2025 at 1:02 p.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Discover Austin Director Nancy Schnable provided the Board with examples of publications and outreach materials and programs with a 2026 funding request for similar outreach. Examples included "Marvelous Mower County" guidebook, community TV commercials and the Wright Here / Right Now podcast series.

Public Works Accountant Sarah Belden provided a FEMA June 2024 Flooding event update. The County has received the second payment of three expected payments. The \$152,192.31 payment was for reimbursement of debris removal. The first payment had been for emergency protective measures.

County Engineer Mitch Wenum provided a highway department update which included the status of road construction projects, bridge projects, general maintenance projects including culvert repairs, and the Pleasant Valley Wind project. Township roads experiencing some damage due to the Pleasant Valley Wind project will be repaired by Pleasant Valley Wind. Mr. Wenum suggested that more radar speed signs be used on county roads. The pilot project has been successful in slowing traffic in key areas. Mr. Wenum was requested to work with the communities in the determination of location and possible financial assistance and report back to the Board. It was noted that grant funding may also be available through Toward Zero Deaths for the radar signs.

Accounting Technician Lisa Conway presented Health & Human Services accounts payable for approval in the amount of \$60,828.03 noting expected reimbursement is \$60,828.03.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$60,828.03. Motion carried.

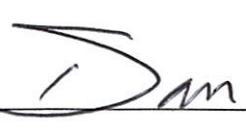
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Under Miscellaneous Business the Commissioners noted committee meeting attendance. Commissioner Ankeny noted that on 6/24, 6/25, 6/27, 6/30 and 7/1 he attended emergency operations meetings. Commissioner Mueller noted that he attended emergency operations meetings on 6/24 and 6/30. Later today he will attend a fair board meeting the planning commission meeting for today has been canceled. Commissioner Sparks noted that a personnel committee meeting is being held later today.

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:



Vice-Chairperson

Attest:

By:



Clerk/Administrator