

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 26, 2025

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session August 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Polly Glynn, Vice-Chair Dan Sparks, Jerry Reinartz, Mike Ankeny and John Mueller. 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 Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the agenda to add an item for IT to accept the Quote of Marco Technologies for IT - Windows Server Licensing. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Approve Minutes of August 12, 2025
2. Acknowledge the Receipt of Electronic Fund Transfer Payment Reports
3. Set the date for the Employee Recognition Breakfast (for years of service) - September 23, 2025 @ 7:30 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	33,696.64	MEIGS Paving	16,112.68
Baudoin Oil Company	17,617.76	Metro Sales, Inc	2,950.67
CDW Government	16,067.80	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2,478.25
Commissioner of Transportation	8,067.78	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	2,250.39
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	20,607.04	MN Department Of Corrections	27,900.00
Falk Construction Co./L.R.	4,066.60	Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	9,453.36
FRSecure LLC	12,231.25	Olympic Fire Protection Corp	2,040.00
Government Management Group Inc	5,500.00	ProPhoenix Corporation	3,580.00
Hansen Hauling & Excavating Inc	5,417.00	Sheriff Houston County	7,604.17
Heartland Girls Ranch	10,420.57	Subsurface, Inc.	21,752.00
Imperial Dade	2,654.87	Ulland Brothers Inc.	11,344.44
Iverson Reuvers	10,803.00	Vertiv Corporation	4,472.00
Kiesler's Police Supply Inc	13,746.85	Village Ranch Inc	2,716.90
Madden Galanter Hansen, PLLC	3,524.50	White Cap	3,815.50
Marco Technologies LLC	40,137.57	45 Payments less than 2000	22,663.61
MCHS SE Minnesota	17,162.50		
		Final Total:	362,855.70

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Marco Technologies quote for IT Windows Server Licensing (1 time perpetual with no service agreement) (\$119,376.00). Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sandvik provided a department update. The department continues to work hard to improve efficiency and to meet public safety obligations at a high standard. The current jail population is at 36 and two pod units are being used and continue to improve efficiencies in the jail with level lockdowns which is working well. Dispatch is a very busy office handling nearly 20000 administrative calls and 7000 9-1-1 calls and fully staffed at 12. The Patrol division is also busy and in the last year has generated 9584 ICR (incident reports) and processed 913 civil papers and performed 1726 traffic stops, 443 medical calls and 117 welfare checks to give an example of the number and type of calls taken by patrol. Sheriff Sandvik stated he was proud of his teams on a daily basis and especially as they came together to quickly develop a plan to continue operations during the cyber incident. Public safety didn't suffer during the cyber incident.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. renewal proposal (Option 2) effective 11/1/25 -10/31/26 with service modifications to include a reduction in nursing hours from 80 to 40 hours per week and adjusting the average daily population estimate from 48 to 30 and an hourly contract rate increase from \$89.16 to \$108.64 but an annual contract price reduction from \$472,908 to \$350,242 due to the selected service modifications subject to review by the County Attorney Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 9:32 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:33 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement request of Michael & April Stasko, applicants, to construct a single-family home located at Lot 4, Block 1, River's Edge Addition, LeRoy, MN (PIN 26.070.0040).

County Administrator Matthew Verdick reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The applicant Mr. Stasko was present remotely and spoke on his own behalf in favor of his application. No one else spoke for or against the Stasko housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m. regarding the Michael & April Stasko Housing Tax Abatement application.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 9:35 a.m.

Date: August 26, 2025

Res. #39-25

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. 469.1813**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held August 26, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 469.1813 gives authority to the County of Mower to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, Mower County has adopted the Tax Abatement Policy for new construction of Single and Multi-family homes which includes criteria which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted; and

WHEREAS, Michael and April Stasko are the owner(s) of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 1 River's Edge Addition, LeRoy, MN (PIN 26.070.0040)

WHEREAS, Michael and April Stasko have made application to Mower County for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on August 26, 2025 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Michael and April Stasko have met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 2(i) as well as Mower County's criteria for tax abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. Mower County does, hereby grant an abatement of Mower County's share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel for the construction of the single-family home.
2. The tax abatement will be for no more than five years commencing, in the tax year the property realizes a value increase over original value due to construction of the housing project. Partially constructed housing may result in an abatement in the first abatement year that may be significantly less than the following years. This will still be considered one of the five years of eligible abatement. In the event construction has not commenced within one year of approval, the abatement is eliminated and the property owner will need to reapply in accordance with this policy.
3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record at the time of the payment, by December 30th of that calendar year.
4. The real estate taxes to be abated shall be for up to the full amount of the real estate taxes collected due to the added tax base of the newly constructed housing/home annually. The current value of the property is not eligible for the abatement, will not be abated as part of this program and is further defined as the "original value." Any eligible abatement years are calculated on the tax increase due to a value increase over the original value.

Passed and approved this 26th day of August, 2025.

Fiscal Manager Valerie Kruger presented Health & Human Services accounts payable for approval in the amount of \$304,330.15 noting possible direct reimbursement is estimated at \$147,703.47.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$304,330.15. Motion carried unanimously.

Feedlot Officer and County Ag Inspector Danielle Anderson informed the Board that a message has been received from the MN Dept of Agriculture County Ag Inspector that there is a grant opportunity available. To be eligible for this grant, a county must employ a county agricultural inspector or county designated employee. The applicant must submit a work plan, budget narrative and budget table with their application. Additionally, the applicant must acknowledge that their county board supports the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize staff to submit an application for the MN Dept of Agriculture County Ag Inspector Grant and to accept any grant funds, if awarded. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny reported that he didn't have any committee meetings since the last Board meeting but there is a Building Committee later today (8/26). Commissioner Reinartz reported that on 8/21 he attended a Senior Center meeting. Commissioner Sparks reported that on 8/20 he had a working lunch with Workforce Development. There will be a tour of their office in September. He also reported that on 8/21 he attended a renewal energy board meeting. Commissioner Mueller deferred his report of meetings to the next meeting but did note that on 8/19 he attended a Finance Committee "budget" meeting. Commissioner Glynn reported that on 8/14 she attended an SWCD meeting and listened to an AMC report on the potential impacts of the federal bill on HHS and the funding of new energy facilities; on 8/19 she attended Finance Committee "budget" meeting; on 8/20 a SE EMS meeting; on 8/21 a SMART meeting and on 8/25 the law library annual meeting. She noted there is a scheduled Finance meeting later today (8/26).

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025 Work Session at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____

Chairperson

Attest: _____

By: _____

Clerk/Administrator