

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 27, 2026

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session January 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve Minutes of January 13, 2026
2. Acknowledge the Receipt of Electronic Fund Transfer Payment Reports
3. Adopt Resolution to adopt Assessment for Septic Loan for Scott A & Tamara R McMasters, spouses (PIN 20.022.0020): \$21,470.49 loan assessment

Date: January 27, 2026

Res. #11-26

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 27, 2026 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policies of the Mower County Septic Loan program the owner of property has requested a loan from Mower County for replacement of a failing septic system on the below-listed property and has requested to pay back that loan by assessment to the subject property, to Mower County, over a ten-year term.

Property owner(s): Scott A & Tamara R McMasters – married/spouses

Property address: 59796 185th St, Rose Creek, MN 55970

Parcel Identification No: 20.022.0020

Tax parcel legal description: Section 22 Township 102 Range 017 W639FT E1368FT S682FT S1/2 NE1/4 (*Full Legal Description on file in Environmental Services*)

Assessment amount: \$21,470.49

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

1. Such proposed assessment, made part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named herein, and each tract of land herein included is hereby found to be benefitted by the proposed improvement and the amount of the assessment levied against it.

2. Such assessment shall be payable in simple decreasing installments extending over ten (10) years. The first of the installments shall be payable along with the first half taxes when due, as reflected on the tax statement payable year 2027, and shall bear interest at the rate of three percent per annum. Each payment including interest thereafter will be paid with taxes payable, until the assessment obligation is satisfied.
3. The owner of any property, so assessed, may pay the entire assessment on such property by December 31, 2026, without interest accrued.
Thereafter the owner of property, so assessed, may pay the annual assessment amount, or any amount exceeding the annual assessed amount so listed on the tax statement, with any unpaid interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. The County will accept payments up until the close of business day December 31 in the year of payment. If December 31st is a weekend or holiday; payment must be received in advance of closing of the last business day in the year payment is made.
4. There shall be no penalty for advance payment or pay-off of the full balance of the assessment.
5. The County Administrator / clerk shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate of this assessment to the County Auditor to be extended on the property tax list of the County and such assessment shall be collected and paid over the same manner as other municipal taxes.
6. This assessment must be paid in full at the time of property transfer to any other owner, owners, heirs, assigns or entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mower County Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute the Promissory Note on behalf of the County for the loan of funds from the Mower County Septic Loan program.

Passed and approved this 27th day of January, 2026.

4. Adopt Resolution to adopt Assessment for Septic Loan for John Paul and Barbara Jean Kloeckner, spouses (PIN 01.034.0050): \$22,096.62 loan assessment

Date: January 27, 2026

Res. #12-26

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 27, 2026 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policies of the Mower County Septic Loan program the owner of property has requested a loan from Mower County for replacement of a failing septic system on the below-listed property and has requested to pay back that loan by assessment to the subject property, to Mower County, over a ten-year term.

Property owner(s): John Paul and Barbara Jean Kloeckner

Property address: 10126 660th Ave, Adams MN 55909

Parcel Identification No: 01.034.0050

Tax parcel abbreviated description: Section 35 Township 101 Range 016 S1/2 SW1/4 & W1/2 SE1/4 (*Full Legal Description on file in Environmental Services*)

Assessment amount: \$22,096.62

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

1. Such proposed assessment, made part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named herein, and each tract of land herein included is hereby found to be benefitted by the proposed improvement and the amount of the assessment levied against it.
2. Such assessment shall be payable in simple decreasing installments extending over ten (10) years. The first of the installments shall be payable along with the first half taxes when due, as reflected on the tax statement payable 2027, and shall bear interest at the rate of three percent per annum. Each payment including interest thereafter will be paid with taxes payable, until the assessment obligation is satisfied.
3. The owner of any property, so assessed, may pay the whole assessment on such property by December 31, 2026 without interest accrued.

Thereafter the owner of property, so assessed, may pay the annual assessment amount, or any amount exceeding the annual assessed amount so listed on the tax statement, with any unpaid interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made.

Payments will be accepted by the County up until the close of business day December 31 in the year of payment. If December 31st is a weekend or holiday; payment must be received in advance of closing of the last business day in the year payment is made.

4. There shall be no penalty for early payment or pay-off of the full balance of the assessment.
5. The County Administrator / clerk shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate of this assessment to the County Auditor-Treasurer to be extended on the property tax list of the County and such assessment shall be collected and paid over the same manner as other municipal taxes.
6. This assessment must be paid in full at time of property transfer to any other owner, owners, heirs, assigns or entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute the Promissory Note on behalf of the County for the loan of the funds from the Mower County Septic Loan program.

Passed and approved this 27th day of January, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Social Worker/Family Facilitator Paul Bartemes was recognized upon his retirement with 29 years of service.

Fiscal Services Supervisor Trisha Blaser presented Health & Human Services accounts payable for approval in the amount of \$197,163.60.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$197,163.60. Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AMI Imaging Systems Inc	63,112.50	Open Gov, Inc	41,157.00
CDW Government	36,188.88	Paape Distributing Co.	3,747.28
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	26,793.45	Rohl Electric and Services LLC	4,386.79

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Finalcover LLC	7,907.68	RRT Design & Construction	3,800.00
Fox Electric Company	3,320.95	Schilling Supply Company	3,281.22
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	3,468.50	SEMVCE	8,858.37
League of Minnesota Cities	2,340.00	Sheriff Houston County	7,604.17
MCHS SE Minnesota	27,876.90	Sign Solutions USA	7,498.23
Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	17,238.48	TOWMASTER	12,966.00
North Risk Partners LLC	4,166.67	Village Ranch Inc	8,422.39
Northland & Companies	15,518.37	51 Payments less than 2000	28,989.89
		Final Total:	338,643.72

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve annual solid waste hauler licenses effective 2/1/26-1/31/27 for the following:

Ace Solid Waste Inc.	Helping Hands Junk Removal, LLC	Skjeveland Enterprises
Bustad Dozing & Excavating Inc.	Jim's Excavation, LLC	Thompson Sanitation Inc
Freeborn County Cooperative Oil Co.	LRS of Minnesota, LLC	Veit Container Corp
Hansen Hauling & Excavating Inc	Redcan, LLC	Waste Management Of Minnesota Inc.
Harter's Disposal of MN, LLC		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrative Officer Loni Swenson provided the Board with both the 4th Quarter 2025 Investment report and a financial update. The Mower County Board of Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the 2025 4th Quarter investment report.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to amend the 2026 fee schedule as follows:

Feedlot

\$30 late fee on past-due feedlot payments

Public Safety-Sheriff

Inmate -- Boarding fee (per diem) billed to other Counties or inmate transfers \$75 per day

Inmate -- Boarding fee (per diem) or inmate transfers billed to other Counties/Agencies outside Region 6 Sheriff's Association \$175 per day

Delete Inmate Boarding fee for State of MN inmates only fee

Motion carried unanimously.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny reported that he attended the Olmsted Public Works tour on 1/14, the Data Center basics training session at the Nature Center on 1/14, the Public Sector 101 Employment Law training session on 1/15 and Building Committee on 1/26. Commissioner Reinartz reported attending a Senior Center meeting on 1/20. Commissioner Mueller reported he attended Finance committee on 1/13, the Olmsted Public Works tour on 1/14, the Data Center basics training session at the Nature Center on 1/14, the Public Sector 101 Employment Law training session on 1/15; an Assoc. Of MN Counties virtual session regarding HHS on 1/16 and a Building committee meeting on 1/26. Commissioner Glynn reported she attended the Public Sector 101 Employment Law training session on 1/15 and a Joint Airport Zoning Board meeting virtually on 1/23. Commissioner Sparks reported he attended Finance committee on 1/13; the Data Center basics training session at the Nature Center on 1/14; but was unable to attend the Rural MN Counties meeting on 1/26.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting is a work session scheduled for February 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____

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Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____

Clerk/Administrator

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