

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 10, 2026

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session February 10, 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 adding under consent agenda Board appointed staff representing management on the Insurance Benefit Labor Management Committee for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Approve Minutes of January 27, 2026 and February 3, 2026 Work Session
 2. Acknowledge the Receipt of Electronic Fund Transfer Payment Reports
 3. Appoint the following employees to the 2026 Insurance Benefit Labor Management Committee as management representatives: Dispatch – Tracy Hauschildt; Highway – Mitch Wenum; HHS – Crystal Peterson and Lori Wills; 663 – Scott Felten; Patrol – Dave Pike; Jail – James Brown; Records – HR Director; Non-union, Loni Swenson; and AD Hoc committee representatives (subject matter experts): Senior HR Leslie Kuiper, HR Generalist TBD and Attorney Megan Burroughs.
- Motion carried unanimously.

The County Engineer Mitch Wenum presented the recommended 2026 Spring Load Restriction Resolution for approval in preparation for when MnDOT sets the effective date.

Date: February 10, 2026

Res. #13-26

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 10, 2026 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

2026 ROAD RESTRICTION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 169.87, Seasonal Load Restrictions and 163.02, Subdivision 3, Load Restrictions, the following described County State Aid Highways and County Roads within Mower County, Minnesota, are hereby restricted to a maximum axle load as noted below, that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to impose weight and load restrictions on any highway under County Jurisdiction during the calendar

year of 2026 and the County Engineer be hereby authorized to erect proper signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of these described roads. All restrictions shall become

Six Tons per axle

CSAH No. 16 - From CSAH 2 to County Road 57
CSAH No. 18 - From CSAH No. 7 to Iowa State Line
CSAH No. 22 - From TH 218 to CSAH No. 19
County Road No. 52 - From CSAH No. 4 to TH 56

Seven Tons per axle

CSAH No. 1 & 15 - CSAH No. 20 to CSAH No. 8
CSAH No. 1- From CSAH No. 8 to East County Line
CSAH No. 3- From TH 56 to CSAH No. 8
CSAH No. 4- From CSAH No.7 to CSAH No. 9
CSAH No. 6 - From CSAH No. 19 South to TH 56
CSAH No. 8- From TH 16 South to TH 56
CSAH No. 9 - Iowa State Line to CSAH No. 6
CSAH No. 10 - From CSAH No. 1 North to County Line
CSAH No. 13 - Interstate 90 to CSAH No. 7
CSAH No. 16 - From County Road 57 to North County Line
CSAH No. 20- From CSAH No. 7 to 1 ½ miles west
CSAH No. 24- From CSAH 46 to CSAH 16
CSAH No. 26 - From West County Line to TH 218
CSAH No. 27 - From West County Line to 1,595 ft. west of TH 218
County Road No. 57 - From CSAH No. 16 to CSAH No. 20

Nine Tons per axle

CSAH No. 1- From CSAH No. 36 to CSAH No. 20
CSAH No. 1 & 10- From CSAH No. 2 to CSAH No. 15
CSAH No. 3 - From TH 218 to TH 56
CSAH No. 3 - From CSAH 8 to East County Line
CSAH No. 4 - From West County Line to CSAH No. 7
CSAH No. 5 - From TH 218 to CSAH 7
CSAH No. 5 - From West County Line to TH 218
CSAH No. 5 - From CSAH No. 7 to TH 56
CSAH No. 6 - From West County Line to CSAH No. 19
CSAH No. 7 - From Iowa State Line to Interstate 90
CSAH No. 7 - From CSAH No. 2 to North County Line
CSAH No. 8 - From TH 16 North to CSAH No. 1
CSAH No. 8 - From CSAH No. 1 to North County Line
CSAH No. 11- From TH No. 56 to East County Line
CSAH No. 16 - From Austin City Limits to CSAH No. 2
CSAH No. 19 - From CSAH No. 46 to CSAH No. 2
CSAH No. 19 - From TH No. 56 to CSAH No. 46
CSAH No. 19 - From CSAH No. 6 to TH 56 at Rose Creek
CSAH No. 20 - From Interstate 90 to CSAH No. 3
CSAH No. 20 - From North County Line to CSAH No. 46
CSAH No. 21- From CSAH No. 28 to TH 105

CSAH No. 23 - From CSAH No. 28 to Austin City Limits
CSAH No. 25 - From CSAH No. 45 to CSAH No. 1
CSAH No. 28 - From West County Line to TH 218
CSAH No. 29 - From CSAH No. 4 to Austin City Limits
CSAH No. 36 - From CSAH No. 26 to CSAH No. 1
CSAH No. 46 East - From 28 St. N.E. exit to CSAH No. 20
CSAH No. 46 West - From Freeborn County Line to 1-90
County Road No. 51- From CSAH No. 21 to TH 105
County Road No. 54 - From Iowa State Line to CSAH 6
County Road No. 58- From Co. Rd. 58 to TH 56
County Road No. 58 - From Interstate 90 to CSAH No. 3
County Road No. 59 - From West end to CSAH No. 13
County Road No. 60 - From CSAH No. 20 east
County Road No. 61 - Austin North to CSAH No. 2

Ten Tons per axle

CSAH No. 2 - From West County Line to East County line
CSAH No. 7 - From Interstate 90 to CSAH No. 2 West
CSAH No. 8 - From CSAH No. 1 North to Olmsted County Line
CSAH No. 12 - From Iowa State line to TH 56
CSAH No. 14 - From TH 56 to TH 16
CSAH No. 27- From 1,595 ft. West of TH 218 to CSAH No. 45
CSAH No. 36 - From CSAH 2 to ½ mile North
CSAH No. 45 North - From Interstate 90 to TH 218
CSAH No. 45 South - From TH 218 to Austin City Limits

Five Tons per axle

All other County State Aid Highways and County Roads of Mower County, Minnesota, not covered by the foregoing 6, 7, 9 & 10 ton per axle restrictions.

Passed and approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

Under Human Resources business the Board further discussed for possible approval a proposed new Administrative Services Coordinator position.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the new position of Administrative Services Coordinator. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Ankeny aye; Commissioner Reinartz aye; Commissioner Mueller nay; Commissioner Glynn aye; Commissioner Sparks aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Self Fund Health Administrative Services Agreement (renewal) eff. 1/1/26. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 9:31 a.m. for the purpose of the Health & Human Services Board.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Fiscal Services Supervisor Trisha Blaser presented Health & Human Services accounts payable for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$75,549.23. Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Human Services Director Crystal Peterson provided the Board with an update pertaining to the state program integrity measures, including DHS's MN Revalidate 2026 initiative, which involves licensing checks and a temporary freeze on new provider enrollment for 13 high-risk programs through May 31. While no immediate local impact is anticipated, potential provider loss could slow service delivery. The department has implemented some internal review of programs not under review by the State. Increased auditing is expected in the coming years. Funding for core services—child development, TANF, and social services—remains intact. Additionally, the Board received an update from Health & Human Services Deputy Director Casey Lind on the Medica audit: the department earned high performer status with no corrective actions required, resulting in a two-year grace period and no audit in 2026, with audits resuming in 2027.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Social Services actions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements renewal agreements effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026:

Chemical Dependency

New Life Treatment Center

Guardianship

Serenity Services

Interpreting

Parenting Resource Center (Welcome Center)

Family Services

Parenting Resource Center –Parenting Education

Parenting Resource Center –Parents Forever

Parenting Resource Center (Seibel Center) –Visitation
Services

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 9:48 a.m. for regular business items.

Austin Utilities Director Tom Dankert appeared to address any further questions the Board may have since the presentation at the February 3 Work Session. The Board discussed and approved a resolution supporting Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's request for exempting the proposed Austin Energy Station—a natural gas-fired power generation facility—from personal property tax. The proposed project represents an estimated \$85 million investment, with construction planned to begin in 2027 and operations starting in 2030. Austin Utilities is committed as a member through 2050, and the facility will be built on leased land. While the exemption would apply only to equipment, land and improvements will

remain taxable. No additional staff is anticipated on-site, but SMMPA will work with local entities on potential needs.

Date: February 10, 2026

Res. #14-26

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING SOUTHERN MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY'S REQUEST
FOR LEGISLATION EXEMPTING THE AUSTIN ENERGY STATION (AES) FROM
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 10, 2026 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) is constructing a combustion turbine generation facility fueled by natural gas with an expected capacity of 49 Megawatts {the "Project"}; and

WHEREAS, the Project is proposed to be constructed in the City of Austin with construction expected to commence in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide construction employment during the construction of the new electric generating facility; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide wholesale electricity to benefit the 17 Members of SMMPA including the City of Austin, with a facility fully capable of operating in the existing Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) market; and

WHEREAS, the Project will not only provide enhanced reliability for SMMPA Members, but also will be designed to furnish backup and emergency power service to the City of Austin in the event of transmission emergencies or outages; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide in lieu of real property tax revenues on the parcel, and the investment by SMMPA will increase the in lieu of real property tax value; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has granted personal property tax exemptions to more than twenty proposed power plants in Minnesota since 2000, and as a result, personal property tax exemptions are critical to be competitive with other existing and proposed plants that have received an exemption in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Mower County, acting by and through its County Board, resolves:

1. That the construction of a 49 MW combustion turbine electric generation facility using natural gas in the City of Austin would provide reliability and other economic benefits with no material adverse impact on county governmental services; and
2. That the County supports an amendment to the Minnesota property tax statutes exempting the Project's electrical generation equipment from personal property taxes,

taxing only its real property value via in lieu of taxes based upon the real property tax rate structure. Such an amendment would result in taxation similar to other previously exempted electric generation projects in Minnesota.

This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Passed and approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, 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>
Accent Wire-Tie	3,722.20	Little Falls Machine, Inc.	2,727.30
Austin Automotive LLC	2,665.40	MACO	2,940.00
Axon Enterprise Inc	2,571.00	Marco Technologies LLC	6,561.39
Baudoin Oil Company	22,906.21	MCHS SE Minnesota	20,436.60
Beckleys	2,394.00	Mower Soil & Water Conservation District	30,590.30
CDW Government	2,935.78	North Risk Partners LLC	4,166.67
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	2,261.00	Office Of MNIT Services	3,119.99
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	7,245.00	Olympic Fire Protection Corp	3,465.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	2,812.50	Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc.	11,053.23
Fox Electric Company	2,227.41	SPX Sports	2,594.42
Freeborn County	23,660.88	Syverson Truck Center/Dave	557,720.83
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	12,801.28	The Master's Touch, LLC	12,500.00
Goodhue County	3,717.00	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	4,414.60
Healthiest You	4,290.00	Tiny's Body Shop	13,870.57
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	2,365.00	TOWMASTER	15,463.94
Klein McCarthy Architects	25,986.37	48 Payments less than 2000	29,840.65
		Final Total:	846,026.52

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a resolution supporting efforts by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association and Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance to repeal the state's moratorium on new nuclear power generation facilities. Commissioners noted that current energy production will not meet future carbon-free goals, and nuclear energy offers a reliable option to diversify the power grid. While any new facility is unlikely to be located in Mower County, Sherburne County has expressed willingness to host such a plant if the moratorium is lifted. The resolution acknowledges public concerns but emphasizes the need to explore safer, modern nuclear technologies to ensure future energy reliability.

Date: February 10, 2026

Res. #15-26

RESOLUTION

Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 10, 2026 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, while national, state, and regional electrical demand has been historically stable or declining, recent trends in electrification, economic development, and technology demand have resulted in projected increase in electrical power needs; and

WHEREAS, reliance on carbon free-based energy production continues to increase and dependence on traditional fossil fuel-based energy production continues to decrease, despite significant concern over reliable baseline and peak demand energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard statute was amended to include adding a carbon-free standard that requires electric utilities to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, leading the nation with such an ambitious goal; and

WHEREAS; nuclear energy is uniquely positioned to address America's energy challenges through generation of carbon-free electricity, with a record of over 70 years of safe operation and storage - all with significant federal and state oversight; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy already generates roughly half of Minnesota's current carbon-free electricity, with nuclear plants safely operating in Minnesota for over 50 years, providing decades of carbon-free affordable electricity for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of advanced nuclear technology offers enhanced safety features, flexibility in siting, and a smaller footprint, making them ideal for future energy needs; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three nations have now pledged to triple nuclear power by 2050, with America leading the charge, all while Minnesota – with a world-class engineering talent and manufacturing base - is the only state with an outright moratorium on all new nuclear reactor construction; and

WHEREAS, lifting this 30-year-old moratorium is the first step in securing the affordable, clean, and reliable energy Minnesotans needs, especially as the state undertakes its energy transition to meet the 100% carbon-free electricity goals while ensuring reliable baseload power; and

WHEREAS, under the umbrella of the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA), a diverse coalition of Minnesota governments, businesses, utilities, labor unions, and environmental advocates is calling on state lawmakers to lift Minnesota's 30-year-old moratorium on new nuclear power development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby act to support the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA) and actively urge the repeal of Minnesota's moratorium on nuclear energy production to ensure safe, clean, and reliable baseload energy for all Minnesotans, especially as the State advances its 2040 goal for 100% carbon-free electricity generation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Mower County Board of Commissioners urges the Minnesota Governor, State Legislature, and regulatory agencies to accelerate soonest reconsideration of the Minnesota moratorium, cognizant of advancements in available technology, increasing demand for reliable electrical power, and actions being taken by other states to located and support new nuclear power generation facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board of Commissioners respects Minnesota's Native American Community concerns regarding siting and operation of nuclear power facilities, and the safe storage of waste materials, and welcomes earnest consideration of Sherburne County for siting of such new nuclear power generation facility.

Passed and approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of a public hearing.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 10:01 a.m. regarding CUP 999 request of Robert Nathan Humphrey for an Extended Home Occupation to operate low impact, indoor firearm sales, transfer of Federal Firearms License, gunsmithing/manufacturing & safety training. Business in an existing detached garage. Limited public hours, no customer/training related firearm discharge on-site.

Angela Lipelt, Environmental Services Director, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner Nathan Humphrey was present and spoke on his own behalf in favor of his application. No one else spoke for or against CUP #999.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:12 a.m. regarding CUP 999 request of Robert Nathan Humphrey

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 10:12 a.m.

Date: February 10, 2026

Res. #16-26

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 10, 2026 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Mower County Planning Commission, having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #999, by Robert Nathan Humphrey and Landowner, Petitioner, who have petitioned the Mower County Board of Commissioners to allow for the site to be used for:

Extended Home Occupation: To operate low impact, indoor firearms sales, transfer of Federal Firearms License, gunsmithing/manufacturing & safety training. Business in an existing detached garage. Public hours by appointment, no customer/training related firearm discharge on site.

Located in Mower County, Minnesota and legally described as:

Tax Legal: Section 22 Township 104 Range 015 W254FT N453FT S465FT SW1/4
NW1/4 2.64AC *(Full legal description on file in the office of Environmental Services.)*
And identified per Mower County tax records as parcel 14.016.0045; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on the matter on February 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mower County Government Center, Board Room before the Mower County Planning Commission, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on February 10, 2026, before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has received the Findings of Fact; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file in the Office of Environmental Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. Applicants shall follow all local, state, and federal regulations regarding the proposed use, including state building code requirements for places of public accommodation; and
2. The firearms dealer must comply with MN Rules 7504, as attached as part of this official record. Any exemption request to the Commission of Public Safety shall be first approved by the Mower County Board of Commissioner's through an amendment process to this CUP.
3. A firearms dealer shall make its place of business available to local law enforcement officials during normal business hours for the purpose of verifying compliance with MN Rules 7504 and conditions of this CUP. A local law enforcement official is not required to give advance notice of an inspection.
4. Owner/Applicant shall provide adequate Liability Insurance in the amount of no less than 1.5 million dollars related to the use of the property.
5. Future physical expansion of the business structure shall require an amendment to the CUP to determine that the terms, conditions, requirements and purpose of the zoning ordinance and comprehensive land use plan are met.
6. The Owner/Operator shall provide security to protect the business and inventory as required by the ATF
7. All lighting shall be deflected downward not to cause or create a nuisance to the traveling public or adjoining landowners.
8. Any related live round firearm discharge shall be performed at a permitted gun range and shall not occur on this parcel. Only a function test shooting the live round into a bullet trap is allowed.
9. The Owner/Applicant shall post a sign at the business location informing patrons that firearms shall not be discharged on the premises by patrons/customers.
10. Public hours of operation shall be 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Sunday. Occasionally appointments outside these hours may be made at the owners

discretion, but the intent is for this to occur rarely and infrequently. Nothing in this condition prohibits the owner from having more restrictive public hours.

11. The conditional use permit shall become void if the use is established but then discontinued for a period of one (1) year. (Refer Section 14-36 Discontinuance).
12. A conditional use permit shall become void two (2) years from the date of approval by the County Board if no construction has begun or the use has not been established. For the purposes of this provision, construction shall include the installation of footings, slabs, foundation, posts, walls or other portions of a building. Site preparation, land clearing or the installation of utilities shall not constitute construction; and
13. A Zoning Permit shall be obtained prior to any construction of any structure on the property; and
14. A secondary Type I septic system site shall be located for future placement and placed on a map and kept on file in the CUP file and homeowner's records. The area should be preserved and protected from compaction and/or construction or other damage and
15. Petitioner must sign and notarize the "Rural and Agricultural Homeowners Assumption of Risk Assessment Form and have it recorded at the Mower County Recorder's Office; and
16. Access to the site via 710th Ave must be approved by the Local Road Authority.
17. Wetland Review required: Petitioner must contact the Mower County SWCD regarding the Wetland Conservation Act and provide the County with a copy of one of the following:
 - a. A "No Loss Determination" (no wetlands on site).
 - b. A "Wetland Exemption" (the act does not apply).
 - c. A "Wetland Replacement Plan" approval.
18. The Owner/Applicant shall keep the site in a neat, orderly and aesthetically pleasing condition; and
19. The Owner/Applicant shall work cooperatively with Mower County to mitigate any issues brought to the attention of the County that are found to be legitimate and valid that may create a nuisance to adjoining landowners from the proposed use, and
20. The Owner/ Applicant shall provide adequate area onsite to park, back, turn-around or etc. so as to not create a nuisance or hazard to the traveling public
21. The Owner/Applicant may be required to provide dust control (not to utilize used oil (illegal)) so as not to create a nuisance to neighboring property from the additional traffic; and
22. The Owner/Applicant shall be liable for any road damages as a result of this operation as stated under MN Statute 169.88; and
23. This permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.

This permit is issued in accordance with Section 14-51 CONDITIONAL USES(q) Extended Home Occupation of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance (effective date 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the purchase of 4 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's office from Austin Automotive LLC with the lowest qualified quote [2 executive models \$46,038.68 each and 2 marked patrol units \$46,430.68 each]. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' RECORD MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Commissioner Mueller provided a SE Emergency Communications Board / RAC Advisory Committee meeting update. A statewide school mapping project is underway to assist first responders by providing detailed building layouts, including doors, fire extinguisher locations, and other critical information; Mower County schools are participating, with legislative funding sought for ongoing maintenance. The region owns the mapping data, not individual counties. Additionally, NextGen 911 improvements were discussed, noting that 87% of 911 calls now originate from cell phones, with text-to-911 and fire alarm texting capabilities in place. Statewide 911 mapping coverage is at 91% and expected to reach 95% this month. Funding for 911 services comes from an \$0.80 surcharge on phone bills. MnDOT system upgrades are planned for 2028 to maintain Motorola systems.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Ankeny reported he attended Personnel Committee on 2/3 and 2/6. Commissioner Reinartz reported he didn't have any meetings to attend. Commissioner Mueller reported he attended Building Committee on 1/27, 1/28 and 1/30; Planning Commission on 2/2; the Board Work Session and a Fair Board meeting on 2/3 and the SE Emergency Communications Board meeting on 2/9 reported on in previous paragraph. Commissioner Glynn reported that she attended Personnel Committee on 2/3 and 2/6; the Cedar-Wapsipinicon one watershed one plan meeting on 2/4; and met with Grand Meadow on 2/6 regarding policing issues. Commissioner Sparks reported re attended the MN Rural Counties virtual meeting on 2/2.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: DAN SPARKS
Chairperson

Attest:
By: 
Clerk/Administrator