

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 11, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session October 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Jeff Baldus, Vice-Chair Mike Ankeny, John Mueller, Jerry Reinartz and Polly Glynn. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen, County Administrator Trish Harren and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels, and remotely Austin Daily Herald Editor Eric Johnson, Loni Swenson and Valerie Sheedy

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regional Director Lisa Dierks and 4-H Educator Adam Stevermer provided the Board with an Extension update including the introduction of new hired office support Cindy Stahl. It was noted that there are several openings on the Extension Committee that are hoped to be filled by Board appointment by the end of the year. Mr. Stevermer highlighted the 4-H summer activities. One very successful activity was a food science exploration which included tours of Riverland and the Hormel innovation lab. The 2022 fair had an increase in exhibitors over the previous year with a total of 256 participating exhibitors. In addition there were over 600 livestock exhibits and over 500 static exhibits and 95 members attended the State Fair.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022 (regular and work session). Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, 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>
Above All Cleaning, Inc	6,255.24	Leadership Development Resources	2,475.00
Ancom Communications	5,870.00	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	5,869.24
Austin Automotive LLC	35,598.00	MJ O'Connor Inc	39,141.91
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	2,640.00	Petroblend Corp.	6,714.00
CDW Government	3,891.58	Phoenix Supply	4,893.34
Dave Lucas Consulting	5,025.00	Schilling Supply Company	2,511.95
Dolan's Landscape Center, Inc	11,595.48	Softree Technical Systems Inc	3,200.00
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	10,044.15	Ulland Brothers Inc.	3,615.48
Healthiest You	3,120.00	52 Payments less than 2000	27,042.01
Insight Direct USA, Inc	10,753.52		
		Final Total:	190,255.90

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set the 2023 Solid Waste Service Charge Fee at \$8.50 per point. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the following list of surplus property for disposal and/or auction:

Quantity	Item	Department
12	Colt .223 SB rifles	Sheriff
2	Bushmaster .223	Sheriff
1	Sportster lightweight .223	Sheriff
3	Butt stock assemblies (damaged)	Sheriff
53	.223 30 round magazines	Sheriff
14	.223 20 round magazines	Sheriff

Motion carried.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$236,850.84. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to accept the donation of a burial plot in Grandview Cemetery from Welsey and Lana Johnson. Motion carried.

Human Services updates included 1) Staff Introduction: Jennifer Crews, Financial Assistance Supervisor; 2) Food Security Summit Updates and 3) Minnesota Public Health system transformation.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements as follows:

Fraud Investigation	Housing Support	Foster Care Transportation
Brian Krueger (11.1.22-6.30.23)	Wildwood Grove (7.1.22-12.31.22)	LeRoy-Ostrander Public Schools (7.1.22-6.30.23)

Motion carried

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to adjourn the Health & Human Services Board meeting at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 10:04 a.m. for regular business items.

Date: October 11, 2022

Res. #118-22

RESOLUTION

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

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 October 11, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the residents of Mower County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mower County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Mower County hereby declares from November 7 through November 13, 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Mower County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Passed and approved this 11th day of October, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the purchase of a replacement Multimatic 255 Welder from Mississippi Welders Supply Co, Inc. (\$6,019). Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Mueller reported he had attended the SE regional radio board meeting on October 10 and NexGen 911 had been discussed along with the interface of 911 and 988 systems. Commissioner Mueller indicated that he would be attending a regional county fair meeting being hosted at the Mower County Fairgrounds on October 15. Commissioner Baldus reported he had attended the MRC meeting on October 10. Retiring Dan Larson will contract his services to help with a transition. There had been an electric car discussion and the position of MRC is to support federal regulations but not ones similar to those in California. It was noted that the Association of Minnesota Counties District IX meeting will be held on October 31 at LaCrescent.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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