REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 25, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Jeff Baldus, Vice-Chair Mike Ankeny, Jerry Reinartz, Polly Glynn, and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Attorney Kristen Nelsen, County Administrator Trish Harren and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Under Health & Human Services Department Update, Community Health Workers Rain PrehsoeKlwee and Austere Apolo presented a report of their activities since being hired early this year. They have made an impact in serving the Karen and Karenni population with Covid, interpreting, community education, business workshops and connecting persons to needed resources including food and housing assistance. The presentation included a short documentary that featured clients they have served who were sharing their stories and expressing their thankfulness.

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

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:32 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of New Horizon Homes to construct a single-family home located at Lot 5, Block 1, Nature Ridge Second, Austin, MN (34.467.0050).

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the New Horizon Homes housing tax abatement application on parcel 34.467.0050.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:34 a.m. regarding the New Horizon Homes Housing Tax Abatement application (34.467.0050).

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:34 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of New Horizon Homes to construct a single-family home located at Lot 4, Block 2, Nature Ridge Third, Austin, MN (34.468.0240).

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

The applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against the New Horizon Homes housing tax abatement application on parcel 34.468.0240.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m. regarding the New Horizon Homes Housing Tax Abatement application (34.468.0240).

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 9:35 a.m. regarding a Housing Tax Abatement application of Bigelow & Lennon Construction to construct a single-family home located at Lot 19, Block 1, Nature Ridge Third, Austin, MN (34.468.0190).

County Administrator Trish Harren reviewed the application and recommended approval.

For the applicant Randy Lennon of Bigelow & Lennon was present and spoke on his own behalf in favor of the application. No one else spoke for or against the Bigelow & Lennon housing tax abatement application.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:37 a.m. regarding the Bigelow & Lennon Construction Housing Tax Abatement application.

The County Board reconvened its regular session at 9:37 a.m.

Date: October 25, 2021 **Res. #122-22**

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

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 25, 2022 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, New Horizon Homes LLC is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 5, Block 1, Nature Ridge Second, Austin, MN (34.467.0050)

WHEREAS, New Horizon Homes LLC has 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 October 25, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, New Horizon Homes LLC has 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 25th day of October, 2022.

Date: October 25, 2021 **Res. #123-22**

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

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 25, 2022 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, New Horizon Homes LLC is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 2, Nature Ridge Third, Austin, MN (34.468.0240)

WHEREAS, New Horizon Homes LLC has 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 October 25, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, New Horizon Homes LLC has 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.

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Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2022.

Date: October 25, 2022 **Res. #124-22**

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

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 25, 2022 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, Nature Ridge Properties of Austin Co. (Seller) is the owner of certain property within Mower County, legally described as follows:

Lot 19, Block 1, Nature Ridge Third, Austin, MN (34.468.0190)

WHEREAS, Bigelow & Lennon Construction (Buyer) has 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 October 25, 2022 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said application.

WHEREAS, Nature Ridge Properties of Austin Co. (Seller) and Bigelow & Lennon Construction (Buyer) 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 25th day of October, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling $223,855.99. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Vendor Name	Amount	Vendor Name	Amount
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	29,661.71	J & S Repair Inc	3,053.54
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	27,458.40	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	2,547.34
Anoka County Corrections	10,881.05	Mayo Clinic -Rochester	31,195.01
Austin Automotive LLC	2,930.24	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2,148.00
Baudoin Oil Company	60,061.84	Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	6,200.00
Bauer Built Tire	2,156.00	Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center	7,060.00
Beckleys	5,157.80	REDI Transports, LLC	8,400.00
Brock White Co Llc	3,300.00	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	32,359.32
Cedar Valley Services, Inc	64,443.31	SeaChange Print Innovations	21,866.39
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	19,526.33	Syverson Truck Center/Dave	2,711.90
Dave Lucas Consulting	4,845.00	Tech-One Services LLC	3,643.32
Department Of Corrections	7,350.00	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	4,384.85
Diamond Drugs, Inc.	5,125.81	Ulland Brothers Inc.	18,617.35
Erickson Engineering Co., LLC	14,544.00	Village Ranch Inc	6,615.30
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	4,003.91	Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc.	2,150.40
Harbaugh Septic LLC	16,835.00	Ziegler, Inc	5,545.53
Industrial Networking Solutions	5,508.83	81 Payments less than 2000	38,497.71
		Final Total:	**480,785.19**

Motion carried.

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

Quantity	Item
1	Smart Board SBX800 CAT5-XT SN: G012FD18C0308
1	Smart Board SBX800 CAT5-XT SN: SBA885-MZ-A004470

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to refund $1,573.36 to the Windrift Lounge as a prorated amount of the County annual full liquor/Sunday license fee due to the fact that the establishment's land parcel has been annexed into the City of Austin and the business has obtained an annual liquor license from the City. Motion carried.

Date: October 25, 2022 **Res. #125-22**

RESOLUTION

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 October 25, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS Minn. Stat. §400.08, authorizes the county to establish by ordinance and collect just and reasonable rates and charges for solid waste management services provided by the county or by others under contract with the county; and

WHEREAS §400.08 Authorizes County Boards to establish solid waste service areas and to impose service charges for solid waste management services by levy on all the property in the area, or any combination of charges and taxes; and

WHEREAS the Mower County Solid Waste Ordinance Section 7.4 OTHER FEES, RATES, AND SERVICE CHARGES authorizes the County Board to establish certain Solid Waste Fees; and set forth in the County's fee schedule; and

WHEREAS Mower County has a Point System and a Fee per point that is reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis that is used to set the annual solid waste fee on each classification of land; and

WHEREAS the County wishes to modify the Mower County Point System to enhance the equity of the Solid Waste Management Service Charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board does hereby amend the Solid Waste Point Schedule and adopts the following schedule for calculating solid waste fees commencing January 1, 2023:

Multiple property types (and points) may be applicable to one parcel

Property Type	Points	Category	Price Code
Single Family Dwelling (includes HRA) & Mobile Homes Multi-Unit Housing – Duplex & Triplex (includes HRA) • Non Curbside • Curbside	 5 points 8 points	 A1 A2	101, 102 103, 104 105, 106
Apartments with 4 or more units (includes HRA) • Non Curbside • Curbside	 5 points per unit 8 points per unit	 B1 B2	107, 108 109, 110 702
Nursing Home/Assisted Living/Memory Care	1 point per unit	C1	708, 726
Bare Land • Residential vacant lots • Residential lots with structures that are NOT dwellings • Ag Land • Ag Land with structures that are NOT dwellings • Commercial vacant lots	1 point	D1	111 666 777 888 999
Campgrounds	1 point per site	E1	927
Restaurant/ Cafe	20 points	F1	302, 304
Bar/ Lounge	20 points	G1	303
Restaurant/Bar	40 points	H1	302

Multiple property types (and points) may be applicable to one parcel

Property Type	Points	Category	Price Code
Fast Food	20 points	J1	301
Golf Course/Clubhouse • Clubhouse – Add additional points for restaurant/ bar where applicable	5 points	K1	305, 705 801
Service Stations • Auto repair • With or without bays • With Car Wash	5 points 10 points	L1 L2	403, 404 408
Auto/Implement showroom, sales, and service	15 points	M1	401, 402
Car/Truck Wash • Drive through • Full Service • Self-Service	5 points	N1	405, 406 407
Bank • Main branch • Auto bank	5 points	P1	506
Bowling Alley • Alley only • Alley with kitchen facility • Alley with kitchen facility and bar/lounge	5 points 25 points 45 points	Q1 Q2 Q3	710
No Points • Daycare Center • Senior Center • Churches • Schools • Municipalities • Landfills • Tax Forfeited • DNR Land (not federal land)	NO POINTS	O0	709
Feed Mill	5 points	R1	820
Fertilizer Storage	5 points	S1	712
Service Club/ Fraternal Building	20 points	T1	817
Funeral Home	5 points	U1	715
Grain Elevator/Annex	15 points	V1	809, 810
Green house	5 points	W1	706
Hotel/Motel/ Boarding Room • Add additional points for restaurant/bar where applicable	1 point per unit	X1	704, 705
Laundromats	5 points	Y1	208
Livestock Buying/Sale Barn	5 points	Z1	722
Lumber Yard/ Lumber Storage Shed	15 points	AA1	707
Manufactured Home Park	5 points	BB1	703
Manufacturing, Industrial, and Shop · Category 1 (≤20,000 SF) · Category 2 (20,001 SF – 49,999 SF) · Category 3 (50,000 SF – 89,999 SF) · Category 4 (≥90,000SF)	15 points 150 points 400 points 600 points	CC1 CC2 CC3 CC4	607, 608 609, 610 711, 713, 727
Meat Locker	5 points	DD1	724
Warehouse/ Quonset/ Mini Storage/ Hoop Structure	5 points	JJ1	601, 602 603, 614 701, 707 716, 821 925, 927
Office/ Medical/ Dental/ Veterinary/ Post Office (based on Gross Area Office Space) · Category 1 (≤2,500 SF) · Category 2 (2,500 SF – 4,999 SF) · Category 3 (5,000 SF – 9,999 SF) · Category 4 (≥10,000 SF)	5 points 15 points 25 points 100 points	EE1 EE2 EE3 EE4	501, 502 511, 604 721

Multiple property types (and points) may be applicable to one parcel

Property Type	Points	Category	Price Code
Retail Stores/ Beauty/ Barber/ Shopping Center (based on Gross Area Retail Space) · Category 1 (≤10,000 SF) · Category 2 (10,001 SF – 49,999 SF) · Category 3 (50,000 SF – 89,999 SF) · Category 4 (≥90,000 SF)	 5 points 25 points 250 points 400 points	 FF1 FF2 FF3 FF4	201, 202 205, 206 209, 213, 611, 612 613
Grocery Store · Category 1 (≤10,000 SF) · Category 2 (10,001 SF – 49,999 SF) · Category 3 (50,000 SF – 89,999 SF) · Category 4 (≥90,000 SF)	 5 points 25 points 250 points 400 points	 GG1 GG2 GG3 GG4	 203
Convenience Store with or without gas pumps · No kitchen · With kitchen · With Car Wash	 5 points 25 points Add 5 points	 HH1 HH2 HH3	 204

Unique Properties			
Property Type	**Points**	**Category**	**Price Code**
Hormel (total all property types)	1,491	KK1	
Hormel Historic Home	NO POINTS	MM1	222
YMCA	NO POINTS	NN2	333
Austin Utilities	NO POINTS	PP1	444
Skating Rink	NO POINTS	QQ1	111
Exempt	NO POINTS	O0	555
Purely Public Charity	NO POINTS	O0	777

Curbside Service

- City of Adams
- City of Brownsdale
- City of Leroy
- City of Taopi
- Turtle Creek
- City of Austin
- City of Grand Meadow
- City of Mapleview
- Seven Springs
- Austin Township (select subdivisions)
- City of Rose Creek

Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to grant the appeal of Todd Bucknell and Mary Wangen and approve their SSTS loan application for a septic loan to fund up to 90% of the anticipated cost of the septic project. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to grant the appeal of Marianne K. and Steven A. Schulze and approve their SSTS loan application for a septic loan to fund up to 90% of the anticipated cost of the septic project. Motion carried.

Date: October 25, 2022 **Res. #126-22**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

On a motion from Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at meeting held Tuesday, October 25, 2022 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): Joshua Reimers

Property address: 26221 State Hwy 218, Austin MN 55912

Parcel Identification No: 08.049.0010

Tax parcel legal description:
Lot 1 in Subdivision of the East 660 feet of the North Half of the South Half of Section 9, Township 103 North, Range 18 West, Mower County, Minnesota

Assessment amount: $17,500.00 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and no/100)

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 2023, and shall bear interest 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, 2022 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 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 funds from the Mower County Septic Loan program.

Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2022.

Date: October 25, 2022 **Res. #127-22**

RESOLUTION

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority
Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program
Technical Assistance Grant Application

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 25, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, under the provisions contained in Minnesota Laws 2007, Chapter 96, Section 9, the 2007 Legislature amended the Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program under MS 446A.075 and appropriated funds for this program; and

WHEREAS Mower County is hereby applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for funds to be used for eligible costs for eligible technical assistance costs related to Dobbins Creek South Branch study area; and

WHEREAS, Mower County has the legal authority to apply for funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mower County Board of Commissioners that Mower County is hereby authorized to submit a Small Community Technical Assistance Grant application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mower County Chairperson and the Mower County Administrator are authorized to sign the Small Community Technical Assistance Grant Agreement, if awarded.

Passed and approved this 25th day of October, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to ratify Ratify Professional Services Agreement (between Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Strategic Technologies Incorporated) for the maintenance and support of Minnesota County Attorney Practice System (MCAPS) effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve a 2-year pilot program to hire a social worker to work in the jail to provide services to inmates with the goal to reduce recidivism by identifying potential mental health issues, providing care and providing up to an additional 90 days of services upon release to stabilize re-entry into the community. The 2-year pilot program is to be ARPA funded (estimated employee costs 2023 - $88,101 and 2024 - $90,469. Motion carried.

Medical Examiner Dr. Reichard provided an annual update presenting 2021 statistics. There had been 383 deaths in Mower County of which the manner of death for the majority of them (296) was natural causes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve Third Amendment to Medical Examiner/Autopsy Services Agreement" effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Michal Hanson presented quotes received for furnishing and delivering aggregate, Class2 to the Austin and Adams shop for stock piling.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to award the low quote of Ulland Brothers to provide and deliver Class 2 Aggregate to the Austin Shop with a low quote of $14.43 per ton. Motion carried. Full abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer and Public Works Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to award the low quote of Bruening Rock Products, Inc. to provide and deliver Class 2 Aggregate to the Adams Shop with a low quote of $13.2999 per ton. Motion carried. Full abstract on file in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer and Public Works Director.

Emergency Manager Amy Lammey provided the Board with an update on the expenses paid to date related to the Tornado response in the categories of debris removal, emergency protective measures and road repair at a total of approximately $119,000. State public assistance has been made available at 75% of the costs. The City of Taopi will be responsible for the remaining 25%.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize the use of ARPA funds (up to $30,000) for the purchase of three fully enclosed interactive video conferencing systems for the jail (one for each of the 3 jail pods). Inmates will be able to use the systems for such things as court hearings, medical or mental health appointments, job interviews, etc. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to reserve up to $60,000 of ARPA funds to be used for the purchase of approximately 18 – 20 solar traffic signs to be used for Mower County municipalities to draw attention to reduced speed limits at the city limits. A 50:50 cost share agreement for the purchase and maintenance of these signs shall be drafted and presented to each municipality for their consideration and application for participation. Once all applications have been submitted, the disbursement of these reserved funds can occur. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to authorize the disbursement of $540,000 in ARPA infrastructure funds to Mower County municipalities based on a population formula. The municipalities can use the funds for such projects as ambulance equipment, civil defense sirens, water towers and sewage treatment. The population formula is as follows:

Population	Funding Amount	Number of cities at each amount	Totals
0-249	25,000	6 x 25,000	$ 150,000
250-499	30,000	3 x 30,000	90,000
500-999	50,000	3 x 50,000	150,000
1000+	75,000	2 x 75,000	150,000
			$540,000

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the 5-year Master Services Agreement for audit services with CliftonLarsonAllen effective October 6, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Scope of Work for 2022 audit services performed by CliftonLarsonAllen. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Reinartz indicated that he had attended the Senior Center meeting and the By-laws are being reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Ankeny and Commissioner Mueller had attended a Finance Committee meeting and all items discussed were acted upon today. Commissioner Reinartz had attended the Solid Waste and Health Advisory Committee meetings. Commissioner Mueller will be attending the Planning Commission meeting this evening. Commissioner Glynn reported on attending the SE Emergency Management meeting in Rochester. Entities are struggling to get volunteers for their ambulance services.

Grand Meadow Police Chief Jim Richardson appeared before the Board regarding the County's position on the disposal/recycling of the wind tower blades. The Chief was informed that the City of Grand Meadow has jurisdiction on the blades stored in the city limits. Where Mower County has jurisdiction there is an agreement with the energy company's for the recycling or disposal of the parts within one-year.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. gm

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:____
Chairperson

Attest:

By:__________________________________
Clerk/Administrator

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