

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2023

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda adding the ratification of the Chair's approval on 6/30/23 for the Four Daughters Liquor License renewal effect 7/1/23 and deleting the duplicated inclusion of Health & Human Services accounts payable under General Business. Motion carried.

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

1. Approve Minutes of June 27, 2023

2. Approve Commissioner Warrants

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Above All Cleaning, Inc	6,548.31	Indoor Technologies Inc	11,600.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	32,766.39	Jones Law Firm	2,625.00
Anoka County Corrections	11,117.83	Leadership Development Resources	3,237.50
Austin Automotive LLC	2,293.52	Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	3,308.45
Baudoin Oil Company	23,660.76	Mayo Clinic Ambulance Services	4,641.31
CDW Government	216,306.63	MCHS SE Minnesota	18,534.10
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	2,362.50	Ratwik,Roszak & Maloney, P.A.	2,560.00
Consolidated Correctional Foodservice	18,387.10	Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	45,115.78
Donnelly Law Firm, PLLC	4,333.53	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	6,843.63
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	9,544.15	TOWMASTER	2,274.60
Gallagher Benefit Services Inc	8,010.00	Vertiv Corporation	3,943.00
Harty Mechanical Inc	2,460.84	75 Payments less than 2000	36,376.43
Healthiest You	6,450.00	Final Total:	485,301.36

3. Approve Tobacco License for Freeborn County Coop Oil Co. effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

4. Approve Resolution #55-23 for LG220 Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit for St. John the Baptist Church for raffle September 10, 2023

Date: July 11, 2023

Res. #55-23

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 11, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023 St. John the Baptist Church presented a request for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License for gambling to be conducted at the St. John the Baptist Church, Adams, Minnesota on September 10, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mower County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License to St. John the Baptist Church for gambling at St. John the Baptist Church, Adams, Minnesota on September 10, 2023.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of July, 2023.

5. Approve appointing Valerie Sheedy to the SELCO Board for first three-year term effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026

6. Approve appointing Taggert Medgaarden to the Austin/Mower County Homeownership Fund Board to fill remaining vacant term expiring 12/31/2023 and to appoint for first full-three-year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

7. Authorize County Administrator to submit letter of support for Recovery is Happening Out Patient Treatment Services

8. Approve the ratification of the Board Chair's approval on 6/30/23 of the Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery, LLC full on sale and Sunday liquor license renewal effective 7/1/23 through 6/30/24.

Motion carried.

Alysha Carlisle, Community Resource Navigator in the Mower County Jail, provided the Board with a program update. Ms. Carlisle works with the jail population serving as a bridge to services such as food and housing support to give the inmates tools for success when released. Jail, Attorney and Health & Human Services staff praised the work that has been done with this new program.

The Chair recessed regular board meeting at 9:35 a.m. for the Health & Human Services Board.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$285,026.82. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the New Life Treatment Center Purchase of Service Agreement for detox services. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson provided an update on Long Term Care Coordination Services and Grant applications for the Homelessness Grant

and the Health Equity Grant. The department has been seeing more clients for medial assistance and health plans and the County is the contractor for three plans. The County has requested an increase in reimbursement rates and two of the three plans have agreed to a rate adjustment. The department's application for the Homeless Grant was not accepted but the Healthy Equity Grant was approved and will be used for funding a third community health worker and to train interpreters.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve to approve Purchase of Service Agreement renewals effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for the following:

Housing Support			Transportation
Cedars of Austin	MSOCS	REM Woodvale, Inc.	Lyle Public School District

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve social service actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, 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.

Human Resource Director Kris Kohn provided the Board with several requests for Board action.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the addition of two .5 FTE temporary financial worker positions in Health & Human Services to be funded by a Department of Human Services grant that has been awarded to counties to help manage the influx of Medical Assistance renewals post-pandemic. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve Extra Duty Pay Agreement between Mower County and the Social Services Manager. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize the Human Resource Director to execute dislocated worker agreements associated with a program with Workforce Development to provide dislocated workers on-the-job training with employer reimbursement up to fifty percent for the cost of the training. The Human Resource Director will provide periodic reports to the Board of any agreements entered into with Workforce Development for dislocated workers. Motion carried.

Date: July 11, 2023

Proclamation #01-23

Proclamation
Of County Staff Appreciation Day

On motion of Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, the following Proclamation was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held July 11, 2023 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Mower County is one of 87 counties in Minnesota that provide essential services from issuing birth certificates and marriage licenses to operating 911 call centers to running elections; and

WHEREAS, Mower County staff serve as the cornerstone of county government, dedicating their time, skills, and expertise for the benefit of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, County Staff promotes healthy and safe communities, foster conditions for economic development, and improves the quality of life for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mower County Board of Commissioners, proclaim July 25, 2023 as County Staff Appreciation Day and extend our thanks to the staff of our county and express deep gratitude for their commitment to excellence in public service.

Passed and approved this 11th day of July, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to authorize the purchase of two squads from Austin Automotive (one at \$44,139.88 and one for \$44,214.88). Motion carried.

Soil & Water Conservation District Director Cody Fox provided the Board with an update pertaining to a Cedar River Flood Mitigation Project located in Red Rock Township along CR 19 & CR46. Two embankment “dams” are proposed to handle run-off in the Dobbins Creek watershed to reduce flow and to catch field debris at an estimated engineer’s cost of \$589,000.

Under Committee Reports Commissioner Mueller reported attending the Planning Commission meeting on July 5. On July 6 he attended the Honor Guards Park rededication. Commissioner Glynn reported she had attended the Grand Meadow council meeting and representative Patricia Mueller was present. Commissioner Mueller also indicated he had attended the Louise Solar project preconstruction meeting.

The Board briefly planned when to hold the County Administrator interviews and selected the mornings of July 21 and July 24.

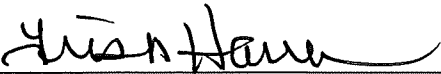
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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:  7-25-2023
Chairperson

Attest:

By: 
Clerk/Administrator