

REGULAR SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 12, 2021

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session January 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Polly Glynn, Chair
Jerry Reinartz
Mike Ankeny
Jeff Baldus
District One Seat Vacant
Trish Harren, County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

County Administrator Trish Harren provided the Board with a department / county update that highlighted county activities in 2020 related to the county response to the pandemic and civil unrest as well as highlighting other changes including a new county website, a new Veteran Service Officer and a new Health & Human Services Director.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the Health & Human Services accounts payable totaling \$166,161.24. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the Adult and Children's Mobile Crisis Grant Cooperative Agreement 2021-2022. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services Director Crystal Peterson introduced new social workers Lori Wills and Lacey Rector and provided the Board with COVID updates indicating that there have been 3494 cumulative cases, 26 deaths and currently 160 active cases in the county.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 (unless otherwise noted):

Chemical Use Assessments

Mayo Clinic Health System

Consulting/Training

Safety Gal Consulting, LLC

Cooperative Agreement

Olmsted County/CREST (eff. to 12.31.22)

Funeral Assistance

Clasen Jordan Mortuary

Michaelson Funeral Home (12.18.20 – 12.31.21)

Residential Services

Nexus-Gerard Family Healing, LLC

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the Social Service Actions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD

The Regular Session of the Board was reconvened at 10:00 a.m. for regular business items.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held in regard to revising the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Ordinance.

Angie Lipelt, Environmental Services Supervisor, reviewed the proposed modifications to the SSTS Ordinance noting that the Planning Commission has approved these modifications and recommended approval to the County Board.

The Chair asked for public input. No persons spoke for or against amending the SSTS Ordinance.

COUNTY BOARD

Date: January 12, 2021

Ord. #02-21

ORDINANCE

Amend Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, the following Ordinance was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held January 12, 2021 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intention hold a public hearing to consider amending Sections of the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance (SSTS Ordinance) was published in Mower County's official newspaper, the *Austin Daily Herald*, on December 16, 2020 and the Mower County Independent on December 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on said amendment on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and again on December 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mower County Government Center, Board Room, before the Mower County Planning Commission at which any concerned citizen was given an opportunity to speak on the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Mower County Planning Commission recommended by a majority vote to amend the Mower County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on January 12, 2021 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners at which any concerned citizen was given an opportunity to speak on the matter;

BE IT ORDAINED that Ordinance #01-14 MOWER COUNTY INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM ORDINANCE adopted 1/28/14 and any amendments thereto shall be revoked in its entirety; and

BE IT ORDAINED that the proposed amended MOWER COUNTY SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM ORDINANCE be adopted in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ordinance #02-21 shall be effective ~~upon publication in the Legal Newspaper of Mower County, the "Austin Daily Herald."~~ **April 1, 2021.**

Amended by Board motion on 1.26.2021

A copy of the entire Mower County Zoning Ordinance and related maps, if any, are on file in the Mower County Public Works and County Auditor-Treasurer offices.

Passed and approved this 12th day of January, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, 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	2,128.00	Positive Promotions, Inc.	2,494.61
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	15,013.62	Rural Minnesota Energy Board	2,500.00
Andersen, Inc./Earl F.	5,436.00	Schneider Geospatial, LLC	6,060.00
Dash Medical Gloves Inc.	3,050.60	Sema Equipment Inc	4,500.00
Dave Lucas Consulting	3,995.00	SEMV CET	7,649.09
Freeborn County Co-Operative Oil Co.	10,044.15	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	2,785.82
Mayo Clinic -Rochester	30,238.20	Village Ranch Inc	6,572.93
Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	7,155.75	WatchGuard, Inc.	15,135.00
Minnesota Counties Intergov'tal Trust	486,388.00	63 Payments less than 2000	30,179.89
Minnesota Sheriffs Association	10,294.83	Final Total:	651,621.49

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to reappoint Becky Jax and Miguel Garate to the Extension Committee as adult representatives for their second three-year terms effective 1/1/21 through 12/31/23. Motion carried.

Under miscellaneous correspondence, the County Administrator Trish Harren informed the Board that the Extension Committee is soliciting nominations for the Farm Family of the Year Award.

Commissioner Reinartz on behalf of the Personnel Committee informed the Board that the Human Resources Director had presented a revised title and job description for the Building Maintenance Supervisor position as well as a new rating of the revised job description. The evaluation from DDA recommends changing the rating of the position from B32 to C41.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to accept the changes to the job description of the Building Maintenance Supervisor position including modifying

the educational and experience requirements and by 1) changing the job title to Facilities Supervisor and 2) changing the DBM rating from B32 to C41 effective January 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Under Finance Committee, Trish Harren provided the Board with additional information pertaining to the Business Relief Program Mower County plans for funding distribution to local private businesses impacted by the State of Minnesota Executive Order 20-99. The plan and the application are being finalized and local business will be able to apply.

Commissioner Baldus indicated he had attended the Library Board meeting at which officers were elected. Commissioner Glynn attended the SEMCAC meeting via Zoom and will be attending the EMS meeting.

Public Works Director Michal Hanson presented to the Board requests for budgeted equipment purchases and purchase with use of reserves. Mr. Hanson indicated that the 20 year plan had a conservative 2021 capital equipment budget of \$491,000 in which the inflationary factor used in the plan has not been keeping up with equipment costs. Mr. Hanson requested the purchase of (budgeted items) two tandem bodies with plow equipment; batwing mower; skid loader trailer and Vermeer Brush Chipper with winch. Mr. Hanson indicated that the department is researching leasing equipment vs. purchasing especially related to department pickups and the pool car fleet. The department plans to rent two mowers for ditch mowing in 2021. The cost is approximately \$12,000 vs. the estimated cost of purchasing one tractor at \$175,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to declare the 1999 CAT excavator as surplus property for sale through sealed bid. Motion carried.

Motion made by 2021 Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to approve the request of Public Works to make the following 2021 budgeted equipment purchases:

2 Tandem truck bodies/plow equipment; Batwing mower, Skid-loader trailer, Vermeer Brush Chipper with winch – Total \$376,000

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to authorize Public Works to purchase a 2021 CAT 323 Excavator from equipment reserves - \$254,000. Motion carried.

Trish Harren informed the Board that the Austin Area Arts has requested the use of the green space north of the Justice Center for the 2021 Arts Festival to be held on August 28 and 29. The agreement is similar to past agreements where the Austin Area Arts is responsible for damage / cleanup and needs to provide liability insurance.

Sheriff Sandvik addressed the Board from a remote connection. Mr. Sandvik thanked the Board for its continued support through a difficult year and, in light of the January 6,

2021 security breach at the capital, assured the Board that the department is prepared to protect the County citizens and its infrastructure.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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