

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

March 1, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on March 1, 2022 at 2:40 p.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The Board discussed WiFi capacity at the Mower County Fairgrounds in light of the promotion of the Fairgrounds being done by Discover Austin. Events considering the Fairgrounds for events need access to stable high speed internet access. Commissioner Mueller indicated that the Fair Board is reviewing these options along with their sound system upgrades.

The Board discussed and requested that employees be reminded that the employee parking lots should be used for parking rather than the street on the east side of the Government Center.

It was noted that the Personnel Committee will be meeting on Thursday to discuss the Land, Records and Tax Payers Services Division manager position as well as to problem solve the challenge in filling the Financial Assistance Supervisor position in Health and Human Services.

Mike Ankeny left the work session at 3:05 p.m.

County Administrator Trish Harren provided an update on several ARPA projects including a children's summer mental health program to be delivered by Gerard.

It was noted that it was unfortunate that the Joint City/County meeting with the City of Austin was canceled this quarter. The Board is anxious that work on the LEC Agreement continue.

It was also noted that a new model of healthcare clinic has opened in Austin called HelpCare. It is a subscription based clinic for minor medical issues and tests.

The work session concluded at 3:15 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

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Clerk/Administrator

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