

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

July 5, 2022

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on July 5, 2022, at 2:12 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, Jerry Reinartz and Polly Glynn. Also in attendance were County Administrator Trish Harren and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels

The Chair called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Trish Harren announced that the County has received its second disbursement of ARPA funds and now has the full award of \$7,781,574. Ms. Harren reviewed the planned allocation, expended funds, and remaining funds for dedication.

Commissioner Ankeny requested a Solid Waste Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss the recycling.

Commissioner Mueller suggested a few possible changes to the zoning ordinance that would allow Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) to remain valid for more than a year and clarify the definition of home businesses and business as a home use extension.

Commissioner Mueller suggested a policy be established to give direction for use of the newly purchased emergency management trailer. The policy would clarify how to request use, who may use it and for what purposes.

Lastly Commissioner Mueller requested the public be notified through the website about opportunities to service on committees that have citizen representation.

Facilities Supervisor Jason Murphy presented information to the Board concerning the failed HVAC / cooling systems in the Government Center. Compressor units have failed five times in the last 12 months. The most recently replaced unit lasted only eleven days. Mr. Murphy was asked to get quotes to replace the entire system.

The work session concluded at 3:32 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____

Clerk/Administrator

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