

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

September 14, 2021

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on September 14, 2021 at 10:33 a.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Chair Polly Glynn, Vice-Chair Jerry Reinartz, Mike Ankeny, Jeff Baldus, and John Mueller. Also in attendance were County Administrator Trish Harren, Executive Assistant Denise Barthels, and Austin Daily Herald editor Eric Johnson.

The Board discussed the 2022 budget and levy. Staff continue to refine the budget. Discussions continue with the City of Austin on the 2022 joint law enforcement center budget.

County Administrator provided the Board with a preliminary plan for the use of the American Rescue Plan Act revenue. The preliminary plan distributes the funds as follows:

Category	Preliminary Budget Amount
Public Health	\$1,150,000
Negative Economic Impacts	1,000,000
Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	2,000,000
Premium Pay	0
Infrastructure	2,000,000
Revenue Replacement	1,450,000
Administrative/Other	200,000
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS	<u><u>\$7,800,000</u></u>

The Board discussed utilizing ARPA revenue replacement funds to purchase a body camera system.

Commissioner Ankeny suggested purchasing more robust recycling containers for placement at events. Administrator Harren agreed to follow up with Solid Waste Officer Marcus Thompson and perhaps scheduling a Solid Waste Committee meeting.

The work session concluded at 12:21 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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