

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

October 6, 2020

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on October 6, 2020 at 1:58 p.m. at the Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Jeff Baldus, Chair
 Polly Glynn
 Tim Gabrielson
 Jerry Reinartz
 Mike Ankeny
 Trish Harren, County Administrator

Also present: Donna Welsh, Finance Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Trish Harren provided a Board with a brief update on the CARES Act Funding. The reporting requirements have changed from putting the expenditures into 6 categories to 18 categories. As an example, personnel Covid expenses are now split between two categories of public health & public safety and other.

The Board received a budget and levy update. Finance Manager Donna Welsh reviewed the current allocation of expenditures. The desired addition of a dispatcher has been removed from the budget due to a lack of dedicated financial support from the City of Austin. A new dispatcher would be a shared expense. A brief discussion was held regarding other possibilities for sharing the LEC expenses. The budget as a whole is preliminary set at a .5% increase over 2020. The Commissioners are still comfortable with the preliminary proposed budget and levy for 2021. The final budget and levy will be set in December.

The Board planned to discuss the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) list of 2021 legislative priorities. County Administrator Trish Harren informed the Board that AMC has not yet finalized its list and the data is not yet public for discussion.

Under open discussion Commissioner Ankeny noted that he had received an email regarding the status of Northern Country Coop CUP project near Lansing. There appears to be an issue with one of the conditions concerning turn lanes and driveway access and the permits expiration date.

The chair adjourned the work session at 2:39 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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