

**MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

November 3, 2020

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in a Work Session on November 3, 2020 at 1:42 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

Public Works Director Michal Hanson met with the Board to discuss disbursement of funds received from FPL Wind for use of county and township roads the 2020 wind repower project. Two options presented for discussion: split the money with townships based on centerlines miles or based on gravel area. The roads affected have varying widths. Following discussion the Board agreed gravel area was the most equitable way.

County Administrator Trish Harren advised the Board there is a new GIS platform set to be launch with the new website. GIS Administrator Eric Miller is recommending the county move to an open data policy and eliminate charging a per-parcel fee for large data requests. Prepping the data is time consuming and the requests are infrequent. The Board concurred that this was a good idea. Administrator Harren asked the Board for input regarding property searches. Currently data can be searched by parcel identification number (PIN) only. The Board discussed the many ways that property owner data can be found. The Board concurred to allow parcels to be searched by pin and name.

It was noted a septic loan appeal will be forthcoming at the next Board meeting.

The Commissioners briefly discussed possible ideas to enhance the food drive efforts with a hopeful win against the City of Austin during the annual competition.

The work session concluded at 2:24 p.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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