

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Joe Connolly, Robert Culhane, William Stangler, and Joseph Doherty, Chairman. John Grimm was excused for personal reasons. Also present was Peggy Donovan.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Connolly and unanimously approved, the Board approved the amended agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- Approval of May 26, 2009 County Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Tobacco Licenses for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
- Approval of County Ditch #45 Repair Request

Jim McMillen, Building Maintenance Engineer, appeared before the Board with quotes for the third floor hallway carpeting in the Courthouse. The following quotes were received:

Hertaus Floors-New Prague, MN	\$3,518.00 (carpet tile)	\$2,930.00 (roll carpet)
Carpet Castle, LLC-Edina/Le Center, MN	\$3,777.92 (carpet tile)	\$2,407.76 (roll carpet)
Massive Buying Power-Dalton, GA	\$5,312.98 (carpet tile)	\$3,206.26 (roll carpet)

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Connolly and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the low bid for roll carpet from Carpet Castle, LLC of Edina/Le Center, MN in the amount of \$2,407.76 for the carpeting of the third floor hallway in the Courthouse.

Darrell Pettis, Highway Engineer, gave his monthly Highway Department Report.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the letter of support for the proposed Le Sueur Hilltop Interchange on Trunk Highway 169 that will be sent to James Swanson, District 7 Transportation Engineer for Mn/DOT.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board approved the following resolution:

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION 2009-16

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS
REQUEST TO STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR FUNDS TO STUDY MINNESOTA
RIVER TRAIL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GREATER MANKATO AREA
AND THE CITY OF ST. PETER**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 85.015 establishes the Minnesota Valley Trail and Minnesota River Trail that connects Big Stone State Park to Fort Snelling State Park; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 85.015 states that the commissioner of natural resources shall establish, develop, maintain, and operate the trails designated in this section. The commissioner of natural resources may acquire lands by gift or purchase, in fee or easement, for the trail and facilities related to the trail; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, the Minnesota Legislature directed the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to work with communities to develop a plan for capital budget purposes concerning recreation facilities and opportunities, including a trail, along the Minnesota River; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, additional funding was recommended by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources for the University of Minnesota, Center for Changing Landscapes, to continue their work in the Minnesota River Valley and plan for linking the communities from Redwood Falls, New Ulm, Mankato, and St. Peter; and

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota, Center for Changing Landscapes identified three trail corridors for linking Mankato/North Mankato and the City of St. Peter; and

WHEREAS, segments of the Minnesota River Trail and Minnesota Valley Trail has been developed by the State of Minnesota and through coordination with local governments; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Mankato, North Mankato, and St. Peter and the counties of Blue Earth, Nicollet, and Le Sueur, (hereinafter the “Partners”) have coordinated efforts with local trail development and connections with regional and State trail systems; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Partners to designate a preferred trail alignment for the segment of the Minnesota River Trail between Mankato/North Mankato and St. Peter; and

WHEREAS, the Partners are proposing the submittal of a State of Minnesota Capital Improvement Bonding request for \$400,000 for planning and environmental study to establish a preferred alignment and to conduct design for the preferred alignment; and

WHEREAS, the Partners have requested that the City of St. Peter act as the lead governmental agency for submitting the bonding proposal with technical support provided by the City of Mankato.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Le Sueur County hereby supports the City of St. Peter's submittal of a \$400,000 capital appropriations request for planning, environmental study, and design of the Minnesota River Trail connection between the cities of Mankato/North Mankato and City of St. Peter.

Discussion was held regarding the Five-year plan for Road Construction. On motion by Culhane, seconded by Connolly and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2009 Plan for Road Construction.

Dave Armstrong, County Assessor, gave an overview of the process and the work that has been done in his office to prepare for the 2009 Board of Equalization.

Kathy Brockway, Planning and Zoning Administrator appeared before the Board to discuss the upcoming public hearing on the proposed ordinances revisions. The Board set the date of June 17th at 7:00 pm at the Environmental Services Building for a board workshop with representatives from the Planning and Zoning Commission on the proposed ordinances revisions.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Board granted permanent status to Jason Bemis, Jailer/Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Department effective June 9, 2009.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board approved the May transfers:

#1204	Transfer 2,560.99 from Human Services to Revenue
#1205	Transfer 475.16 from Human Services to Revenue
#1206	Transfer 875.00 from Human Services to Revenue
#1207	Transfer 88.02 from Human Services to Revenue
#1208	Transfer 896.00 from Agency to Revenue

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Stangler and approved, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the contract between Maximus, Inc and Le Sueur County for the provision of a cost allocation plan for calendar years 2010, 2011, and 2012. These consulting services develop a central services cost allocation plan to aid in the recovery of county cost for the administration of Federal Programs.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Connolly and approved, the Board granted an On/Off Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License to The Steel Horse, LLC for the period of June 9, 2009 to November 15, 2009.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Connolly and approved, the Board adjourned until Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST: _____

Le Sueur County Coordinator

Le Sueur County Chairman