

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Joe Connolly, John Grimm, William Stangler, Robert Culhane, and Joseph Doherty, Chairman. Also present were Brent Christian, Ron Germscheid and Darrell Pettis.

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

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

- Approved the October 20, 2009 County Board Minutes.
- A letter from Watonwan County Commissioner Baerg to AMC District 7 Commissioners was reviewed.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Joint Powers Agreement Region One – Southeast Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management.

Jim McMillen, Maintenance Engineer reported to the Board on the replacement of the Clay Tile Roof on the Le Sueur County Jail. This roof had been damaged by a wind storm in 2008. The County has received an insurance settlement in the amount of \$128,842 for its repair. The total estimated project cost is \$205,022. By consensus of the Board, samples of the tile to be matched will be submitted to Schwickert's to move the project forward.

The public hearing for Le Sueur County Ditch #32 commenced at 9:40 a.m. County Auditor Germscheid presented to the Board the financial condition of the ditch. A negative balance of \$5,735.45 exists and a 175% lien of \$8,514.21 is recommended. Comments and questions from the Board and the public were received. On motion by Culhane, seconded by Grimm and unanimously approved, the public hearing was continued to a future date so questions about County Ditch 32 could be further researched.

Cindy Westerhouse, Personnel Coordinator, presented Gary Brunson, who is retiring from the Highway Department, with a plaque in recognition of his twenty-six years of service to Le Sueur County.

Cindy Westerhouse also came before the Board with the following recommendations:

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Grimm, the Board unanimously approved the transfer of Jim Whiteis, full time, regular Deputy Sheriff, C42 at \$25.05 per hour to full time, temporary Investigator, C 43 at \$26.07 per hour effective July 20, 2009.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Culhane, the Board unanimously approved the transfer of Scott O'Brien, full time, regular Jailer / Dispatcher, B22 at \$16.08 per hour to full time, temporary Deputy Sheriff, C42 at \$19.78 per hour effective July 20, 2009.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Stangler, the Board unanimously approved the Public Employees Retirement Association Police Officer Declaration for Scott O'Brien effective October 27, 2009.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane, the Board unanimously approved the Public Employees Retirement Association Police Officer Declaration for Jeff Gilhousen effective October 27, 2009.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Culhane, the Board unanimously approved the Public Employees Retirement Association Police Officer Declaration for Ryan Overn effective October 27, 2009.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler, the Board unanimously approved the Public Employees Retirement Association Police Officer Declaration for Joe Kern effective October 27, 2009.

The public hearing for Le Sueur County Ditch # 2 began at 10:15 a.m. After all were heard, on motion by Culhane, seconded by Grimm, and approved the Board authorized a 40% lien for Le Sueur County Ditch # 2 in the amount of \$7,971.40 to be spread over a five year period, beginning with the taxes payable in 2010. The interest rate is 4% and the lien will be filed December 15, 2009. Minimum per parcel payment is \$5.00 and an assessment of \$50 or less must be paid in one year.

Don Reak, County Parks Coordinator appeared before the Board to discuss the Lake Washington Park and Saint Peter Park. With the new 3/8 of a cent sales tax, competitive grants for parks are now available. A grant application has been submitted for the improvement of the Lake Washington County Park. This is the same proposal that the County has submitted to the DNR for funding the past 2 years. Park Coordination Reak and Administrator Pettis will be meeting with the City of Saint Peter on October 27 to discuss the future development of Saint Peter County Park.

Dean Larson from Pictometry International demonstrated oblique imagery that they can provide to Le Sueur County.

Information received from AMC on the use of ARRA bonds was discussed. The County Administrator was directed to contact local cities to determine if there is a use for these bonds by local communities.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

ATTEST:

Le Sueur County Administrator

Le Sueur County Chairperson