

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Joe Connolly, Robert Culhane, William Stangler, John Grimm and Joseph Doherty, Chairman. Also present were Brent Christian and Ron Germscheid.

At 8:30 a.m. the County Board held a work session with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the South Central Service Cooperative concerning health insurance.

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

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

I Approved the September 1, 2009 County Board Minutes.

Sue Rynda, Human Services Director, gave her monthly report. This presentation covered Finance, Income Maintenance, Child Support, Family Services, and Mental Health.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Grimm and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Chair, Auditor and Attorney to sign an agreement between Minnesota Valley Action Council and Le Sueur County providing employment services to assist participants in moving from public assistance to work. This contract is retroactive to July 1, 2009 and continues to December 31, 2010.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Connolly and approved the Human Services claims and cases were authorized for payment:

Financial:	\$ 33,731.13
Social Services:	\$273,130.12

Cindy Westerhouse, Personnel Coordinator, came before the Board with the following recommendations.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler, and unanimously approved the Board approved Tammy Morgan's request to telecommute and sign Le Sueur County's Telecommuting Agreement effective November 1, 2009 until April 30, 2010.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Board will allow employees who participate in the voluntary furlough option (take days off without pay) to continue to accrue their normal vacation and sick leave rates. This takes effect September 15, 2009.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Connolly and approved the Board appointed Cindy Westerhouse to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2010 as Le Sueur County's Representative on the South Central Service Cooperative.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler, the Board accepted the retirement request of Gary Brunson, Mechanic II, Highway Department, and effective October 30, 2009.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Stangler the Board authorized the Personnel Coordinator to post and advertise for a Mechanic II in the Highway Department as a B24, with starting rate based upon experience.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Grimm and approved with Commissioner Culhane dissenting, the Board approved the job description for a Le Sueur County Administrator.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Stangler and approved with Commissioner Culhane voting nay, the Board promoted Darrell Pettis to County Administrator/County Highway Engineer at an annual salary of \$118,357.18 effective September 27, 2009.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Connolly and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Chair to sign an agreement between Le Sueur County and Blue Water-Science to provide technical assistance on the Lake Volney Water Quality Project. The Clean Water Partnership Grant will fund this \$5,600.00.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board authorized Lauren Klement, Environmental Service Tech to submit an application for the Upper Cannon River Implementation Project through Clean Water Partnership Funding. This would be a multi-jurisdictional project consisting of Rice and Le Sueur County and their corresponding Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Grimm, the Board authorized the Environmental Service Tech to apply for a Surface Water Assessment Grant covering the Middle Minnesota River Drainage Basin. Money to be used to study quality in this area.

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

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Grimm and approved, the Board authorized the final payment on the contract with Asphalt Surface Tech Corp. In the amount of \$117,766.61 for County Wide Seal Coat, contract #20091.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and approved, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Residents of Le Sueur County have petitioned the County Board of Commissioners to study the following roadway segment to lower the posted speed limit,

<u>Road</u>			
<u>Number</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Location</u>
CR 101	Lake Washington Public Access	CSAH 19	Kasota Twp

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Transportation is hereby requested to authorize and engineering and traffic investigation for the purpose of determining safe and reasonable speed limits on the above listed road segment in Le Sueur County.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Connolly and approved, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for the City of Le Sueur's pursuit of Tiger Program funding the proposed Le Sueur Hilltop Interchange on Trunk Highway 169.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler and approved, the following August 2009 transfers were approved:

#1221 Transfer 2,458.12 from Human Services to Revenue

#1222 Transfer 88.02 from Human Services to Revenue

#1223 Transfer 951.00 from Human Services to Revenue

#1224 Transfer 2,238.20 from Road & Bridge to Ditch

#1225 Transfer 3,400.00 from Revenue to Env Services

#1226 Transfer 7,850.00 from Revenue to Env Serv

#1227 Transfer 782.00 from Agency to Revenue

The County Auditor announced that the subsequent meeting for the adoption of the final levy and the final 2010 budget will be held in the Commissioner's Room of the Le Sueur County Courthouse on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6:35 p.m. Public testimony on the levy or the budget will be allowed as part of this hearing. On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and approved with Commissioner Grimm dissenting the Board adopted the preliminary levy of \$13,669,517.00.

2010 PROPOSED LEVY

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>PROGRAM AID</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Revenue	6,341,556	858,610	5,482,946
Road & Bridge	2,481,221	286,203	2,195,018
SS & PA	2,991,846		2,991,846
PA & GA	781,702		781,702
Fair	26,331		26,331
Building	140,123		140,123
Extension Services	177,018		177,018
Park	143,721		143,721
Historical Society	55,361		55,361
Regional Library	311,324		311,324
Scott County Library	44,796		44,796
Bonded Indebtedness	1,301,480		1,301,480
Victim Witness	17,851		17,851
TOTAL	14,814,330	1,144,813	13,669,517

The Board instructed Justin Lutterman, GIS Director to lineup a vendor to give a demonstration on Pictometry at a future Board Meeting.

