

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 19, 2020**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John King (remote), Dave Gliszinski (remote), Lance Wetzel (remote), Steve Rohlring and Danny O'Keefe. Also present were Darrell Pettis and Brent Christian.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 4 to 0, with Commissioner Wetzel absent, the Board approved the agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call vote 4 to 0, with Commissioner Wetzel absent, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- Approved the May 5, 2020 County Board Minutes and Summary Minutes.
- Approved the Electronic Funds Transfer report:
 - 5/06/2020 Transferred \$1,500,000.00 from First State Bank of Le Center to Cornerstone State Bank of Le Sueur for Payroll and Human Services claims.

Sue Rynda, Human Services Director, appeared before the Board to give the monthly Human Services Report. This presentation covered Finance, Income Maintenance, Child Support, Family Services, and Mental Health.

Cindy Shaughnessy, Public Health Director appeared before the Board to discuss Le Sueur County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dave Tiegs, County Engineer, appeared before the Board with two items for consideration. On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board authorized final payment to Mathiowetz Construction Company for CP 2035 (CR 104). Final contract amount \$1,054,528.25, final payment amount \$80,417.70.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board approved the request to advertise for Justice Center Turn Lane Project. Bids to be opened the week of June 22, 2020.

Tyler Luethje, Parks Director and Ag Inspector, appeared before the Board with one item for consideration.

On motion by King, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board approved the Gravel Pit Reclamation Cost Share agreement.

Cindy Westerhouse, Human Resources Director came before the Board with several items for approval.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board Approved the recommendation to post for a full time Patrol Sergeant in the Sheriff's Office, Grade 12, Step 4 at \$30.34 per hour.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to post for a full time Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office, Grade 10, Step 4 at \$26.99 per hour.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to hire Jonathan Soppeland, part time 911 Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office, Grade 6, Step 4 at \$21.38 per hour, effective May 26, 2020.

Linda Dvorak, Park Ballroom, appeared remotely to discuss the Abatement of Property Tax Penalties.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, as per Mn Stat. 279.01 Subd 2 (a) the Board, with the concurrence of the County Treasurer, hereby abates the penalty provided for late payment of taxes from May 15, 2020 to October 16, 2020 for Parcel 23.999.0090 the Park Ballroom in New Prague.

Darrell Pettis, County Administrator appeared before the Board with one item for consideration.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board authorized the acceptance of RFP's for the WJSSD Operations.

Josh Mankowski, Planning and Zoning Administrator appeared before the Board.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board set the Bond amount for the Jacob James CUP at \$2,500 per acre.

At 11:00 a.m. Chair Rohlfing called the Solar Energy Ordinance Public Hearing to order.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, at 11:09 a.m. the Board opened the meeting to Public Comments.

Two public comments were received. One letter from the public was read into the record.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, at 11:21 a.m. the Board closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Wetzel moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 4 to 1 with Commissioner King voting nay, the Board approved the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING LE SUEUR COUNTY
ZONING ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, zoning ordinances are designed for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare: and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is in the best interest of the County to revise the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that the Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the goals of the County Land Use Plan which was completed in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the Ordinance on April 19, 2020 and took testimony from the public, and at their April 19, 2020 meeting unanimously recommended adoption to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Board held a public hearing on the Ordinance on May 19, 2020 and took testimony from the public, and

WHEREAS, based upon the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and minutes, the County Board hereby finds and determines that:

1. State Statute enables counties to enact land use plans through zoning ordinances.
2. The proposed amendments reflect the goals and polices of the County Land Use Plan.
3. The proposed amendments encourage land use and zoning practices that will protect the public's health, safety, morals, and general welfare.
4. The proposed amendments will preserve significant bluff areas, wetlands, and natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance is amended with the proposed ordinance language as adopted.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, at 11:35 a.m. the Board closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Gliszinski reported on Department Head meetings.
- Commissioner King reported on Department Head meetings and Library Board.
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on Department Head meeting and Cordova Township meeting.
- Commissioner O'Keefe reported on Board workshop and Department Head meetings.
- Commissioner Rohlfing reported on Department Head Meetings and Region 9 and MVAC.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the cases and claims for Human Services:

Financial: \$39,909.66

Soc Services: \$121,153.41

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 4 to 0 with Commissioner Wetzel absent, the Board approved, the following claims were approved for payment:

Warrant #	Vendor Name	Amount
59468	Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc.	\$ 2,952.05
59469	Ag Partners Coop	\$ 4,092.40
59470	APG Media of Southern MN LLC	\$ 2,703.54
59471	APX Construction Group	\$ 7,500.00
59477	Bob Barker Co Inc.	\$ 2,800.00
59478	Bolton & Menk Inc.	\$ 49,622.36
59481	Brunz Construction Co. Inc.	\$ 2,317.50
59482	Christian, Keogh, Moran & King	\$ 2,903.57
59490	Election Systems & Software Inc.	\$ 5,874.00
59511	I & S Group Inc.	\$ 7,040.65
59512	ITsavvy LLC	\$ 2,754.50
59514	Johnson Aggregates	\$ 47,917.99
59522	Le Sueur Co Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	\$ 16,871.86
59525	M-R Sign Co. Inc.	\$ 3,513.10
59534	Minn St Admin ITG Telecom	\$ 6,709.64
59541	Anthony Nerud	\$ 3,945.00
59545	Paragon Printing & Mailing Inc.	\$ 3,832.13
59551	Rinke-Noonan Law Firm	\$ 5,127.50
59553	S.E.H. Inc.	\$ 43,552.46
59554	Selly Excavating Inc.	\$ 6,749.32
59556	Snap On Tools	\$ 2,295.00
59560	Summit	\$ 8,895.61
95	Claims paid less than \$2,000.00:	\$ 40,531.81
22	Claims paid more than \$2,000.00:	\$239,970.18
117	Total all claims paid:	\$280,501.99

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by King and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator

Le Sueur County Chairman