

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 25, 2020**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John King, Dave Gliszinski (remote), Lance Wetzel (remote), Steve Rohlfing 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 5 to 0, the Board approved the agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- Approved the August 18, 2020 County Board Minutes and Summary Minutes.
- Approved the Electronic Funds Transfer report:
 - **8/18/2020** Transferred \$1,000,000.00 from First State Bank of Le Center to Cornerstone State Bank of Le Sueur for Payroll.

Josh Mankowski, P&Z Administrator appeared before the Board with two items for approval.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to R HENERY CONSTRUCTION, MANKATO, MN, (APPLICANT) DELORES DENNIS, WASECA, MN, (OWNER) to allow Grading, Excavating, and Filling of less than 1 cubic yard of material for the construction of stairs located in the Bluff in a Recreational Residential "RR" Shoreland District and a Flood Fringe Overlay District, on Lake Jefferson a Recreational Development "RD" Lake. Property is located at Lot 7, Block 1, Kluntz Lakewood Knoll 2nd Addn., Section 1, Cleveland Township. The application is approved as written. The findings are on file at the Planning & Zoning Office.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit TO DANIEL CHRISTENSEN, MADISON LAKE, MN, (APPLICANT\OWNER) to allow Grading, Excavating, and Filling of 56 cubic yards of material located in the bluff in a Recreational Residential "RR" Shoreland District on Lake Jefferson a Recreational Development "RD" lake. Property is located at Lot 12, Block 1, Biehns Southview, Section 4, Cleveland Township. The application is approved with the following condition: Plant Minnesota deep rooted native vegetation within the restored bluff project areas. This will help prevent future erosion and runoff issues and will help infiltrate water that is coming from the up land area. The findings are on file at the Planning & Zoning Office.

Chuck Finger, Beaver Dam Resort appeared before the Board.

Amy Beatty, County Feedlot Officer, appeared before the Board with one item for consideration. On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the RESOLUTION FOR EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE END DATE until February 1, 2021, FOR AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR TEMPORARY, EMERGENCY LIFTING OF ANIMAL UNIT LIMITS ON FEEDLOTS.

Dave Tiegs, County Engineer, appeared before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved and authorized the Chair to sign the Proposal for Construction Testing Services with American Engineering Testing for the TH 99 Turn Lane Project.

Bailey Griffin with ISG, appeared before the Board with bids from the County Ditch 29, Spur 9 project. Bids were opened on Thursday, August 20. The following bids were received:

Selly Excavating, Le Center, MN	\$55,384.00
Barnett Bros., Inc. Kilkenny, MN	\$68,755.55
DeCook Excavating Inc. Bryon, MN	\$70,655.21
Chambers Excavating & Trucking LLC, North Mankato, MN	\$72,550.00
Sycks Construction, LLC, Le Center MN	\$73,996.50

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board awarded the bid for the repair of CD 29, Spur 9 to Selly Excavating, Le Center, MN in the amount of \$55,384.00.

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

At 10:00 a.m. Chair Rohlfing called the Parks Ordinance Public Hearing to order.

Tyler Luethje, Parks Director, appeared before the Board to present the Parks Ordinance revisions.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, at 10:13 a.m. the Board opened the Hearing for public comments.

One comments from the public was received.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board 10:17 a.m. the Board closed the public comments portion of the hearing.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board adopted the Parks Ordinance.

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

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to hire John Theis as a full time Highway Maintenance Worker in the Highway Department, Grade 6, Step 4 at \$21.38 per hour, effective August 31, 2020.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to post for a full time Captain in the Sheriff's Office, Grade 13, Step 4, at \$32.15 per hour.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the Public Employees Retirement Association - Police Officer Declaration for Samuel Ehlers. This declaration is a requirement of PERA to enroll an employee in the Police and Fire PERA.

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners and the Employee Recognition Committee would like to recognize the following employees on their significant length of service with Le Sueur County.

40 Year

Carol Blaschko - Finance

35 Year

Cynthia Jirak – Human Services

Kenneth Tupy – Highway

Pamela Simonette – Auditor-Treasurer

30 Year

Robbie Kopet – Highway

25 Year

Mark Traxler – Human Services

Daniel Tousley – Sheriff's Office

Sonja Thomson – Public Health

20 Year

Scott Ayers – Highway

Sharon Budin – Recorder's Office

Kelsey Bauer – Sheriff's Office

Ann Traxler – Emergency Management

Jeffrey Neisen – Information Technology

Joanne Corrow – Assessor's Office

Scott O'Brien – Sheriff's Office

10 Year

Lowell Freeman – Human Services

Leah Frederick – Public Health

5 Year

Alana Adams - Human Services

Katherine Van Otterloo - Human Services

Laura La Valle - Human Services

Justin Coates - Human Services

Suzanne Milam - Human Services

Megan Harkins - Human Services

Joshua Mankowski - Environmental,
Planning and Zoning

Tina Hering - Public Health

Jody Deutsch – Recorder's Office

15 Year

Darrell Pettis, County Administrator appeared before the Board with three items for consideration.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call vote 4 to 1 with Commissioner Gliszinski voting nay, the Board approved the DDA Human Resources organizational study.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 4 to 1 with Commissioner Gliszinski voting nay, the Board approved the Wenck Planning and Zoning Service Delivery Improvement Scope of Services.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved and authorized the Chair to sign the Seely Subordination Agreement.

Barbara Droher Kline, appeared before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Sarah Johnson Malchow.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Gliszinski reported on budget meeting.
- Commissioner King reported on budget meeting.
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on budget and MVCOC meetings.
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on budget meeting.
- Commissioner Rohlfing reported on budget, parks and SHIP meetings.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator **Le Sueur County Chairman**