

Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting September 21, 2021

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Government Center at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Dave Gliszinski, John King, Danny O'Keefe, Steve Rohlfing and Lance Wetzel. Also present were Joe Martin, Brent Christian and Pam Herrmann.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda:

- September 7, 2021 Board Minutes and Board Summary Minutes
- Electronic Funds Transfer Report
- Retail Sales of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products License, Dollar General, Le Sueur

In the Public Open Forum, David Scheiber of Le Sueur presented some concerns he had with Le Sueur County.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe, the Board unanimously approved to recess the regular meeting for a closed session with John Kolb, Attorney.

John Kolb, Rinke Noonan Attorney came before the Board in closed session to present a settlement offer in the appeal of the County Ditch 35 Redetermination of Benefits. Kolb discussed the offer with the Board and the Board weighed the pros and cons of accepting the settlement offer as presented.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved to end the closed session.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by O'Keefe, the Board unanimously approved to reconvene the regular Board meeting.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved 4 to 1 with King voting against, the Board authorized John Kolb to reject the current offer and to counter offer to reduce benefits by 22% of determined benefits to parcel #09.005.5000 and to engage engineering and viewing experts for a trial if needed.

Brent Christian, County Attorney came before the Board with a Hold Harmless Agreement signed by the City of Waterville, and a proposed Quit Claim Deed from Le Sueur County to the City of Waterville.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the gift to the City of Waterville of a 1.18 acre parcel of real estate in the City of Waterville to be used by the Waterville Fire Department, and authorized the Chairman and County Administrator to sign the Quit Claim Deed.

Tim Clark, Vice President of Adolfson & Peterson Construction came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the 1982 Jail Contract.

Jim McMillen, Director of Buildings & Grounds, came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board approved the cleaning of stone on East side of 1896 Government Center for a total cost of \$11,720 to Total Surface Restoration Services.

Sue Rynda, Director of Human Services came before the Board with a Director Update and a couple items for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the following HS claims:
Financial: \$ 44,099.99
Soc Services: \$134,804.10

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the Foster Care Transportation Contract with Cleveland Public Schools through 8/31/2023.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe, the Board unanimously approved the donation of 2 quilts made by Rhonda Friesen to the Clubhouse valued at \$200.

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

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to grant regular status to Caitlin Meyer, full time Agency Social Worker in Human Services, effective September 1, 2021.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to grant regular status to Dani Blaschko, full time County Auditor-Treasurer the Auditor-Treasurer’s Office, effective September 15, 2021.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the Recommendation to hire Pamela Fleck, full time Administrative Assistant II in Environmental, Planning and Zoning, Grade 4, Step 4, \$19.32 per hour, effective September 27, 2021.

Staffing Updates – Vacancy replacement hires:

Debra Adams, part time Homemaker in Public Health, Grade 1, Step 4, \$16.23 per hour, effective September 15, 2021.

Rhea Fogarty, part time Dispatcher in the Sheriff’s Office, Grade 6, Step 4, \$21.70 per hour, effective October 1, 2021.

Dave Gliszinski was excused from the meeting.

Dani Blaschko, Auditor/Treasurer came before the Board with a couple items.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the request to open a bank account at First State Bank for the purpose of depositing employee federal and state tax withholdings. Dani Blaschko is authorized to open the account, with Theresa Kubes and Cindy Westerhouse as authorized signers.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the interest rate for ditch assessments at 4%.

Dani also gave ditch updates.

Attorney Kolb returned to the meeting to present a counter offer related to the County Ditch 35 Redetermination of Benefits Appeal.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by King, the Board recessed the regular Board meeting and went into closed session to discuss the settlement counter-offer.

John Kolb, Rinke Noonan Attorney came before the Board in closed session to present a counter to the Board’s prior counter offer to settle the appeal of the County Ditch 35 Redetermination of Benefits. Kolb discussed the offer with the Board and the Board weighed the pros and cons of accepting the settlement counter-offer as presented.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board resumed the regular Board meeting.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously authorized John Kolb to reject the counter offer and to reoffer the Board’s original counter to reduce benefits by 22% of determined benefits to parcel #09.005.5000 and to engage engineering experts for a trial.

Joe Martin, County Administrator came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe, the Board unanimously approved re-appointing Bette Traxler to the Le Sueur – Waseca Library Board as a Le Sueur County Representative.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the following County claims:

Warrant #	Vendor Name	Amount
65967	Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc.	\$ 3,057.45
65968	AEGIS Therapies Inc.	\$ 2,678.04
65970	American Solutions for Business	\$ 4,120.91
65978	Bolton & Menk Inc.	\$ 4,465.00
65983	Christian, Keogh, Moran & King	\$ 3,773.89
65985	Construction & Tree Services LLC	\$ 3,500.00
65992	Ehlers & Associates Inc.	\$ 2,500.00
65994	ESRI	\$ 22,500.00
65995	Express Services Inc.	\$ 2,554.09
66013	I & S Group Inc.	\$ 39,010.80
66018	Johnson Aggregates	\$ 11,046.24
66025	Le Sueur County Recorder	\$ 12,328.00
66031	Maximus Consulting Services, Inc.	\$ 4,800.00
66037	Anthony Nerud	\$ 2,200.00
66046	Schneider Geospatial LLC	\$ 2,625.00
66053	Summit	\$ 8,705.97
66060	Traxler Construction Inc.	\$ 4,410.47
66064	W & S Enterprises of Le Sueur	\$ 2,145.00
66067	Wondra Automotive Inc.	\$ 3,241.13
85 Payments paid less than \$2,000.00:		\$ 29,861.65
19 Payments paid more than \$2,000.00:		\$139,661.99
104 Total all payments:		\$169,523.64

Commissioner Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Gliszinski was absent
- Commissioner King reported on Extension Committee.
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on Kilkenny Township meeting.
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on Fair Board and East Entry meeting.
- Commissioner Rohlfing reported on Kasota and Washington township meetings, Broadband, MNVAC, Pre-Construction meeting, Budgets/Negotiations and AMC Fall Conference at Arrowwood.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until September 28 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator Le Sueur County Chairman