

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
September 27, 2022**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 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 Rohlfling and Lance Wetzel. Also present were Joe Martin, Brent Christian and Pam Herrmann.

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

On motion by Rohlfling, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda with Gliszinski abstaining:

- September 20, 2022 Board Minutes and Board Summary Minutes
- LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for Sheriff’s Youth Project on 10/25/22 at Traxler’s Hunting Preserve

Open Forum:

- 1) Vern Lundgren of Le Sueur – concerns on lighting on Co Rd 22 & 15
- 2) Anita Janda of Le Center– courthouse red lights concern
- 3) Marie Meyer of Cleveland– wanted to share “Election Integrity Watch” website and comments on Leah Petricka, Region 9 presentation from last Board meeting

Aaron Stubbs, Planning and Zoning Administrator came before the Board with two items for approval.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by Rohlfling the Board granted via roll call 5 to 0, an Interim Use Permit to **SARA PITZER, CLEVELAND, MN, (APPLICANT)** **JAMES & SARA PITZER, CLEVELAND, MN, (OWNER)** to allow grading, excavating, and filling of up to 20 cubic yards of material in the bluff and shore impact zone for the purpose of stabilizing an existing boathouse and retaining walls in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District of Lake Jefferson, a Recreational Development “RD” lake. The property is described as Lot 23 of the Cape Horn subdivision, located in Section 1 of Cleveland Township.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board granted via roll call 5 to 0, an Interim Use Permit to **ANDERSON CUSTOM LANDSCAPE, INC, MANKATO, MN, (APPLICANT)** **SUSAN PEARSON, MANKATO, MN, (OWNER)** to allow grading, excavating, and filling not to exceed 350 cubic yard of disturbance in the bluff, bluff impact zone, and shore impact zone to facilitate the repair, replacement, and relocation of failing retaining walls and the repair of a legal non-conforming boathouse in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District of Lake Washington, a Recreational Development “RD” lake. The property is described as Lot 4 of the Connor’s Point Subdivision, located in Section 17 of Washington Township.

Tammy Stewig, Emergency Management Director came before the Board with two items for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the Grant Contract Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (State) for the 2023 Toward Zero Death (TZD) Safe Roads grant program.

The Board tabled the TZD Contracted position until more information is provided.

Cindy Westerhouse, Human Resources Director came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Rohlfig, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to grant regular status to Ben Miller, full time Highway Maintenance Worker in the Highway Department, effective September 27, 2022.

Joe Martin, County Administrator appeared before the Board with the 2023 Proposed Budget and Levy.

The County Administrator announced that the subsequent meeting for the adoption of the final 2023 budget and levy will be held in the Commissioner’s Room of the Le Sueur County Government Center on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Public testimony on the levy and/or budget will be allowed as part of this hearing.

On motion by Rohlfig, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously adopted the 2023 Preliminary Levy of \$26,509,351 a 7.7% levy increase with budget workshops to be set up with the larger departments.

**2023 PROPOSED LEVY**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>TAXES</b>	<b>PROGRAM AID</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Revenue	14,075,272	639,848	13,435,424
Road & Bridge	4,058,406	639,848	3,418,558
SS & PA	2,755,379		2,755,379
PA & GA	1,364,605		1,364,605
Fair	50,000		50,000
Building	80,000		80,000
Extension Services	241,292		241,292
Park	354,573		354,573
Bonded Indebtedness	3,973,940		3,973,940
Victim Witness	49,160		49,160
Env Services – P & Z	657,298		657,298
Env Services – ISTS	83,338		83,338
Env Services – Water Plan	45,784		45,784
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,789,047</b>	<b>1,279,696</b>	<b>26,509,351</b>
<b>2023 PROPOSED LEVY</b>			
		<b>\$26,509,351</b>	
<b>2022 FINAL LEVY</b>			
		<b>\$24,611,528</b>	
<b>INCREASE IN LEVY</b>			
		<b>\$1,897,823</b>	
<b>INCREASE OF</b>			
		<b>7.7%</b>	

Nic Kadel, Ditch Specialist appeared before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Rohlfig, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the County Ditch 61 Change Order with Braith Excavating for \$866.00 to fix and repair tile outlet, add trash guard to tile outlet. Trash guard not included in original bid or contract on this size of tile outlet. (trash guards recommended for tile outlets 24” or larger)

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

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the final payment in the amount of \$536,244.55 to Max Johnson Trucking for SAP 040-622-001 (Rural TH 112 turnback project).

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved to recess until the Public Hearing.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Aaron Stubbs, Planning and Zoning Administrator, came before the Board with a Public Hearing on the Moratorium prohibiting the sale, manufacturing or production of edible cannabinoid products.

Sheriff Mason provided commentary on the cannabinoid Legislative bill.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved to open the Public Hearing for comments on the Moratorium prohibiting the sale, manufacturing or production of edible cannabinoid products with no public comments.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved to close the public hearing for comments on the Moratorium prohibiting the sale, manufacturing or production of edible cannabinoid products.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the Moratorium prohibiting the sale, manufacturing or production of edible cannabinoid products.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by Wetzel, the Board recessed until 10:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Andrew Nicolai, Public Health, came before the Board with a Public Hearing on the Le Sueur County Swimming Pool Ordinance No. 103.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved to open the Public Hearing for comments on the proposed Le Sueur County Swimming Pool Ordinance No. 103.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved to close the public hearing for comments on the proposed Le Sueur County Swimming Pool Ordinance No. 103 with no public comments.

On motion by King, seconded by Rohlfing, the Board unanimously approved the Le Sueur County Swimming Pool Ordinance No. 103.

**Commissioner Committee Reports:**

- Commissioner Rohlfing reported on FEMA meeting, and Department Head meeting.
- Commissioners Gliszinski and King had no report.
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on Le Center Economic Development, South Central EMS, Public Health Advisory and Personnel Policy committee meeting.
- Commissioner O'Keefe reported on Fairboard meeting and Department Head meeting.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until October 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Le Sueur County Administrator      Le Sueur County Chairman