

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MARSHALL, MN
November 3, 1998

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fenske. Members present: Buysse, Fenske, Gladis, Goodenow, Vandelanotte, County Attorney Maes, and County Administrator Jorgensen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda approved with the deletion of Rick Anderson because the information he wanted to give the board was not available yet.

Buysse moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve the minutes for the regular Commissioner Meeting on October 6 and October 20 and the Consolidation hearing for JD#10 and JD#23 by Tracy on October 6. All voted in favor.

Ditch Vouchers were presented. Discussion. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the ditch vouchers. All voted in favor.

Goodenow - What ditch is it that drains the mall? Hammer - Branch 10 of 60B. Goodenow - Mr. McFarland has a for sale sign on the very small lot by the holding pond near Norwest Bank. I was thinking maybe that small piece of land should be included with the holding pond or the ditch or something. Why does he own it? It used to be part of the street. Hammer - I will do some checking on it.

Fenske - Did you go to the hearing of the Environmental Quality Board? Hammer - Yes, I have been involved with this. Fenske - There is a meeting tomorrow night, I will give you the information.

Hammer - Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 is the final meeting of the feedlot task force. Gladis - Has a member of the Planning and Zoning Board been at the meetings? Hammer - Besides myself and Commissioners, no. Gladis - Even though no voting was being done, I really feel that a voting member of Planning and Zoning should have been at the meetings.

General Revenue Vouchers and Special Water Projects were presented. Discussion. Buysse moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve the general revenue vouchers and special projects. All voted in favor.

General Revenue Fund	\$ 53,920.94
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 14,193.44
Landfill Special Revenue Funds	\$131,057.83
Water Projects - Special Revenue	\$ 701.84
Ditch Fund	\$ 6,471.75
Total	\$206,345.80

County Revenue	\$53,704.94
Capital Proj. LEC	\$ 216.00
Total	\$53,920.94

Beginning Warrant Number: 321729; Ending Warrant Number: 321849.

Jorgensen - I received a survey from SRDC concerning regional needs. It is being put together to identify needed projects in the cities, townships, and county. Jorgensen read the questions and his responses on the survey and asked if anyone wanted to add anything. Discussion on survey. Discussion on housing. Discussion on bar in Florence.

Jorgensen - I have a bill for CD#62 from Bolton and Menk. I recommend approval. Buysse moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve the CD#62 bill from Bolton and Menk in the amount of \$648.30 to be passed onto the city of Marshall for payment. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen - You all received a copy of the MCIT annual report. I would just like you to notice that Lyon County is named to the Workman's Comp and Loss Ratio Honor Roll. Fenske - This comes from looking ahead and planning by our Administrator.

Jorgensen - Seifert sent a thank-you note to me for speaking to his High School government class. I have to say I was very impressed with some of their questions.

Jorgensen - I received a letter from Olmsted Co. regarding the DM&E railroad. They had their own engineering study done and I think for the most part, the engineer did not tell them what they wanted to hear. I think they are looking at some more reasonable options.

Gladis - Maes, have you heard anything on the landfill case? Maes - I just received a copy of their memorandum.

Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Gladis to recess the regular meeting. All voted in favor

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Meeting of the Ditch Authority called to order for the Maintenance Levy Hearing for JD#10 and JD#23 by Tracy.

Van Overbeke handed out the following information:

JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 23 TRACY
TOTAL BENEFITS - \$307,276.18
EXPENSES 1997,1998

\$10,259.19	Viewing - Re-determination of Benefits
\$ 478.14	General Repairs
\$ 4,500.44	Engineering - Re-determination of Benefits
\$ 149.53	Postage
\$ 325.28	Advertising
\$ 3,369.85	1996, 1997, 1998 administration Cost
\$(1,846.49)	Less November Assessment
\$(1,600.00)	Outlet fee from Highway Project
\$15,635.94	Total needed to collect

JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 10 MONROE
TOTAL BENEFITS - \$43,269.03
EXPENSES 1997,1998

\$ 9,707.39	Viewing - Re-determination of Benefits
\$ 104.58	Postage
\$ 89.41	Advertising
\$ 367.04	General Repairs
\$ 1,664.55	1996, 1997, 1998 administration Cost
\$ (403.20)	Less November Assessment
\$11,529.77	Total needed to collect

Hammer - We want to collect these expenses separately before the ditches are consolidated. We recommend to collect just get enough money to take care of the bills they have right now. Fenske - For future work for repairs, it would be in JD#10's best interest to combine. Are there any questions from the audience? No comments were made.

Buyse moved, seconded by Gladis to approve a maintenance levy of 26.65% of the total benefits on JD#10 Monroe amounting to \$11,529.77. Payable 1999. Gladis - The ditch system is working at capacity and it is just undersized. If it would be improved, the cost would stay within the area of JD#10. All voted in favor.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve a maintenance levy of .0509 % of the total benefits on JD#23 Tracy amounting to \$15,635.94. Payable 1999. All voted in favor.

Buyse moved, seconded by Gladis to adjourn the meeting of the Ditch Authority.

Fenske called the regular meeting back to order.

Road and Bridge vouchers were presented. Discussion. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Gladis to approve the road and bridge vouchers. Discussion on Prairie Net Consortium bill from Ryan Computer. A friendly amendment was made with the agreement of Vandelanotte and Gladis to exclude the Prairie Net Consortium bill in the amount of \$28.13. All voted in favor.

Voigt - I have the tape for the TEA21 satellite broadcast. I encourage you to view it when you have a chance.

Voigt handed out a cash flow update for the Highway Department.

Gladis - I have a safety concern about the road going North out of the Landfill. There is only a yield sign there. I know it is more convenient for the trucks not to have to stop, but on the other side of the highway, there is a stop sign. Voigt - Visibility is the first thing to look at when putting in a stop sign versus a yield sign. If you can see adequately far to both sides, a stop sign is not necessarily needed. Gladis - There is no difference in visibility from one side of the highway to the other. Voigt - I will look into it. Gladis - I think this is a big safety concern.

Jorgensen - At the regional AMC meeting bridge funds were brought up and there is extra money. They just want to make sure all of the funds are spent. Voigt - We are on track for that and have passed the necessary resolutions, so we are doing what we can.

Voigt - When Chad Magnussen gets back from vacation, we will be working on plans for one of the Westerheim bridges and I have not heard back from the township board on the other one.

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Jorgensen - I have a copy of the letter you wrote to Area II, what affect will their possible policy change have on Lyon County? Voigt - This policy will reduce what the cost share on our projects would be. In my letter to them, I expressed my concerns with this. Buysse - The policy is in draft form and has not been approved. Jorgensen - When someone does not follow the rules, the other players that do follow them get penalized. Voigt - I just wrote the letter to express my concerns. Discussion. Fenske - We would have to use Area II's designs or we would not get the same amount of money. I do not like that. Voigt - I have no intention of delegating my engineering responsibilities to Area II. I work well with them and we always cooperate, however, there have been differences in our designs. On the past five or so projects that I looked at, we would have gotten less money because my design was not the same as theirs. Discussion.

Meeting Recessed.
Meeting back to order.

Landfill Vouchers were presented. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Gladis to approve the landfill vouchers. Discussion on R&G running behind. All voted in favor.

Henriksen - Gilbertson and I would like to address the possibilities of a new hazardous waste facility. Gilbertson handed out information on pounds of material received and the Hazardous Waste Program. Gilbertson - We would like to see a decision made on the current shed. I handed pictures around that show how overcrowded it is out there before pick up. The reason we need to know the plan for the facility is that we can apply for a Year 2000 Cap Grant to pay for approximately half of a new facility. Henriksen - We need to discuss what could be done with the old building and we need more space. Gilbertson - It not only takes space to store, but also to properly process. Buysse - Are the fairgrounds a good location? Henriksen - Yes. Fenske - Is there room to build by the cold storage? Henriksen - Yes, that is a possibility, but access would be limited. Gilbertson - Please note that square footage would be increased. The biggest thing I hear from others is do not build it too small. Gladis - Would there be a possibility of getting funds from the other counties involved? Fenske - I am not sure. Henriksen - We could approach them. Fenske - We will get some from the grant. Gilbertson - About half of the building costs. Fenske - This would not have to come out of the General Fund. Henriksen - As far as the present facility goes, the funding came mostly from the State. Goodenow - Maybe a new Highway Shop/Garage somewhere else and let Hazardous Waste have that building. Really the fairgrounds or the Hockey Association are interested in the space where the building is now. Gladis - I know the City of Marshall is looking at garage possibilities. Jorgensen - They are not planning on building new; theirs works for now, but they will need to do something in the future. Vandelanotte - Is the building worth saving? Henriksen - I will have to talk to Voigt. Goodenow - It is a steel framed building. Fenske - Jorgensen, do you know what the Hockey Association needs or wants? Jorgensen - They would be interested, I am sure, for the right price. Jorgensen - I could approach the Hockey Association and ask what their interest is. I recommend that we don't just look at the facility alone. Many people need to be involved. Buysse - I know Extension has talked about having their office at the Fairgrounds. Discussion. Jorgensen - If it is alright with the Board, I will get Henriksen, Keith Nelson, Voigt, the Hockey Association, and the Fairground Board together with myself to discuss the possibilities. Everyone agreed that Jorgensen should get the meeting set up. Gladis - I still think we should approach the other counties. Fenske - Let's find out the results of the meeting Jorgensen is going to set up. Buysse - Also make sure that all the correct City specifications and permits are met.

Henriksen - I received quotes on digging the trench at the landfill to drain the water. They are as follows:

Southwest Excavating	\$9,000
R&G	\$9,024
D&G	\$15,718.78

Henriksen - I recommend going with SW Excavating. Gladis moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve the quote from Southwest Excavating for digging the trench to drain the water at the landfill. All voted in favor.

Henriksen - I have a chance to be on the OEA Recycling Council. This council makes recommendations for grants. I have put in an application, but I wanted to check with you to see if this was alright. The meetings are once a month so there will be a time commitment. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea for Henriksen to be involved with this council.

Pauline Drechsel, US Fish & Wildlife, met with the Board to obtain certification for the US Fish & WL to purchase land in Lyon County. Drechsel - The purchases of the Michael Ahrens and James Anderson land are such small parcels that a total return to county was not figured out. For the Swedinski Property which is approximately 154 acres, the breakdown is as follows:

Current tax on Swedzinski property	\$1,018.00
Shared Revenue	\$458.77
Trust Payment (\$9,240 X 5.14%)	\$474.94
State Aid Offset	\$407.89
Total return to County:	\$1,341.60

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Jorgensen explained the numbers. Gladis - Have the townships been notified? Drechsel - Yes. Jorgensen - A township board called yesterday with questions and I think I answered their concerns. Buysse - Will you be responsible for keeping the weeds down? US Fish & WL - Yes. Buysse - Is there any County tile that runs through? Drechsel & others - No. Jorgensen - Would like to track payments on the little parcels because the townships would like to know. Buysse moved, seconded by Gladis to certify the purchase of land in Lyon County by the US Fish & Wildlife from Michael Ahrens, James Anderson, and Lorraine Swedzinski. Gladis - We always get hit up because the government owns a lot of land, but this is another way to keep things natural. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen - I have been approached by the City of Marshall on a couple things. The first thing is the possibility of getting together a regional marketing plan to market Lyon County as far as economic development goes. The second thing is possibly hiring a true economic coordinator with the City of Marshall. This comes at a time when the facilitator has resigned. Maybe we could look at using funds from that, though the Lyon County Enterprise Board is trying to hire someone. Buysse - Would other cities be willing to go along with this? Jorgensen - Yes, I think Marshall realizes that it can not survive without the surrounding communities and vice versa. Gladis - Does Marshall have an EDA director? Jorgensen - The EDA in Marshall relies heavily on the Marshall Industries Foundation. Gladis - An EDA board has a lot of power. Discussion on EDA. Gladis - Maybe it would be possible to share the facilitator program with another county. I don't believe he was really busy all the time, it is just basically a sit and wait until someone comes to you job. Jorgensen - That is correct because the philosophy there is that if someone comes to you, they have the true desire to start up a new business. The facilitator program here did not do as good here as in other counties. This has been discussed thoroughly and we really have not figured out exactly why. One of the reasons may be that there are a number of other options available here. Gladis - Maybe the office should be located where it is more visible. Jorgensen - This is budget time, so it is a good time to review this. Buysse - Accountability is a good thing.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Fenske to approve the per diems for Buysse in the amount of \$265 and Gladis in the amount of \$45. All voted in favor.

Discussion on lobbying policies.

Discuss budgets and Soil & Water's increase of 17%. Jorgensen - Last year the board approved an operating budget then additional for one time purchases. We will have to look closer at this.

Gladis - At an AMC Cross-Section Organizing meeting there were some interesting things discussed. In the Mankato area, the churches have gotten together to help with the Welfare Reform. They have gotten involved in helping people get transportation to and from work. There is a Public Science group that is looking at trying to get different crops in this area besides corn and beans. The African-American movement see the development of the large jails out here to be detrimental to them. The reason being that if any of their relatives are in jail, they get shipped to these jails, then it is too far to go to visit them. I went to the Safety Program meeting and I think the employees and Department Heads are really taking ownership. There is a lot of good interaction. The Jail Assessment looks like it is coming along. There will be one more meeting to look at the populations projections. I thought the District AMC meeting and the DM&E meeting were very good. PHS has their travel policies and procedures written down now.

Vandelanotte - I thought we got an excellent explanation about DM&E in Wabasso. We have scheduled our budget meeting the same time and place as the Planning and Zoning meeting. The Planning and Zoning agenda is limited. Jorgensen - They have used Room 3. Back to the Highway Department. The City of Cottonwood and the County Shop in Cottonwood have been talking about going together also.

Fenske commented on the AMC meeting and that he was glad all the Commissioners were present. Fenske - Tomorrow the Solid Waste Commission meets here at the fairgrounds to look at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. I received a letter from the OEA and as far as the SCORE grant goes, the County has satisfied the requirements. Just to clarify, is the meeting with Yellow Medicine County next Tuesday at 10:00. Jorgensen - Yes. Maes - The trial is set for March 23 and 24.

Buysse mentioned the AMC meeting in Wabasso. Buysse - I have had a request that the minutes from the ditch hearings be published in the paper quicker. Jorgensen - They are sent to the paper as soon as they are approved. I also had a request that when someone applies for a county job, that they are at least sent a letter letting them know the job has been filled. Jorgensen - I agree they need to be notified and what I have passed on to the Department Heads is that they should write letters to the people who put in applications and were not interviewed, and personally call the ones interviewed and not hired. I will pass the word along again.

Discussion on how many have applied for Planning and Zoning.

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Buyse moved, Gladis seconded motion to adjourn meeting until Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert Fenske, Chairman

Attest:

Mark R. Jorgensen
Lyon County Administrator