

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
August 1, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fenske. Members present: Buysse, Fenske, Goodenow, Vandelanotte, County Attorney Maes, and County Administrator Jorgensen. Absent until 11:15: Gladis.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda approved as printed.

Buysse moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve the minutes from the regular Commissioner Meetings on July 6th and 18th. All voted in favor.

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

Hammer – At the JD#31 meeting last week, a few complained about the assessments being too high. Van Overbeke and I went over it with them after the meeting. Discussion.

Hammer – In regards to the budget, I have increased my Planning and Zoning budget to include professional services for help on the land use plan etc. Discussion.

Discussion on proposed plats.

Discussion on Joint City/County Planning and Zoning.

Road and Bridge Vouchers were presented. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the road and bridge vouchers. All voted in favor.

Johnson – We have looked into the re-grading of the road to the Northern Border Pipeline. We will do it as soon as we get all the easements from the landowners. We also need to have an easement and pay \$1 to do work on land owned by Northern Border. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve the easement agreement with Northern Border Pipeline. All voted in favor.

Johnson – As far as the salt shed agreement, I called MnDot this morning and the agreement is in St. Paul right now. We had agreed to pay for a portion of the bladder and the bituminous. They put the bituminous down already because McLaughlin and Schulz had time and if they would have waited for the contract, it would have been a long time before they could have gotten back. I went out and checked it and had some concerns. They explained why they had done it the way they had and it made sense. The agreement was for the City of Marshall to pay up to \$37,000 and the same for the County. Goodenow – Was this the total that we had to pay? Johnson – Yes, this is for the bladder and the bituminous. Our portion of the bill for the bituminous is \$33,900.54 and the bladder cost \$2,700. So, we are actually not quite paying the full \$37,000. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve paying \$33,900.54 to McLaughlin and Schulz for bituminous at the salt shed. All voted in favor.

Johnson – Should we discuss the loss of driver's license policy? Jorgensen – This is something that we have been working on in the last couple weeks. We do have a policy currently, but it is fairly vague. Maes has taken a look at it and made a couple suggestions. Please look it over. Fenske – We will put it on the agenda to act on at the next meeting.

Fenske – I received a letter from AMC that included a questionnaire on snow mobile trails damaged because of studs. Did you get this? Johnson – We do not have any paved trails. I will reply back and let them know that.

Jorgensen – I talked with the Marshall City Administrator about CR#67 and getting some help. He is going to coordinate with the Corps. They have had problems with the contractor. Johnson – When a road is used for a haul road for someone else's project, in this case, the dike project, the contractor has to put the road back into the condition that it was previously. They tried getting by as cheap as possible and it did not work. Jorgensen – Hopefully the City will get something going.

Jorgensen – We will be receiving a dividend in the amount of \$145,368 from MCIT. The premiums that we paid were \$198,000. Fenske – Will this go into next year's budget? Jorgensen – Yes. Fenske – Part of why we get such a big return is management. Goodenow – I do not question that, I question why we have to pay so much in the first place. Jorgensen – I have talked with them about that and they told me that they would rather give back a big dividend than try to collect money if it is needed. Discussion.

Jorgensen – As we start to discuss budget, we need to discuss prioritizing some of the things that are needed. I believe a high priority will be land use planning and though Hammer has budgeted extra, I do not believe it will be enough. Another priority will be health insurance. We may be seeing a pretty good increase again this year. Goodenow – Do you have a list that we should prioritize? Jorgensen – Not a complete list, but in the first draft of the budget some of the items are listed. Discussion. Fenske – I know it is not a high priority, but some day I would like to see street signs in the country. Goodenow – Maybe we could start with signs on the roads that connect to county roads? Discussion. Jorgensen – I will get you some sort of list.

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Stokke – We need to discuss the Union Contract negotiations.

Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Goodenow to close the meeting to discuss Union Negotiations. All voted in favor.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to reopen the meeting. All voted in favor.

Meeting Recessed.

Meeting Back to Order.

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

General Revenue Fund	\$96,662.24
Road and Bridge Vouchers	\$61,454.21
Landfill Spec. Rev. Funds	\$19,718.24
Water Projects – Spec. Rev.	\$82.50
Ditch Fund	\$1,327.00
Total	\$179,244.19

Beginning Warrant Number: 330505; Ending Warrant Number: 330601.

Jorgensen – I have a resolution that standardizes fees throughout the county. It has been a long time since anything has been approved. Discussion on estate searches with Barker. Buysse moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to accept the Countywide Fee Resolution (on file at the County Administrator's Office). Goodenow – Photocopy fee? How standard is \$1 per page for the first five pages? I have had complaints about how much it costs, has anyone else? No one else on the board had. Barker – This is not only charging for the copy, it is charging for the time it takes the person to find the information etc. Jorgensen - \$1 seems to be pretty standard. Discussion. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – For the Coop Facilities Grant, some sort of a commitment is needed one way or the other by August 15th. Goodenow – If the total put in is \$200,000, what is the rate of return? Jorgensen – For every \$4 we put in, they put in \$1. This is for the soccer field. I believe the hockey rink is 2 or 3 to 1. From what I understand, if they can get the commitment for matching funds, the grant for the soccer fields is pretty much a done deal, however, the hockey rink is still a question. Fenske – What would we be committing to at this point? Jorgensen - \$50,000 for each of two years. The Amateur Sports Association is looking at this very seriously. SSU and the school district have been working very closely together on this.

Gladis present at 11:15.

Fenske – As far as the budget goes, if necessary, we could take some out of reserves and not worry about causing a budget problem. This is a regional project. Jorgensen – In discussions with Wielage, I have made it clear that with County funds, it will be open equally to everyone within the county. Gladis – Right now to participate in Marshall Community Activities, out of school district residents must pay extra. Jorgensen – That is what I have talked to Wielage about, because County money is going to be involved in this. Discussion on use of present Hockey Arena and fees for classes. Goodenow – One hesitation is, if we do this, do we want to find a little more money for our improvement fund? Maybe the amount of the fund should go up to \$20,000. Gladis – Will the soccer field be outdoor? Jorgensen – Yes. Gladis - \$400,000 sounds like a lot of money. Jorgensen – I think once you start leveling and getting it up to standard for competition, it will be about that. Gladis – How many fields in Marshall now? Jorgensen – There are a couple in the parks, but they are not regulation. Gladis – How many kids will actually play on the regulation size fields? Jorgensen – All of them. Discussion. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Fenske to commit \$50,000 per year for two years for the coop recreational facilities grant program through the MN Amateur Sports Commission, contingent on getting the grant. Voting in Favor: Buysse, Fenske, Gladis, Vandelanotte. Abstaining: Goodenow.

Landfill Vouchers were presented. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the landfill vouchers. All voted in favor.

Henriksen – For the new cell, we will need a monitoring well. I received a proposal from SEH in the amount of \$5,880. There are more requirements than a drinking well. Also, a work plan must be submitted first and then a report when done. Buysse moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to accept the proposal from SEH for the monitoring well. All voted in favor.

Fenske – Involvement in Granite Falls? Henriksen – We have been involved with HHW clean up and have been working with the MPCA and other agencies. The landfill is starting to get some of the garbage that is coming out of the homes. Fenske – It is going to the landfill? Henriksen – Yes. A lot of the stuff went into their demo site. Fenske – What is this going to do to the life of our cell? Henriksen – It will reduce it. I have been talking with Myrna Hallbeck about it and the possibility of getting the contract awarded sooner. Discussion on permit modification. Jorgensen – We can hold a special board meeting if they will

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let us award the contract sooner. Henriksen – Let's set a tentative date, that way we are ready if they do allow it. Jorgensen – Monday at 1:30 unless you hear otherwise from Henriksen or I. Remember, this is contingent on the MPCA waiving the rest of the comment period.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to close the meeting to discuss pending litigation. All voted in favor.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to reopen the meeting. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – You all received a copy of the Annual Jail Inspection for Lyon County. At first glance, it does not look as good, but once you look it over you will see that it is almost all policy changes. Goodenow – They basically want us to hire a jail administrator and programmer. How is the search for a jail administrator coming? Jorgensen – We are waiting on a wage scale then we can advertise. Discussion.

Jorgensen – I gave you information on statutes etc. dealing with the Humane Society. Discussion.

Jorgensen – I received a call from the Rock County Administrator wondering when we were going to appoint a Commissioner to the RSVP Board. I told him that we funnel the money through Region VIII and as far as I knew they have appointed someone. Goodenow – I think you need to talk with Sandy Lehman about it.

Jorgensen – Western Community Action has sent in their request for 2001 for the transportation program. They are requesting a letter of support so they can apply for the MnDot grants. They need it before August 31. I think in the past, I have written a letter saying that Lyon County has not committed any funds as of yet, but they have in the past and plan to continue to support the transportation program. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve Jorgensen writing a letter of support for the Western Community Action Transportation program. All voted in favor.

Per Diems were presented. Gladis moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the per diems for Vandelanotte in the amount of \$40 and Goodenow in the amount of \$40. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Reports:

Gladis – The Extension Budget is pretty stable. The LCEDC meeting was not held because of the bad weather. I thought the Joint City/County meeting was interesting.

Discussion on Joint City/County meeting.

Vandelanotte – I believe the Soil and Water budget is pretty much ready to go.

Goodenow – We have a jail planning meeting this Thursday and Friday.

Fenske – RDC is wondering what other counties are doing GIS and are curious where we are with it. Jorgensen – We have run into a problem transferring the data from the AS400 to the GIS software. Hopefully, by the end of this month it will be up and running. Actually, RDC was involved with the first meetings, but that person left and they never replaced him. Discussion.

Fenske – Fifty-five employees participated in the health risk appraisal. We received a report at the follow up that explained the group demographics. If anyone is interested in looking it over, let me know.

Fenske – The Annual Park Board Meeting is tonight.

Buysse – I went to the YMRWS Advisory Meeting and it was interesting. I made a pitch for getting the Beaver Dams out and they seemed surprised that they caused that big of a problem.

Buysse moved, Gladis seconded motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, August 15, 2000 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert Fenske, Chairman

Attest:

Mark R. Jorgensen
Lyon County Administrator