

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
February 20, 2001

In the absence of Chairperson Fenske, Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to nominate Gladis to be Acting Chairperson. All voted in favor.

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairperson Gladis. Members present: Buysse, Gladis, Nelson, County Attorney Maes and County Administrator Jorgensen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ditch vouchers in the amount of \$520.79 were presented and Todd Hammer recommended that they be paid. Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the ditch vouchers. All voted in favor.

Hammer presented a copy of a proposed resolution drafted by the Soil and Water Conservation District regarding voluntary planting of permanent grass along county public drainage ditches. Rose Anderson, SWCD – We have a lot of landowners with these grassed areas. We've been promoting our CREP program. The state has drawn up resolutions that state that maintenance is allowed by the county as long as it's been reseeded when finished. We plan to meet with overseers of the ditch areas before planting season. Hammer – They can go out 100 feet from the ditch bank with the grass strip. Buysse – We want to go short of mandating it. Anderson – Where they've kept strips, ditch maintenance has gone down. Hammer – You can look it over and I'll bring it back to the board on March 6. Anderson – If anyone has any questions, feel free to visit our office.

Road and Bridge Vouchers were presented by Anita Benson. Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the 2000 and 2001 road and bridge vouchers. Gladis – How are we doing on road salt? Benson – We've been tight. We've ordered more in the \$40 range which isn't bad. We're okay. Jorgensen – How's the sharing of the salt shed going? Benson – We've had some sharing pains because of the ice storm. Questions come up on who's salt it is? We wouldn't have this happen in a normal winter. All voted in favor.

Benson – 6 bids for the Water Retention Project in Monroe Township in the Cottonwood River Watershed were received. The bids were as follows:

Dick's Excavating	\$90,869.42
R & G Construction	\$96,021.25
Kockelman Construction	\$100,519.10
Schmidt Construction	\$109,990.55
Ryan West Excavating	\$141,019.90
Engineer's Estimate	\$115,000.00

Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to award the CP99:T18-02 road retention contract to Dick's Excavating from Minnesota. The project will include the removal of an existing 8'x8' box culvert which will be replaced by a 72" main culvert with a 42" inlet and 72" overflow riser. The roadway will also be raised up to 10.5' and a pond will be created in Section 11. This project will create 88 acre ft of storage and reduce the flow rate by 27% for a 100 year storm event. The funding for the project will be provided through Area II with a minimum local fund match of 20% of total project costs. Construction may begin on June 1 and is scheduled for completion by July 15. All voted in favor.

Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to set March 19 at 9:00 AM the date for bid letting for trading in the two 1992 tandem trucks and one 1987 backhoe for two new trucks and a new backhoe. Benson – All three items were included in our budget. For the backhoe, we plan on going from rubber tires to track which will save money. All voted in favor.

Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve out-of-state travel for Roger Schroeder, Environmental Office for a one day and night conference regarding GIS on March 5 in Ames, Iowa. All voted in favor.

Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve a resolution in support of the DM&E railroad upgrade project. Discussion. All voted in favor.

General Revenue Vouchers and Trust Fund Payments were presented. Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the general revenue vouchers and trust fund payments. Discussion.

General Revenue Fund	\$94,851.57
Road & Bridge Fund	\$40,881.75
Landfill Spec. Rev. Funds	\$5,563.27
Water Projects – Special Revenue	\$285.00
Ditch Fund	\$520.79
Sinking Ditch VIII	\$696.25
Total	\$142,798.63

Beginning Warrant Number: 332756; Ending Warrant Number: 332885. All voted in favor.

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Jorgensen – The County Improvement Fund has been increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 this year. Gladis – Did we use it all last year? Jorgensen – Yes. There have been four proposals for projects this year. Gladis – I'm glad they are using it. Nelson – It's spread throughout Lyon County.

Jorgensen – The union wants to get together on Thursday at 3:00 PM with Bob and Jerry. They didn't accept, but there's room for movement.

Jorgensen – There is a Joint LEC meeting on Monday, February 26 at 7:00 AM to update and close out the LEC information. Fenske will sit in for Goodenow and Nelson will be there, too.

Jorgensen – It appears as though Waste Connections is in the process of changing the days of the week they pick up garbage.

Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve payment from the Criminal Justice Fund of \$1,780 to Mark Neibel. Discussion. All voted in favor.

Maes – The Heartland Tax Appeal has been moved from February 23 because they can't get the appraisal soon enough. It's been moved to the first full week of March in St. Paul. We haven't received a notice, but they are looking at March 6 or 7. Gladis – How long has this been going on? Maes – About 2 years. This is the fourth change in dates. Gladis – Can the findings be appealed? Maes – It's unlikely that it would be. Nelson – What kind of court? Maes – Tax Court.

Doris Foley and Pat Leary discussed with the board the Holy Redeemer Food Stand. Leary – We would like to get permission to tear down and reconstruct a new Food Stand. We will have it ready for the fair in August 2001. We would like a long term commitment that we can stay as we have been around for a long time. We feel it will enhance the fairgrounds. We will take out both the Holy Redeemer Food Stand and the old 4-H food stand that was being used for bingo and construct the new food stand. Jorgensen – It will look similar to the VFW. Foley – It will have more than twice the room and have outdoor seating as well as counter seating. It will be constructed very professionally. We were shut down after the 2000 fair because of electrical problems. Dave Gruhot would like to tear it down soon. Buysse – Our normal practice is to wait until our full board is here, but since it has to be torn down anyway, we may as well make a decision. Gladis – Is it used other times during the year? Jorgensen – It hasn't been used because of the shape it was in. Gladis – It would be nice to use it more than just during the fair. Foley – We would be open to letting others use it since it will be built to prepare food in. Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve demolition of the old Holy Redeemer Food Stand and old 4-H food stand. All voted in favor.

Bill Otto from the Russell Saddle Club Rodeo Committee – We are sponsoring a Little Britches Rodeo on May 26 and 27. We expect 90-100 contestants from MN, SD, IA, WI, NE and ND. Because of the amount of money involved for getting certified judges, timers and prizes, we are asking for a waiver of grandstand fees. Buysse – What about insurance and safety? Otto – All contestants have their own insurance as they receive it when they are a member. Many precautions are taken. There are seven other Little Britches Rodeos being held in Minnesota. Rick Anderson – I would like you to consider the bathroom fees staying for everyone who uses the fairgrounds and facility. Bathrooms take longer to keep up. Otto – Any amount waived would help. Gladis – Let's keep getting the damage deposit. Anderson – In five years of overseeing this, no one has ever not gotten their damage deposit back. Gladis moved, seconded by Nelson to sign a rental agreement with the Russell Saddle Club Rodeo Committee to waive all fees of \$125 for the infield and grandstand except the bathroom fees and damage deposit for the Little Britches Rodeo. All voted in favor.

Brad Marks – Jail Administrator – I would like to consider charging prescription co-payments to inmates without medical insurance. We are allowed by statute that County Commissioners can determine a co-pay amount. Currently, there is a \$5 co-pay for an inmate to be seen by a nurse. But there is no co-pay amount for prescriptions. After talking with Greg Carlson from the Department of Corrections, a \$5.00 co-pay is average from counties. I think it should be more since prescriptions are high. Gladis – Whether you are in jail or not, you have to find a way to pay. I would like to see a percentage of the cost of the prescription. Marks – We could do a minimum and a maximum. Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve a minimum of 25% up to 100% co-payment for prescriptions. All voted in favor.

Buysse moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the landfill vouchers. All voted in favor.

Gladis moved, seconded by Buysse to approve per diems of \$210 for Fenske and \$150 for Nelson. All voted in favor.

Buysse – I would like to wish Mark Jorgensen our County Administrator well and good luck in his future role with Minnesota Hockey.

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Buyse moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 9:00 AM.

Jerry Gladis, Acting Chairperson

Attest: _____
Mark R. Jorgensen
Lyon County Administrator