

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
April 3, 2001

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fenske. Members present: Buysse, Goodenow, Fenske, Gladis, Nelson, County Attorney Maes and Auditor/Treasurer VanOverbeke.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Buysse moved, seconded by Gladis to approve the March 6, 2001 minutes. Maes – In the March 6 minutes, the line, “The Environmental Appeals Board listened to arguments in the Heartland Tax Appeal...” was incorrect. It should state, “The Environmental Appeals Board listened to arguments in the Landfill Appeal”. Gladis moved, seconded by Goodenow to accept the changes to the March 6 minutes. All voted in favor.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the CD #7 minutes. Maes – There is a correction that needs to be made. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to accept the changes to the CD #7 minutes as follows. Fenske made a motion to deny the petition by the DNR because the evidence before the drainage authority failed to show

1. that removing the property from the drainage system would not prejudice the property owners and that it would not affect the property remaining on the system and
2. that the property no longer serves a substantial useful purpose to the system. Buysse seconded this motion at the March 6, 2001 hearing. All voted in favor.

Benson – There will be a Comprehensive Plan Kickoff at 7:00 PM April 12, 2001 at the Lyon County Government Center.

Ditch vouchers were presented by Benson. Goodenow moved, seconded by Gladis to approve the ditch vouchers that were presented. All voted in favor.

A Resolution for Right of Way Acquisition Rates was presented by Benson. Benson – This will affect the Highway 2 project. Discussion. Nelson – A farmer has 3 options: do nothing, take out the fence, take out the fence and replace the fence. Benson – They are paid for the fence. If they remove the fence or remove and replace, this is in addition. The farmer gets three payments if he does it all. If the farmer doesn't do it, we pay the contractor to remove and replace. This gives the landowner the option to do the work. We're better off having the landowner salvage the fence than to pay the contractor to dispose of it. Goodenow – We could be paying \$1 a foot or more for a fence. Fenske – Is that reasonable? Benson – MNDOT is at \$1.46 a foot. Fenske – If the landowner does all the work – there's a lot of work there. Goodenow moved, seconded by Gladis to approve the Resolution for Right of Way Acquisition Rates. All voted in favor. (on file at the County Administrator's Office)

Bids were reviewed for the Excavator. Benson – We had four dealers submit bids. Low bids were Hyundai and Caterpillar. Discussion. Nelson moved, seconded by Buysse to award the bid for the Excavator to Caterpillar. All voted in favor.

Benson – We would like to have a Spring or Fall Road Tour – preferably a Spring Tour. The road restrictions go off May 13. How about May 4 or 11? Fenske – We will decide at the next meeting.

Jill from Western Community Action presented a Resolution for the Family Development Program to assist families in crisis situations. Jill - With board approval, we will add this to our grant application. It will not cost anything. The other counties in our area have already approved these resolutions. Buysse moved, seconded by Gladis to approve the Resolution for the Family Development Program. All voted in favor. (on file at County Administrator's Office)

Jill – We have applied for a Community Fix-Up Fund grant. We can help people in Lyon County whose income is less than \$58,000 with an interest rate between 6.5% and 9.5%. We are asking the board for support so we can put this in our grant application. Buysse moved, seconded by Goodenow to the Resolution for the Community Fix-Up Fund. All voted in favor. (on file at County Administrator's Office)

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

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| General Revenue Fund | \$108,328.18 |
| Road & Bridge Fund | \$42,401.14 |
| Solid Waste Management | \$18,417.71 |
| Local Water Imp. | \$220.00 |
| Total | \$169,367.03 |

Beginning Warrant Number: 333299; Ending Warrant Number: 333333. All voted in favor.

Van Overbeke – I would like to re-classify Diane Campbell in the Auditor/Treasurer's office to a Technical Clerk instead of a Senior Clerk. I've been training Diane to be in a supervisor position when I am out of the office. She is classified at grade level 9 for Senior Clerk; Technical Clerk is Grade Level 10. Buysse – Is there money in your budget? Van Overbeke – yes. Her performance evaluation dates would be April instead of January. Buysse moved, seconded by

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Gladis to approve the re-classification of Diane Campbell to Technical Clerk effective April 1, 2001. All voted in favor.

Van Overbeke – LLMHS has been trying to get one individual and one business to cash their outstanding checks. Discussion. Gladis moved, seconded by Goodenow to accept the canceling of outstanding checks, warrant 23255 dated 10/99 \$36.00, warrant 235267 dated 2/00 \$902.00 and warrant 235575 dated 2/00 \$287.00. All voted in favor.

Fenske moved, seconded by Goodenow to appoint Anita Benson as the County Engineer for Director of Public Works for a four-year term starting May 1, 2001. Fenske – She has completed her probation period and I feel comfortable appointing her to this. Goodenow – I've been very pleased with her work and the transition has gone very well. All voted in favor.

Van Overbeke – AMC is putting on a redistricting meeting for County Administrators. They will be having Tom Gillaspy from the State Demographer's office, Joe Manske from the Governor's redistricting commission, a presentation on Maptitude program for redistricting and a round table discussion with other Auditor's around the state that have been thought redistricting before. This in on April 20th. Board recommends Van Overbeke to attend.

Henriksen presented landfill vouchers. Gladis moved, seconded by Buysse to approve Landfill vouchers. All voted in favor. Henriksen – We need to order the Con Cover Machine. It is \$38,500 and was in the budget. It sprays mulch for a daily cover and uses leachate. This would save us over \$12,000 in one year. Fenske – Until the state approves it for us, we have to wait. Henriksen – They've approved it in other counties. Gladis moved, seconded by Goodenow to order the machine contingent that the state will approve it. All voted in favor.

Mary McLaughlin and Shelia Leonard from RSVP were present to update the board on the RSVP program. McLaughlin – We would like to request that the county board pays our rent of \$50 a month at the Red Cross Building (\$600 a year). Other counties pay RSVP's rent. Currently, we are in the Senior Center. There are conflicts between the Senior Center Director and RSVP. They no longer want to be a site for RSVP. Fenske – This is a Human Services program and you should really be requesting the funding from that board. Goodenow and myself are on the Human Service Board and we have a meeting on the 18th. We will get together then to come up with a solution.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve per diems of \$30 and \$14.52 for mileage to Gladis. All voted in favor.

Gladis – The Annual Meeting of the Lyon County Enterprise Development Corporation went really well. There has been tremendous growth with the new facilitator. The new contacts are surprising. Existing businesses also contact her. We do have out-of-county contacts, too.

Gladis – Do we have the ability to test the Redwood River? There is lots of foam. Maes – That would be something the DNR or the PCA would do. Van Overbeke will contact the DNR and PCA.

Fenske – Ron Halgerson gave us the additional cost for the basement. \$142,000. The project is increased from 1.6 million to 1.7 million and that includes the 2nd floor.

Fenske – Nobles County is working with Kid's Peace to operate a detention/residential treatment center. They have short and long term care. Maes – I would be in favor of a residential treatment center.

Buysse moved, seconded by Gladis to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at 9:00 AM.

Robert Fenske, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Paula VanOverbeke
Auditor/Treasurer