

OFFICIAL MINUTES

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
February 7, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ritter. Members present: Buysse, Fenske, Ritter, Goodenow, Nelson, County Attorney Maes, County Auditor/Treasurer Van Overbeke, and County Administrator Stomberg.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Buysse, seconded by Goodenow to approve the agenda with the deletion of Legislative Issues, the shifting of Consideration of Hoist Replacement – Marshall Shop from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda, and addition to request the appointment of Liz Struve to the Extension Committee. All voted in favor.

Consent Agenda

The following per diems and expenses were presented.

	Per Diems	Expenses
Nelson	\$460	\$204.27
Fenske	240	83.09
Ritter	320	148.19
Goodenow	140.86	120

Items 1-4 and 6-14 from the Consent Agenda were presented. Item #5 was pulled to the regular agenda.

1. Minutes from the January 17, 2006 Board Meeting.
2. Commissioner Warrants #101515 - #101636 dated 02/08/06 in the amount of \$304,003.02.
3. Auditor Warrants #101465 - #101483 dated 01/26/06 in the amount of \$303,952.79 and Auditor Warrants #101485 - #101513 dated 02/02/06 in the amount of \$28,533.22.
4. Per Diems and Expenses previously presented.
5. Hoist Replacement – Marshall Shop.
6. Approve the Quote for 50,000 lb capacity flatbed tilt trailer for total purchase price of \$20,022.00 from the low quote provider Poirer. This trailer will replace a 1986 model 20,000 lb Eager Beaver Tandem Axle Tilt Bed Trailer Serial Number 112TXT205GA200029. The quotes received are summarized as follows:

Vendor	Trade in Allowance	*Total Cost (Including Taxes)
Poirer Equipment Co., Inc Marshall, MN	\$4,320.00	\$20,022.00
RDO Equipment Co. Marshall, MN	\$3,000.00	\$21,832.50
Zeigler, Inc. Marshall, MN	\$5,500.00	\$22,689.83
Swanston Equipment, Inc. Fargo, ND	\$3,000.00	\$23,856.00

The 2005 equipment expenditures was less than the budget amount by approximately \$75,000. During the 2006 budget process the Board gave direction to use the 2005 funds to purchase equipment identified for the 2006 budget to reduce

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the levy needed for the 2006 budget. The amount remaining after the purchase of the Pickup and Custom Box & Trailer is \$17,868.

*Note: Vendor is responsible for obtaining license plates and all fees associated with such.

7. Award of Bids – Surplus Equipment

Snow blower:

Approve award of bid for Unit # 15 to Clem Anton for the high bid amount of \$3,580.00. The 1936 OSHKOSH SNOW BLOWER – Unit 15 Model FC36 SN 3233 was designated by the Board as surplus equipment in August 2005. The Highway Department advertised and has received the 8 Bids as summarized below:

Name	Bid Amount	Tax 0%	Total Bid
Clem Anton	\$3,580.00	0	\$3,580.00
Shannon Christenson	\$3,552.51	0	\$3,552.51
Steve Schneider	\$2,656.00	0	\$2,656.00
Richard Vroman	\$2,332.00	0	\$2,332.00
Gene Staniszewski	\$735.00	0	\$735.00
Duane L. Thompson	\$601.00	0	\$601.00
Duane G. Lorsung	\$501.00	0	\$501.00
Walton Sauter	\$406.00	0	\$406.00

Truck Mounted Crane:

Approve award of bid for Unit # 56 to Duane L. Thompson for the high bid amount of \$1,598.57. The 1958 GARWOOD CRANE – Unit #56 Model M20-A-F SN 1615 was designated by the Board as surplus equipment in August 2005. The Highway Department advertised and has received the 5 bids as summarized below.

Name	Bid Amount	6.5% MN Tax	Total Bid
Duane L. Thompson	\$1,501.00	\$97.57	\$1,598.57
Gene Staniszewski	\$630.00	\$40.95	\$670.95
Walton Sauter	\$506.00	\$32.89	\$538.89
Richard Myhre	\$500.00	\$32.50	\$532.50
Duane G. Lorsung	\$470.00	\$30.55	\$500.55

Vibratory Steel Roller:

Approve award of bid for Unit #71 to Duane L. Thompson for the high bid amount of \$799.82. The VIBRATORY ROLLER – Unit #71 Steel Vibra Roller Model 65 SN203 designated by the Board as surplus equipment in August 2005. The Highway Department advertised and has received 7 Bids as summarized below.

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Motion by Buysse, seconded by Nelson to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 and 6-14. All voted in favor.

Request to Change Recycling Contract from Curry to Waste Management

Rick Roemer, from Waste Management addressed the Board and requested a revision to the County’s recycling contract. Waste Management, a national company out of Houston, Texas, has acquired Curry Sanitation, who currently holds the Lyon County recycling contract. Roemer requested that the County’s recycling contract be revised from Curry Sanitation to Waste Management. No other changes are contemplated.

Roemer explained that Waste Management (WM) would like to start using a two sort system as early as March 1st. The two sort system will divide recycling into “paper” and “rigids,” rigids being tin, plastics, and glass. Roemer - The easier it is made for households to recycle, the more they will recycle. Roemer invited the Board and County agents to tour WM’s Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on February 15th. Ritter – Who will educate the public on the new system? Maes – We will do some; I’ll have to look at the contract. WM will advertise it.

Motion by Fenske, seconded by Goodenow to transfer the County’s recycling contract from Curry to Waste Management. All voted in favor.

Consent Item #5 - Consider Hoist Replacement – Marshall Shop

Anita Benson, Public Works Director/County Engineer requested approval to purchase a WPLS-160 Wireless Lift System and additional items from GRAY, St. Joseph, MO for a total bid amount of \$46,844.03. The 2006 Highway Department budget included \$55,000 for this equipment purchase. This lift system is electric over hydraulic, completely cordless, and mobile. It is battery-operated and works with all of our trucks. GRAY is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the wireless lift equipment. GRAY also holds the only patent #6,634,461 on the wireless technology that is used in their wireless lift system. Quotes were requested and received from GRAY, Ari-Hetra and Steril Koni for a portable lift system. They are summarized as follows:

Manufacturer	Model	Price w/Tax
GRAY	WPLS-160	\$39,831.00
Steril Koni	ST 1082-F-2	\$38,662.70
Ari-Hetra	HDML-8-4	\$40,264.68

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Buysse to purchase the WPLS-160 Wireless Portable Lift System and additional items from GRAY for a total bid amount of \$46,844.03. All voted in favor.

Consider Survey Equipment Purchase from State Bid

Benson requested approval for the purchase of GPS surveying equipment and total station off MN GSA Contract # 433-769 from Frontier Precision, Inc., Bloomington, MN for total bid amount of \$67,282.98. Frontier Precision is the State Bid holder for this equipment. Benson – Area II will purchase our old equipment for \$13,312.50, and we will provide some training to them. The new equipment will be able to pick up a signal in valleys. It is multi-frequency and can support L2C and L5.

Nelson – Horizontal and vertical distance? Benson – Yes. Goodenow – Would this come out of your budget? Benson – Yes, the Highway Dept. budget includes \$55,000 for upgrading the GPS

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surveying equipment and total station. Nelson – I understand this allows just one person to survey instead of two or three? Benson – Yes.

Motion by Fenske, seconded by Goodenow to approve the purchase of GPS surveying equipment and total station off MN GSA Contract # 433-769 from Frontier Precision for total bid amount of \$67,282.98.

Consider MVST Constitutional Amendment Resolution

Benson requested approval of a resolution supporting the Constitutional Dedication of the MVST for transportation purposes. Benson – If the Constitutional amendment is approved on November 6, 2006, Lyon County would receive a projected \$3,331,600 in increased highway funding over a 10-year period.

Goodenow – When it switches over, do we really get this money? Benson – 62% to general fund, 29% to County, and 9% to cities. Fenske – The City of Worthington is opposing it. The Legislators aren't going to take the 60% away. This would take sales tax on autos and keep it from being taken out of highways. As of January 18th, the Transportation Alliance is launching a marketing campaign so people do not think this is a new tax. It is an amendment.

Motion by Buysse, seconded by Nelson to approve a resolution supporting statutorily setting the dedicated motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) revenue at 40% to public transit assistance and 60% to highway purposes. Resolution 05-06 is on file with the County Administrator.

Consider Addendum to Unnumbered Resolution

Benson – A resolution was adopted by the County Board in 1987 to revoke a portion of CR 74 in Lynd Township. One mile of CR 74, which is currently maintained by Lyon County, was included in the revocation due to an error in the legal description. Upon approval of the Addendum to the Resolution, this one mile segment will remain a County road for ownership and maintenance purposes.

Motion by Goodenow, seconded by Nelson to approve the addendum to correct the legal description of CR 74 in an Aug. 10, 1987 resolution. Addendum 01-06 is on file with the County Administrator.

Consider Revocation/Designation of CSAH's & CR's

Benson requested approval from the Board for the revocation/designation of CSAH's and CR's. Benson – The designation changes will result in increased State Aid Highway funding for the County which is desperately needed to maintain our highway system. Traffic is a key factor in determining funds received from the State. If the Board approves the recommended changes, they will then be submitted to Mn/DOT for approval. It may take up to 2 months to receive the Mn/DOT Commissioner's Order, which will make the changes official. Our limit of CSAH's is maxed out. If we add a mile, we have to revoke a mile. Property owners have been notified.

Citizen: This condemns CSAH 15 to never being fixed. It carries a lot of gravel trucks. I would like an alternate route to be revoked, like 15 north of HWY 19. Benson – We would have to pay the State back the portion of un-depreciated funds on that section. Same Citizen – There are low spots on CSAH 15 that collect water which makes it nearly un-drivable. Benson – Geogrids could help these spots.

Ritter – We will have to continue discussion on this; we have a Public Hearing now at 10:00.

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Continued Public Hearing – Mn/DOT Petition for Minor Alterations in County Ditch 60B

10:00 AM – Ritter opened the Continued Public Hearing – Mn/DOT Petition for Minor Alterations in County Ditch 60B.

Todd Hammer, Ditch Inspector/Asst. Planning & Zoning Administrator – This is a continuation of the meetings in November and December. It is being requested to allow Mn/DOT to make minor alterations to branch 10 of CD 60B. It would consist of an 18 inch tile outlet from a storm water retention pond located in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 2 Lake Marshall. This pond and tile are to be maintained at Mn/DOT expense. Basically, Mn/DOT is installing a pond for the HWY 19 project so they need an 18" tile to 60B.

Paul Jurek, P.E., Mn/DOT Design/Hydraulics Engineer – This would be a minor alteration. It would affect 15 acres using a storm sewer system to reroute it to the same ditch. We will maintain the sewer system. We are working to make an offer to landowner Michael Guertz.

Nelson – This has been continued a while now. Jurek – I have talked with Guertz. Adam Ahrndt, Todd Hammer, and I met with Guertz. We discussed the drainage areas and how they would be altered, the new storm sewer system and storm water treatment pond. We also discussed the amount of land Mn/DOT was proposing to take and the location of the property Mn/DOT was proposing to buy. There was a lengthy discussion about the Mn/DOT right of way process, including topics about platting, appraisal and land acquisition.

Fenske – The same amount of water will be going into 60B? Jurek – Yes.

Buyse – Our concern with this is the ditch, not the dollars. Hammer – We had a 1.5 hr discussion with Guertz.

Ritter opened the hearing for public comment.

John Nuytten – Has this been run by Soil & Water and the DNR? Hammer – Yes.

Ritter asked 3 times if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, Ritter closed the Continued Public Hearing.

Motion by Goodenow, seconded by Fenske to grant the Mn/DOT Petition to alter and outlet to 60B with Mn/DOT being responsible for the maintenance of the pond and the 18" outlet. All voted in favor.

Meeting Recessed at 10:10 AM
Meeting Back in Order at 10:24 AM

Continued - Consider Revocation/Designation of CSAH's & CR's

Benson spelled out the specifics of each resolution.

Motion by Goodenow, seconded by Nelson to approve resolutions revoking portions CSAH 25 and CSAH 15, and renaming them CR 83 and CR 87 respectively. All voted in favor. Resolutions 06-06 and 07-06 are on file with the County Administrator.

Motion by Goodenow, seconded by Fenske to approve resolutions designating portions of routes CR 67, CR 74, and CR 68 to be renamed CSAH 35, CSAH 6, and CSAH 20 respectively. All voted in favor. Resolutions 08-06, 09-06, and 10-06 are on file with the County Administrator.

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Preliminary Assessment Public Hearing – E911 Signage Project

10:30 AM – Ritter opened the Preliminary Assessment Public Hearing – E911 Signage Project. First, it was opened to Benson and then to the Public.

Benson – First, I will go through the E911 Rural Address Signage Feasibility Report:

Background

The Lyon County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2005 - 2009 Capital Improvement Plan on June 1, 2004 to address needs of County residents. Criteria used during plan development include, but are not limited to the following.

1. The condition of the County's existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair or replacement.
2. The public demand for the improvements.
3. The estimated costs of the improvements.
4. The available public resources.
5. The relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds.
6. The operating costs of the improvements.
7. The alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other Counties or local units of government.

One element of the plan is investment in road directional signage. The approved plan provided funding for the installation of road signage at all intersections in the County located outside city limits.

The County Board has directed the County Engineer to evaluate the feasibility of including E911 rural residence signage acquisition and installation as part of the approved road directional signage project. The cost of the rural residence sign is proposed to be assessed to individual property owners. This funding mechanism was discussed at public hearings held for the development of the 2005-2009 CIP. Furthermore, public hearings have been held at both the Planning Commission and County Board to consider an ordinance that requires the installation of the rural address signage. The adoption of the E911 signage ordinance occurred at the December 20, 2005 meeting of the Lyon County Board of Commissioners.

Proposed Improvement

There are approximately 2200 properties assigned a rural E911 address located within Lyon County. The following are alternatives for achieving the objectives of the E911 signage ordinance.

Alternative 1. Include the rural address signage with the rural directional signage contract. This option would take advantage of economies of scale resulting in the lowest price per sign installation. It would also reduce contract management costs compared to alternative 2.

Alternative 2. Contract for rural address signage as a stand alone project.

Alternative 3. Make individual property owners responsible for purchasing and installing address signage consistent with County standards. Signs meeting the County sign standards are not

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readily available for retail purchase. Each property owner would need to order the sign with their particular address number, the post and related hardware and install the sign and post. The individual purchase price for materials would be greater than the volume purchase. Also many residents would not have the capability or desire to procure and install the sign.

Assessment Methodology

The estimated cost to be assessed for the acquisition and installation of one rural address sign is \$38.00. This estimate is based on estimated costs for the sign, hardware, post and installation at each location assigned an E911 address if included as part of the road directional signage project approved in the 2005-2009 CIP. Each property owner will be assessed the actual cost for the acquisition and installation of a rural address sign for each property they own which has been an assigned an E911 address.

Conclusion

The installation of rural address signage is necessary as determined through the various public hearings for the 2005-2009 CIP development process and the E911 ordinance public hearings. Alternative 1 is the most cost effective and feasible method of achieving the uniform rural address signage installation required by the E911 Signage Ordinance.

Benson turned it back over to the Chair. Ritter opened the hearing for public comment. Approximately 40 citizens were in attendance.

Jerry Schlenker – If we did a road construction and the sign had to be moved, who would be responsible for the cost of doing this? Benson – That cost would be part of the road project.

Don Ginder – Do we maintain the same address? Benson – There are no addresses being proposed to change. However, in researching this project it has been discovered that there are some addresses that are odd-numbered that should be even-numbered. I will notify these citizens with a letter. Ginder – Who is paying for the intersection signs? Benson – The County, through taxes, will be paying for these signs if one of the roads is County. If both of the roads are township, then the township will be paying for it.

Wally Fischer - We do not need the signs or the voting machines. These are stupid ideas, and I don't know who comes up these things. "What is your problem?" Benson – First Responders are usually the first ones on the scene and they may not know where you live. Other emergency responders also need the signs to find addresses. UPS, FedEx, and other delivery services need the signs to help them; there are home-based businesses that need to be located. We are one of the last counties in the state who hasn't done this yet. Discussion followed. Fischer – "I'd like you to take barbed wire and wrap it around your neck and hang a sign on you; then people would find you right away."

Don Wyffels – What are the requirements for properties with or without buildings? Benson – If there is an E911 address assigned, a sign is required by law. If there are questions about these properties, call my office and I will help you.

Ed VanNevel – Are the signs going to be right along the road where they could get hit by the snow plow? Benson – They will be about 15 feet back from the edge. VanNevel – Will the signs be readable from the road? Benson – The signs will be 9" by 16". The background will be blue with 6" white letters.

Clint Johnson – How many people are getting this sign? Benson – Approximately 2200 people. Johnson – "Just answer the question!" Have these people had input? Have they got to vote on

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it? Benson – There have been several public hearings on this topic. Fischer – I didn't know about any of these. Benson – Public Notices were placed in the newspapers for each of these. Fischer – What newspaper? Benson – They have been... – Fischer – Well I didn't get notice.

Don Ginder – Will these addresses be numbers or the address or both? Benson – There will be a 4-digit address number plus County Road 80 for example. Ginder – I am for this project.

Ray Noyes – There is already an address on the mailbox, why do we need another one? Benson - The purpose of the E911 ordinance is to make addresses easier to read and easier to find. Federal standards are used which provide uniformity to the signage.

John Nuytten – Just a comment, I had to point an ambulance driver in the right direction because they could not find the address of the place they were looking for. I am wondering, though, who will provide the maintenance on intersections? Benson – The County will maintain signs with County Roads, but where a township road meets a township road, then the township will provide the maintenance. The signs should last 12 to 15 years.

Ritter asked 3 times if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, Ritter closed this Preliminary Assessment Public Hearing.

Meeting Recessed at 11:05 AM

Meeting Back in Order at 11:10 AM

Motion by Fenske, seconded by Ritter to accept the E911 Rural Address Signage Feasibility Report. All voted in favor.

Motion by Fenske, seconded by Ritter to order the E911 rural address signage be installed in conjunction with the rural intersection directional signage project. All voted in favor. Resolution 11-06 is on file with the County Administrator.

Motion by Fenske, seconded by Goodenow to authorize the advertising for Bids for the County-wide installation of E911 Rural Residence Signs and intersection signage and set Bid Opening Date for March 29th at 11:00 AM in Conference Room 3 (Lyon Co. Govt. Center). All voted in favor.

Consider Promotion – Project Engineer to Senior Project Engineer

Benson requested approval from the Board to promote Seth Greenwood, Project Engineer, to Senior Project Engineer with a promotional pay increase of \$2.67/hr effective February 7th, 2006. Benson – Seth successfully passed his Professional Engineering License exam in June 2005 making him a Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Minnesota. In case of an emergency, he could take over and sign-off on plans. This is a very significant career accomplishment, and I offer my sincere congratulations to Seth on his achievement. Ritter – Is this a 40-hour or a 37.5-hour position? Benson – 40-hour, non-exempt. Ritter – Congratulations on passing your exam.

Nelson – Mn/DOT could mitigate some of this. Are we getting top-heavy in the engineering department? Benson – Mn/DOT does partner, and other counties do as well. I would argue that we are not getting top-heavy in the engineering department. I am not a full-time County Engineer. I also serve as the Public Works Director and the Safety Director.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Fenske to approve the promotion of Seth Greenwood, Project Engineer, to the Senior Project Engineer position with a promotional pay increase of \$2.67/hr effective February 7th, 2006. All voted in favor.

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Consider Approval of Home Rehabilitation

Jill Houseman, Western Community Action, Housing Department requested approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership to administer the HOME Program within the County of Lyon. The HOME Program funds the rehabilitation of rental properties with a zero-percent deferred or forgivable loan through the Minnesota Housing Guidance Agency. The HOME Program requires that the Owners of these rental properties comply with rent and income restrictions for a five-year period after the rehabilitation is completed, therefore providing lower income residents with an affordable housing option.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Buysse to authorize the Executive Director of the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership to administer the HOME Program within the County of Lyon. All voted in favor. Resolution 12-06 is on file with the County Administrator.

Request Authorization to Receive Quotes

Ron Krause, Facilities Maintenance Manager, requested authorization to receive quotes on a lawn tractor and attachments. Krause – We would be trading-in old equipment that was purchased in January of 1999. The tractor has 745 hours and still holds good trade value along with attachments. I have budgeted for this purchase.

Motion by Fenske, seconded by Goodenow to authorize the Facilities Maintenance Manager to look into State Bids (with assistance from Public Works) and to receive quotes on a new lawn tractor and attachments.

Sales Tax Review

Van Overbeke requested the Board to appeal or accept the Commissioner of Revenue's order to pay an additional sales tax and interest. In August of 2005, Lyon County was audited by the Department of Revenue for the period of May 2002 to August 2005 to determine compliance with the Sales & Use Tax laws. During this audit, items were found that were deemed to be taxable, but no tax was collected. This request was tabled at the January 17th Meeting in order to receive the results from the completed audit (2002's Schedule C – Purchases Subject to MN Use Tax, had not yet been finished). The Commissioner of Revenue's order to pay was \$5,841.78 as of the January 17th meeting. The County's completed review of Schedule C revealed an additional \$2,718.59 plus interest to be paid.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Fenske to accept the Commissioner of Revenue's order to pay an additional sales tax and interest. All voted in favor.

HAVA Election Equipment Updated Plan

Van Overbeke updated the Board on the County's Election Equipment Plan, and suggested a hearing date of February 21st, 2006 at 10:30 AM.

Ritter set a Public Hearing on the County's Election Equipment Plan for February 21, 2006 at 10:30 AM.

Plat for the Consolidation of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Schools

Van Overbeke updated the Board as to the consolidation of School District Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. The consolidation plat for School Districts 409, 418, and 584 has been submitted to the Commissioner of Education. Minn. Stat. §123A.48, subd. 7 states that no action may be taken by

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the county board under any other law to modify the boundary of any district if any part of the district is included in an area proposed for consolidation.

Leadership Academy

Van Overbeke informed the Board that Jail Administrative Sergeant Bob Meyer was selected to attend the Leadership Academy.

Consider Revisions to *Separation from Employment Policy*

Stomberg requested the Board approve revisions to the SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT personnel policy (3380-1). The revision had been recommended by the Leadership Team and the Policy Advisory Committee to strike the requirement "to be physically at work on the last day of employment" from the SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT personnel policy.

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SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

B. Resignation

Employees resigning from County service must submit their written resignation to the responsible authority. To resign in good standing, employees must provide at least 14 calendar days notice. Failure to provide required notice ~~or failure to be physically at work on the last day of employment~~ is grounds for forfeiture of unused sick leave. ~~The employee's final date of employment is the last date physically at work except when on an approved disability leave of absence. Employees may not extend their final date of employment by using paid leave time.~~

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Goodenow to strike the requirement "to be physically at work on the last day of employment" from the SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT personnel policy. All voted in favor.

Buysse – There have been several revisions to the Policy Manual recently. Are we letting people know? Stomberg – Yes, we have been e-mailing all department heads notification of the revisions and instructing them to inform their employees. Employees are to discard the old policies and replace them with the new ones.

Consider Revisions to Funeral Leave Policy

The consideration of revisions to the Funeral Leave Policy was tabled at the January 17th Board Meeting. It was tabled again until the February 21, 2006 Board Meeting.

Extension Committee Appointment

Steve Ritter appointed Liz Struve to the Extension Committee, term ending January 2009.

Review Meeting Schedule

Meeting Schedule was reviewed. Policy Advisory Committee moved to March 15.

Commissioner Reports

Goodenow – I attended the Library Board Meeting and also the Plum Creek Board Meeting. A temporary Director has been found for Plum Creek. Phil and I set a meeting in April for the Joint

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– City Council where we will set an agenda for the year. Also attended the Home Farms Technology (HFT) meeting in Redwood Falls.

Nelson – attended the Jail Committee, HFT meeting in Redwood, Township, RC&D, RCRCA, Public Health, Area II, and Fair Board meetings.

Fenske – attended the Policy Advisory Committee, RCRCA, and the Rural Minnesota Energy Board. Mower County resigned from the Rural Minnesota Energy Board due to geographical reasons.

Ritter – I have two things. First, the Jail Committee will have their recommendation for the architect at one of the next meetings. Second, Human Services could be looking at a loss of up to \$1 million in Federal Funding in 2006.

Motion by Buysse, seconded by Goodenow to adjourn the Meeting until Tuesday February 21, 2006 at 9:00 AM. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Stephen W. Ritter, Chairman

Attest: _____
Loren Stomberg
Lyon County Administrator