

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES – SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
June 12, 2008

8:30 AM - Meeting called to order by Chairman Goodenow. Members present: Fenske, Ritter, Goodenow, Nelson, Stensrud, and County Administrator Stomberg,

Members Absent: Attorney Maes and Auditor/Treasurer Van Overbeke.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approve Agenda

Stensrud moved, seconded by Ritter to approve agenda. All voted in favor.

Goodenow – I asked the administrator to catch us up. Stomberg – Last week we interviewed five candidates, the Board and Public Works. A poll was taken as far as who everyone thought would do the best job. Three rose to the top, Steven Lang, Suhail Kanwar, and Seth Greenwood, in no particular order. There wasn't a unanimous candidate. On Tuesday, Greenwood took the position as the Nicollet County Public Works Director, which would leave the two. Goodenow – We were very fortunate with our pool. They are both qualified the only difference is what would work for County Engineer versus Public Works Director. We can discuss the two candidates that are left. Stomberg – We can pursue a candidate or we can do a second interview. I'm not sure what we would come up with as far as questions. Nelson – We have people here that interviewed both of them out at public works, now it's down to two I would like to hear their viewpoint, as well as the Commissioners. Discussion. Nelson – I would be comfortable with either one. There may be another piece to this equation. Now we are going to have a second engineer in training or otherwise that may become another aspect of this. Discussion. Goodenow – First we have to get the County Engineer. We did get the reports and they were very helpful. The only thing that is different now is Greenwood is not in the mix. Discussion. Goodenow – Nelson suggested more of a poll or do you want to see them again? Stensrud – I certainly would not have any more questions. Fenske – I wouldn't have any other questions either. Nelson – We would need a motion to go to the next step which is negotiations. Fenske – Do you need a poll? Goodenow – You do that when you do the vote. Ritter moved, seconded by Stensrud start negotiations with Steven Lang for the Public Works Director / County Engineer position. Discussion. Ritter – Both are very good candidates and I thought about this since our last meeting. All voted in favor.

Goodenow – One more issue, in conversation, the last contract we paid for a car allowance rather than providing a car. Do you want to negotiate a contract with a car allowance or us buying a car or no car maybe times have changed? Discussion. Nelson – Is this one year or four year contract? Goodenow – I took it by consensus that it would be one year. Nelson – If it is one year we should take a look then. Goodenow – The law allows us to give a one year contract which is a probationary period. Discussion.

Ritter moved, seconded by Stensrud to adjourn until June 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. All voted in favor.

Mark S. Goodenow, Chairman

Attest: Loren Stomberg
Lyon County Administrator