

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES – SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS  
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN  
May 1, 2009**

9:00 a.m. - Meeting called to order by Chairman Stensrud. Members present: Fenske, Ritter, Goodenow, Nelson, Stensrud, County Administrator Stomberg, Auditor / Treasurer VanOverbeke. Absent: Attorney Maes.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Approve Agenda**

Stomberg – If I could add a couple of things. I would make a few comments about the agenda items for next Tuesday and a couple of ads. One is the rent for upstairs and after this meeting we are invited to take a tour of the jail. Goodenow moved, seconded by Ritter to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Steve Strautz – The resolution that I have asked you to consider is for three projects we are trying to get into the reauthorization bill. I have been able to get a letter of support from Willmar on the corridor study. Granite Falls, Montevideo, and the city of Marshall are all writing one. Fenske – The 6.92 million is for the interchange and the \$500,000 for the corridor study? Strautz – There will be three applications prepared. Stensrud – Any other questions? Nelson – This federal money does it come directly to you or does it come through MnDot? So MnDot has the final say? Strautz – It would go to MnDot but we have a letter of support from MnDot on the corridor study. Goodenow – MnDot does a match don't they? Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Fenske to approve Resolution 15-09. Nelson – I am a little bit disturbed when we give \$17,500 for the study and then you come back at us at the Truth in Taxation Meeting and give us hell for spending too much money. Strautz – Who do you mean came back at you? Nelson – We were the biggest contributor also. If you come back for more I won't support it. Strautz – It was a quote from the Chamber Executive which was a request that came from his members. It is a challenging time. What we are doing now we know we aren't going to get these roads built now. Nelson – When you come and request \$17,500 for a joy trip to Washington don't bite the hand that feeds you. Fenske – There was a study done by what cities, schools, and counties had done. I was at a meeting for AMC. The county revenue per capita has gone down 10.8. He said exercise fiscal restraint and we have been. The reason the property taxes have gone up is because of the shift from the state government to the local government. The state has shifted \$2 billion dollars onto the locals. All voted in favor.

Ritter moved, seconded by Fenske to sign a letter to Representative Colin Peterson in support of a Highway 23 Corridor Study on behalf of the Lyon County Board. All voted in favor.

**Workforce Center Lease**

Stomberg – The lease started in 1999 it was a ten year lease. It is \$11.19 per square foot. I had proposed going to \$12.00 and adding a dollar per square foot per year. The counter was the one below which brings it up to \$13. Goodenow – What has been the annual increase in the contract? Ritter – A little over 1%. Stomberg - The other items we will have was a Fair Board appropriation. Also, I don't have this confirmed for sure but we may have an update on H1N1. I will see if they are in the position to give us an update. We need to take a look at how we are going to adjust for next year. Discussion. Goodenow – The examples it would help me to know where they are.

Stensrud adjourned the meeting.

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Rodney Stensrud - Chairman

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Attest: Loren Stomberg  
Lyon County Administrator