

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES- SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
July 5, 2011

9:00- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Fenske. Members present: Stensrud, Fenske, Ritter, Goodenow, Anderson, County Administrator Stomberg, Attorney Maes, County Auditor/Treasurer Van Overbeke.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approve Agenda

Stomberg – We have three resolutions for the Sheriff and Tammy will give us an update on the storm. Anderson moved, seconded by Stensrud to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Identify and Conflict of Interest

	Per Diems	Expenses
Goodenow	\$50.00	-----
Anderson	\$100.00	\$30.60
Fenske	\$50.00	\$66.30
Stensrud	\$200.00	\$73.44
Ritter	\$140.00	-----

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes from June 21, 2011
2. Approve Commissioner Warrants 125405-125496 in the amount of \$154,551.25 dated 7/6/11.
3. Approve Auditor Warrants 125371-125380 in the amount of \$6,829.01 dated 6/23/11 and 125381-125404 in the amount of \$63,053.51 dated 6/30/11.
4. Approve Per Diems & Expenses

Goodenow moved, seconded by Ritter to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor.

Resolutions / Contracts

Tower Modifications to the Cottonwood Water Tower

Stensrud moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution in support of tower modifications to the Cottonwood Water Tower for VHF Alert paging. Ritter – This was part of the GeoComm? The only add on was Minneota? Mather – Correct. This is under the VHF paging. All voted in favor. (Resolution 26-11 on file in the County Administrator's Office).

ARMER Project Decision Authority and Signatory

Anderson moved, seconded by Stensrud to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution authorizing delegating authority for day-to-day project management, project decision and signatory of Lyon County's ARMER expansion project. All voted in favor. (Resolution 27-11 on file in the County Administrator's Office).

Resolution Amendment

Mather – I am asking for this to be amended because Tammy is no longer the fiscal agent. Ritter moved, seconded by Stensrud to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution amending resolution 13-11, authorizing the Chair of Southwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board (SWMRRB) to enter into and sign such contracts and agreements as grantee as they relate to the direct business of the SWMRRB and administration and payment of grants awarded to the SWRRB or administration of operating funds under the scope and authority of the SWMRRB. All voted in favor. (Resolution 28-11 on file in the County Administrator's Office).

Authorize advertising internally for Assistant County Engineer Position

Authorize advertising for Sr. Engineering Tech. Position

Authorize Human Resources Director to re-evaluate Carol Oakland's position

Change labor grade of sign-man position

Anderson moved, seconded by Goodenow to work with Archer to evaluate the four public works positions (Assistant County Engineer, Senior Engineering Technician, Carol Oakland's Accounting Technician Position and Dave Schultz's sign-man position). Stomberg – On the assistant engineer position, it has been acting as a non-exempt position it could move it exempt. Do you want the scope of the motion to make it exempt or not? In the past it has been a separate analysis. Goodenow – We have a couple of others too. Stomberg- That analysis can be done with the current description. Goodenow – I think we have several exempt and non-exempt. Kanwar – I would like to compare, we have been trying very hard to compare with the industry. Goodenow – That is part of the evaluation when you do the ranking. Fenske – What we would

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need is an amendment to look at it as exempt. Anderson – I would amend the motion to look at it as exempt. Goodenow – I accept that amendment. Fenske – We will vote first on the amendment to the motion to have the Assistant Engineer position evaluated for exempt versus non-exempt status. All voted in favor. Fenske – Now back to the main motion, any questions? All voted in favor.

Authorize advertising for bids: S.P. 42-607-22

Goodenow moved, seconded by Ritter to authorize advertising for bids for S.P. 42-607-22. Goodenow – Completion date? Kanwar – We will start some work on the new location. Fenske – Who is going to do the work on country club drive? Kanwar – This is to improve safety on our project. All voted in favor.

Authorize advertising for bids for a tandem tuck and dozer for highway department

Consensus to have the capital improvement committee review.

Emergency Declaration

Tammy VanOverbeke – It will not be hard to meet our county threshold. The state threshold is \$6.3 million. We are only looking at the public assistance which is the infrastructure thing. I want to publicly acknowledge all the county employees and volunteer fire departments throughout the county. Goodenow moved, seconded by Anderson to approve and authorize the Chair to sign an emergency management declaration. All voted in favor. (Resolution 29-11 on file in the County Administrator's Office).

Tire Disposal Fee

Goodenow moved, seconded by Ritter to approve increasing the tire disposal fee to \$175/ton. Anderson – Is there any other company? Henriksen – We are working with Westcentral to see if there is another source. All voted in favor.

Demolition Fee

Henriksen – There is going to be a lot of stuff from the storm. We could easily be swamped. The other choice is we could recommend they go to D & G and R & G. Stensrud – If we change that for one month. Henriksen – I am thinking the initial rush. Stensrud moved, seconded by Anderson to approve an emergency fee schedule of \$5.50 per yard for demolition through July 31, 2011 at the Russell demo pit. Ritter – Has the city of Russell been contacted, there might be a lot of traffic. Henriksen – They could come on 13 to 66 to 15. Anderson – How is construction on 15? Kanwar – It is in process. All voted in favor.

Veteran Services Update

Terry Wing, VSO, gave the Board an update on Veteran Services. Wing reviewed federal data on expenditures. Discussion on outreach and vehicle purchase.

10:14 a.m. Meeting Recessed

10:27 a.m. Meeting Called back to order

Ditches within the City Limits of Marshall

Hammer – One thing we need to be concerned about is any conflict of interest. Maes – That particular process is quite simple. Discussion on process. Consensus to hire Deter's law firm.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

IRS mileage reimbursement rate increase information.

ARMER Finance Options

Stomberg – I recommend paying out of reserves for the system. The ARMER project the contract we signed was \$1,257,000 and is subject to change. \$103,000 is for the highway department radios. We do have that as a line item. We do have road bonds that are callable in February 2012. Discussion on road bonds. Ritter- On the ARMER, how many dollars of the 911 are you going to use? Mather- \$500,000. Discussion on bond payments.

Reviewed Meeting Schedule

Commissioners Report

Stensrud reported on RC & D, Western Mental Health, and Soil and Water.

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Anderson reported on Radio Board and discussion on ditch problems by Balaton.

Ritter reported on appeals court in St. Cloud, and on Southwest Health and Human Services.

Goodenow reported on Fairboard meeting.

Fenske reported on LELS negotiations.

11:25 a.m. Ritter moved, seconded by Stensrud to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations. All voted in favor.

12:24 p.m. Ritter moved, seconded by Stensrud to come out of closed session.

12:24 p.m. Fenske adjourned the meeting.

Robert Fenske, Chairman

Attest: Loren Stomberg
Lyon County Administrator