

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 23, 2025**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Government Center at Le Center, Minnesota. Board members present were John King, Danny O’Keefe, David Preisler, Steve Rohlfig and Dennis Tietz. Also present were Brent Christian, Joe Martin and Pam Herrmann.

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business of the day.

O’Keefe moved, Rohlfig seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda:

1. December 16, 2025 Board Minutes & Board Summary Minutes
2. ReConnect Program - Grant and Security Agreement - Broad Award
3. Deposit Account Control Agreement - Broadband Award
4. Secretary's Certificate - Broadband Award
5. Le Sueur CD 62 Pay Application 1 to Selly Excavating for \$69,287.30

Public Open Forum: None

Dave Tiegs, County Engineer, came before the Board with four items for approval and Department Updates.

Tietz moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve to pay invoice from City of New Prague for Alton Avenue Improvements. Invoice is per MOU between the City of New Prague, Lanesburgh Township, and Le Sueur County (Approved by County on February 7th, 2006).

Rohlfig moved, O’Keefe seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Proposed 2025 Budget Amendments for the Highway Department.

**PROPOSED FY 2025 BUDGET ITEM CHANGES
REVENUES**

Account Number	Description	Approved 2025 Budget Amount	Recommended 2025 Budget Amount	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Explanation
10-300-5557	FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$750,000.00	\$255,000.00	-\$495,000.00	TH 22/CSAH 21 RAB
10-300-5558	MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS	\$500,000.00	\$6,850,000.00	\$6,350,000.00	City of Le Sueur N. 4th St. Fiscal Agent
10-300-5584	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FROM STATE	\$2,789,507.00	\$2,000,000.00	-\$789,507.00	Additional State Aid Carryover
10-300-5893	STATE AID REGULAR CONSTRUCTION	\$3,106,078.00	\$3,870,000.00	\$763,922.00	Additional State Aid Carryover
10-300-5895	STATE AID MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION	\$1,110,000.00	\$755,000.00	-\$355,000.00	CSAH 22 Mill/Overlay delayed until 2027
10-300-5898	SALE OF SUPPLIES TO CITIES	\$25,000.00	\$3,100,000.00	\$3,075,000.00	Reimbursement for CSAH 36 in Calendar Year 2025
			TOTAL:	\$8,549,415.00	

EXPENDITURES					
Account Number	Description	Approved 2025 Budget Amount	Recommended 2025 Budget Amount	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Explanation
10-301-6307	REIMBURSABLE PROJECTS	\$0.00	\$6,970,000.00	\$6,970,000.00	City of Le Sueur N. 4th St. Fiscal Agent
10-301-6389	STATE AID CONTRACTS	\$3,856,078.00	\$4,540,000.00	\$683,922.00	
10-301-6390	STATE AID MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS	\$1,110,000.00	\$650,000.00	-\$460,000.00	CSAH 22 Mill/Overlay Rescheduled for 2027
10-301-6392	COUNTY CONTRACT PAYMENTS	\$2,789,507.00	\$825,500.00	\$1,964,007.00	Additional State Aid / Bid Prices lower than estimate.
10-302-6301	HIRED EQUIPMENT	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	-\$100,000.00	
10-302-6495	SUPPLIES-ROAD REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$470,000.00	\$300,000.00	-\$170,000.00	Striped North Half of County Only
10-302-6496	SUPPLIES-AGGREGATE/ASPHALT	\$675,000.00	\$780,000.00	\$105,000.00	Additional Maintenance Overlay on CSAH 28
10-302-6497	SUPPLIES-ROAD SALT	\$195,000.00	\$130,000.00	-\$65,000.00	
10-302-6610	MAJOR ROAD EQUIPMENT	\$744,023.00	\$317,762.00	-\$426,261.00	2025 Tandam delivery likely Spring of 2026
10-303-6415	SUPPLIES-MOTORFUEL/LUBRICANTS	\$550,000.00	\$350,000.00	-\$200,000.00	Fuel Prices / Light Winter start of 2025
			TOTAL:	\$4,373,654.00	

King moved, O’Keefe seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve to advertise for Seasonal Bids for Equipment Rates and Aggregate and Bituminous Materials in 2026 upon Legal Newspaper being designated.

O’Keefe moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve Craig Miller, Highway Department Sign Technician to attend the ATSSA Sign Conference in Fargo, N.D. (March 16-18, 2026).

Nick Greenig, Chief Deputy, came before the Board with four items for approval.

Rohlfing moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the County of Le Sueur and City of Kasota for Law Enforcement Services effective January 1, 2026 for 71 hours per month for the following rates:

- 2026: \$45/hour
- 2027: \$50/hour
- 2028: \$55/hour
- 2029: \$60/hour

Tietz moved, O’Keefe seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the County of Le Sueur and City of Elysian for Law Enforcement Services effective January 1, 2026 for 30 hours per month for the following rates:

- 2026: \$45/hour
- 2027: \$50/hour
- 2028: \$55/hour
- 2029: \$60/hour

O’Keefe moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the County of Le Sueur and City of Kilkenny for Law Enforcement Services effective January 1, 2026 for 10 hours per month for the following rates:

- 2026: \$45/hour
- 2027: \$50/hour
- 2028: \$55/hour
- 2029: \$60/hour

Rohlfing moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant with MN Department of Public Safety for \$19,075.00.

Theresa Kubes, Human Resources Director, came before the Board with three items for approval.

King moved, O’Keefe seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to grant Jeremy Lankenau a military leave beginning January 2, 2026 with a duration of up to 400-days for a scheduled deployment. Jeremy is currently employed as a full-time Correctional Officer in the Sheriff’s Office.

Rohlfing moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the updated Le Sueur County Title VI Compliance and Comprehensive Civil Rights Plan.

King moved, Rohlfing seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve and sign the Telecommute Agreements for the following employees:

EMPLOYEE	JOB DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	OFF-SITE DAYS PER WEEK
Tori Casello-Jerde	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Samantha Collins	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	1
Edith Dunkelbeck	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Melissa Fahey	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Maria Frederick	Child Support Officer	Human Services	2
Heather Gilhousen	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Diane Hazlett	Administrative Assistant II	Probation	1
Margaret Kline	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Laura La Valle	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Cylie Lloyd	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Susanna Medina	Lead Eligibility Worker	Human Services	1
Caitlin Meyer	Collaborative Coordinator	Human Services	2
Brian Moore	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	1
Lindsay Oakland	Child Support Officer	Human Services	2
Robyn Rutt	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Payton Schlueter	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2
Ann Sunderman	Eligibility Worker	Human Services	2

Alana Theobald	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	2
Kathy Van Otterloo	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	1
Sally Weber	Social Work Team Lead	Human Services	2

Staffing Updates

Promotion:

Brianna Theis, full-time Case-Aide, Grade 5, Step C/3, \$26.14 per hour, promoted to Eligibility Worker, Human Services, Grade 7, Step A/1, \$27.33 per hour, effective December 28, 2025.

Anna Holman, Clean River Partners and Brent Johnson, Bolton & Menk gave a presentation on the Cannon River Fish Passage Project at Gorman Lake.

Tyler Luethje, Parks Director, came before the Board with two items for approval.

Tietz moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the cooperative agreement with Great River Greening for the Bradshaw Woods Project. GRG desires to contribute \$231,600 for Woody Invasive Removal.

Rohlfing moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Independent Caretaker Contract for Lake Washington Campground from April 1, 2026 until October 31, 2026 with John and Laura Maunu.

Jenny Mc Mahon, MN Department of Corrections Direct Supervisor, came before the Board with a Department Update.

Shannon Meyer, Court Administrator, came before the Board with a Department Update.

Jeff Neisen, IT Director, came before the Board with a Department Update.

Dani Ongie, Auditor/Treasurer, came before the Board with a Department Update.

Mark Roemhildt, Veterans Service Officer, came before the Board with a Department Update.

Joe Martin, County Administrator, came before the Board with three items for approval.

King moved, Rohlfing seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Personal/Professional Service Agreement for Broadband Consulting with Barbara Droher Kline from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at \$100/hour with a not to exceed limit of \$10,000.

Tietz moved, Rohlfing seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Trident Water Systems, LLC from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 for managing the West Jefferson Sewer District at a rate of \$130/hour M-F 8-5 and \$195/hour after 5 p.m. M-F or any work on Saturday and \$260 per hour of work on Sundays or Holidays.

O’Keefe moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Rory Jensen with Jensen Lake Surveying, LLC from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for compensation up to \$80,000 for the County Surveyor services.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

Commissioner Rohlfing reported on MRCI meeting, and CD 9, 15, 36, 51, 51 Lat 1 Spur 2, 59 and 68 public hearing.

Commissioner Tietz reported on CD 9, 15, 36, 51, 51 Lat 1 Spur 2, 59 and 68 public hearing.

Commissioner King reported on CD 9, 15, 36, 51, 51 Lat 1 Spur 2, 59 and 68 public hearing.

Commissioner O'Keefe reported on Ditch/Landowner meeting, Fair Board meeting, CD 9, 15, 36, 51, 51 Lat 1 Spur 2, 59 and 68 public hearing and Personnel Executive Committee meeting.

Commissioner Preisler reported on AMC Snap Task Force, CD 9, 15, 36, 51, 51 Lat 1 Spur 2, 59 and 68 public hearing, Waterville Township, Department Head meeting and Personnel Executive Committee meeting.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by King, the Board adjourned until January 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator **Le Sueur County Chairman**