

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 27, 2026**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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 Rohlfinding and Dennis Tietz. Also present were Brent Christian, Joe Martin and Pam Herrmann.

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to add discussion on the Rifle/Shotgun Zone and set a public hearing.

Preisler moved, Rohlfinding seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business of the day.

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda:

1. January 20, 2026 Board Minutes & Board Summary Minutes
2. Electronic Funds Transfer Report 1-27-26
3. Recommendation to grant regular status to Leanne Gieseke, full-time Public Health Social Worker, Public Health Department, effective January 27, 2026.

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

King moved, Rohlfinding seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve to advertise for bids, pending necessary State Aid approvals, for the following 2026 budgeted projects:

- SAP 040-602-020 (CSAH 2 CIR and Bituminous Surfacing from CSAH 15 to CSAH 11)
- SAP 040-607-007 (CSAH 7 CIR and Bituminous Surfacing from CSAH 12 to CSAH 2)
- SAP 040-030-017 (County-Wide Sealcoats)
- SAP 040-598-012 (Replacement of Bridge 40506 on CR 117 near Le Sueur)
- SAP 040-646-006, SAP 040-647-003 (Municipal Reconstruction and Rehab in the City of Cleveland)

Preisler moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve payment for the Municipal Maintenance Agreements to the Cities of Cleveland, Elysian, Kasota, Le Center, Le Sueur, Montgomery and Waterville. Agreement pays each city \$8,536.52 per mile of CSAH roadway maintained.

Rohlfinding moved, Preisler seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve purchase of a Trimble S7 Robotic Total Station and required accessories for the purchase price of \$37,225.80 from Frontier Precision of Maple Grove. This is a 2026 budgeted item and will replace the current total station that was purchased in 2001.

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

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Public Employees Retirement Association - Police Officer Declaration for Cody Blaschko. This declaration is a requirement of PERA to enroll an employee in the Police and Fire PERA.

Rohlfinding moved, Preisler seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the restructured organizational chart for the Human Services Department. The revision would add an Agency Social Worker.

Staffing Updates

New Hire:

Allie Waytashek, full-time Agency Social Worker, Human Services, Grade 11, Step B/2, \$35.79 per hour, effective, February 17, 2026.

Cody Blaschko, full-time Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Grade 11, Step A/1, \$34.53 per hour, effective, January 26, 2026.

Joe Martin, County Administrator, came before the Board with one item for approval.

Preisler moved, Rohlfing seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Upper Cannon Watershed Flood Mitigation Initiative RFP.

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to set a Rifle/Shotgun Deer Hunting Zone Public Hearing for March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the EOC/Justice Center in Le Center.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

Commissioner Preisler reported on Cannon River Executive Committee, SNAP Task Force & Department Head meeting.

Commissioner Rohlfing reported on LSC Historical Society in Elysian, Department Head meeting and MVAC meeting.

Commissioner Tietz reported on ECB & RAC meeting in Mankato, and KCHK radio show.

Commissioner King reported on Le Sueur City Council.

Commissioner O'Keefe had no report.

On motion by King, seconded by Tietz, the Board adjourned until February 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator

Le Sueur County Chairman