

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 6, 2026**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 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.

Joe Martin called for nominations for the Chair of the 2026 Le Sueur County Board.

King moved, Rohlfinding seconded, Commissioner O’Keefe was nominated for 2026 Board Chair.

Rohlfinding moved, Preisler seconded, nominations were ceased and Commissioner O’Keefe was voted as the 2026 Board Chair.

Preisler nominated Commissioner King for 2026 Board Vice Chair.

Preisler moved, Rohlfinding seconded, nominations were ceased and Commissioner King was voted as the 2026 Vice Chair.

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

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

1. December 23, 2025 Board Minutes & Board Summary Minutes
2. December 18, 2025 CD 9, 15, 36, 51, 51 Lat 1, Spur 2, 59 and 68 Board Minutes & Board Summary Minutes
3. County Claims
4. Human Services Claims
Financial: \$ 46,093.19
Soc Services: \$115,752.99
1. Approved a County Issued Credit Card for Audrey Krenik, Social Services Supervisor
2. Electronic Funds Transfer Report 1-6-26
3. Recommendation to grant regular status to Anna Freunds Schuh, full-time Drainage & Environmental Compliance Specialist, Environmental, Planning & Zoning Department, effective January 13, 2026.

Warrant #	Vendor Name	Amount
84787	Ag Partners Coop	\$ 15,843.40
84790	American Engineering Testing Inc.	\$ 14,330.00
84792	APG Media of Southern MN LLC	\$ 2,753.96
84794	Association of MN Counties	\$ 5,500.00
84796	Barr Engineering Co.	\$ 7,002.80
84800	Bolton & Menk Inc.	\$ 51,993.74
84805	Compass Minerals America Inc.	\$ 40,976.28
84806	Danes Bodyworks Inc.	\$ 7,164.11
84807	Davis Mechanical Systems Inc.	\$ 8,452.85
84808	Barbara M. Droher-Kline	\$ 6,623.35
84817	I & S Group Inc.	\$ 5,802.50

84821	Kris Engineering Inc.	\$ 10,292.58
84825	M-R Sign Co. Inc.	\$ 2,266.01
84826	Marco Technologies LLC	\$ 44,076.45
84832	MN Counties Computers Coop	\$ 11,696.50
84833	MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust	\$ 2,533.00
84838	Morris Electronics Inc.	\$ 4,323.00
84840	New Prague City	\$112,629.51
84845	OSD Mankato, LLC	\$ 5,130.55
84849	Rinke-Noonan Law Firm	\$ 7,391.50
84853	Salamander Technologies LLC	\$ 5,351.35
84855	Schneider Geospatial LLC	\$ 4,400.00
84856	Selly Excavating Inc.	\$135,148.43
84857	SHI International Corp.	\$ 70,802.32
84862	Summit	\$ 12,950.72
84866	Trident Water Systems LLC	\$ 2,301.25
66 Payments paid less than \$2,000.00:		\$ 33,175.96
26 Payments paid more than \$2,000.00:		\$597,736.16
92 Total all payments paid:		\$630,912.12

Public Open Forum: Annette Pruitt Rogers, Le Sueur

Dennis Tietz, County Commissioner, came before the Board with one item for approval.

Preisler moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to appoint Sandy Schoenecker to the Le Sueur County HRA Board.

Shayne Bender, County Assessor, came before the Board to review the 2026 Clerical Abatements and Additions to the Tax Rolls Annual Report.

On motion by Tietz, seconded by Rohlfing, motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receiving the 2026 Clerical Abatements and Additions to the Annual Report from the Assessor's Office.

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

Rohlfing moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 Per Diem Eligible Committees and the Commissioner assigned as follows:

2026 PER DIEM ELIGIBLE COMMITTEES & ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Tietz (District 1): Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), AMC, AMC Public Safety Policy Committee, Annual Lake Association Meetings, City Council Meetings, Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority/JD5/JD18/JD38/JD54/JD63, Le Sueur – Scott Joint Drainage Authority/JD1/JD4, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, NACO, Regional Radio Board, South Central EMS Joint Powers, Township Board Meetings, West Jefferson Sewer District.

Commissioner O'Keefe (District 2): AMC, AMC General Government Policy Committee, Annual Lake Association Meetings, City Council Meetings, Fair Board, HRA Board, Law Library, Le Sueur – Blue Earth Joint Drainage Authority/JD1/JD2/JD15, Le Sueur County Aging & Transit, Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority/JD5/JD18/JD38/JD54/JD63, Le Sueur – Scott Joint Drainage Authority/JD1/JD4, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, Lower MN River East One Watershed One Plan, NACO, Township Board Meetings, West Jefferson Sewer District.

Commissioner King (District 3): AMC, AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee, Broadband, City Council Meetings, Extension Committee, Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA), Joint Powers, Hwy 169 Tax Abatement Committee, Le Sueur – Scott Joint Drainage Authority/JD1/JD4, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, Le Sueur – Waseca Regional Library, Lower MN River East One Watershed One Plan alternate, MCIT, NACO, Ney Foundation, Parks Board, Regional Radio Board alternate, Safety Committee, TH169 Coalition, Township Board Meetings, Tri-County Solid Waste, TRUE Transit, West Jefferson Sewer District.

Commissioner Preisler (District 4): 1W1P, AMC, Annual Lake Association Meetings, CIP, Cannon River Partnership, City Council Meetings, Clean River Partners, Extension Committee Alternate, Family Services Collaborative, Le Sueur – Blue Earth Joint Drainage Authority/JD1/JD2/JD15, Le Sueur County Toward Zero Deaths Safe Roads Coalition, Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority/JD5/JD18/JD38/JD54/JD63, Le Sueur Sibley Treatment Court, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, Middle MN Watershed Board alternate, MVCOC, NACO, Public Health Advisory Committee, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, SCHSAC (State Community Health Services Advisory Committee), SWCD, Township Board Meetings, TRUE Transit Alternate, West Jefferson Sewer District, Workforce Council.

Commissioner Rohlfing (District 5): 1W1P, Airport Commission for Mankato, AMC, AMC Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee, Annual Lake Association Meetings, CIP, Cannon River Watershed Board, City Council Meetings, Clean River Partners alternate, Historical Society, Immtrack Joint Powers Board, Le Sueur – Blue Earth Joint Drainage Authority/JD1/JD2/JD15, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, Liaison to LSC Historical Society, MCIT, Mental Health Advisory, Middle MN Watershed Board, MN River Basins, MRCI, MVAC, NACO, Parks Board, Planning Commission, Region 9, SBA, Scenic Byway Alliance, SHIP Community Leadership Team, SWCD, Township Board Meetings, Tri-County Solid Waste, West Jefferson Sewer District.

Chair and Vice Chair: Human Resources Committee (Recruitment, Labor Relations, Employee Benefits, Employee Relations, Compensation/Classification, Staff Development and Strategic Planning).

Preisler moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the following 2026 Per Diem and Mileage Eligible Citizen Advisory Committees along with new appointments and reappointments:

2026 PER DIEM & MILEAGE ELIGIBLE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Planning Commission:

Appointed/Commissioner:
Jeanne Doheny/King (At-Large)
Alan Gehrke/Preisler
Shirley Katzenmeyer/King
Doug Krenik/Rohlfing
Mike Roche/O’Keefe
Tina King/Rohlfing (At-Large)
Pam Tietz/Tietz

Board of Adjustments:

Appointed/Commissioner:
Russell Anderson/Preisler
Jeanne Doheny/King
Collin Harris/Rohlfing
Jim Mladek/O’Keefe

John Wolf/Tietz

Housing and Redevelopment Authority:

Appointed/Commissioner

Terry Overn/Preisler

Pat Nusbaum/Rohlfing

Leah Petricka/O'Keefe

Mark Huntington/King

Sandy Schoenecker/Tietz

Parks:

Appointed:

Michael Schultz, Chairman (D1)

Jessie Filter (D2)

Amanda Lansing (D3)

Mark Volkenant (At-Large Rep) Vice Chairman

Mike Kinniry (D4)

VACANT (D5)

Extension:

Appointed:

Bill Bjorndahl

Dan Flowers

Margie Riebel

VACANT

Heidi Baker

Brenda Langerud

Kendall Couey

Brooke Reeser

Library:

Appointed:

Stacy Lienemann, Director

Patrick Tebbe

Elizabeth Traxler, President

Cheri Lewer

Louise Lund

Brian Schanil

Zella Vandervort

Rohlfing moved, Preisler seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 per diem rate at \$75.00 for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Parks, Public Health, Extension and Library.

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 per diem rate at \$100.00 for the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustments.

King moved, Rohlfing seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 mileage reimbursement rate to follow the Federal IRS Mileage Standard, convenience reimbursement rate to 50% of the Federal IRS Mileage Standard, and 2 cents per mile additional for those Water Patrol Officers while pulling a water patrol boat.

Preisler moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to designate all members of the County Board, County Administrator, and the Deputy County Administrator as Association of Minnesota Counties Delegates for Le Sueur County in 2026, and that they are authorized to attend AMC meetings. Department Heads and designated county personnel are also authorized to attend their respective association meetings. By consensus, the Board agreed to the following AMC Appointments:

- Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee: Preisler
- General Government Policy Committee: O’Keefe
- Health & Human Services Policy Committee: King
- Public Safety Policy Committee: Tietz
- Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee: Rohlfling

Rohlfling moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 Le Sueur County Board of Commissioner’s Meeting Dates as the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month unless advertised otherwise.

Rohlfling moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 minimum salaries for the following Le Sueur County elected officials:

		Minimum
Minn. Stat. 388.18	County Attorney	\$107,123
Minn. Stat. 386.015	County Recorder	\$80,342
Minn. Stat. 387.20	County Sheriff	\$107,123

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

EMPLOYEE	JOB DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	OFF-SITE DAYS PER WEEK
Missy Dee	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3
Teri Hopkins	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3
Jeff Mack	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3
Maggie Nicolini	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3
Kari Peters	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3
Shari Solheim	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3
Jessica Wesley	Agency Social Worker	Human Services	3

Staffing Updates None at this time.

Megan Kirby, Public Health Director, came before the Board with updates.

Trevor Rudenick, Water Resources Planner, came before the Board with one item for approval.

King moved, Rohlfling seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the updated 2026 Le Sueur County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan.

Holly Bushman, Water Resources Planner, came before the Board with one item for approval.

Rohlfling moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution to Submit, Adopt and Implement Middle Minnesota River-Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

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

Preisler moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to set the 2026 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for Tuesday, June 16, 2026 starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting may not be adjourned before 7:00 p.m.

King moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the updated 2026 Board Operating Procedures.

Rohlfing moved, Preisler seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the updated 2026 County Operating Policies.

Preisler moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the Finance Policy.

Tietz moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the updated 2026 Board Meeting calendar.

Rohlfing moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026 Aging Services Agreement.

Preisler moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026 County Surveyor Revised Contract with Rory Jensen with the updated rate of \$90/hour.

King moved, Preisler seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the updated West Jefferson Sewer District Interconnection Agreement with the City of Cleveland.

Administrator Martin gave the West Jefferson Sewer District Quarterly Update.

Rohlfing moved, Tietz seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve the West Jefferson Sewer District Quarterly Update.

At 10:27 a.m., Administrator Martin opened and read aloud the sealed bids for the 2026 County Legal Newspaper. Bids were received from Le Sueur County News, Life Enterprise, Montgomery Messenger, The New Prague Times and a bid combining The New Prague Times, Montgomery Messenger and Life Enterprise.

Rohlfing moved, King seconded, motion carried unanimously to designate Le Sueur County News as the legal paper of the Le Sueur County Board for Financial Statements, Official Statements, Official Notices, Personal Property Lists and all legal notices required to be published in the Official Paper for the year 2026 at the rate of S.A.U of \$3.00 and \$3.00 per consecutive insertion.

Rohlfing moved, Preisler seconded, motion carried unanimously to designate the Montgomery Messenger as the second publication for the County Financial Statement for the year 2026 at the rate of S.A.U. of \$5.50 and \$5.00 per consecutive insertion.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

Commissioner Preisler reported on Broadband call, and Personnel Executive Committee meeting.

Commissioner Rohlfing reported on MRCI Executive Board meeting, and Cleveland City Council.

Commissioner Tietz had no report.

Commissioner King had no report.

Commissioner O’Keefe reported on Personnel Executive Committee meeting.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by King, the Board adjourned until January 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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