

**County of Sibley
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Proceeding
Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners convened in the
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM pursuant to notice given as required by law. Members of the board present noted in Call to Order.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 3. APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ANY AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS**

Motion to approve with amendment to remove public hearing.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

- 4. CONSENT AGENDA**

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

SECONDER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

1. Approve Regular Board Proceedings of 05/27/2025
2. Approve Special Board Proceedings of 06/02/2025
3. Approve Claims as submitted

- 5. MIDWEST MEDICAL EXAMINER**

1. Annual Update from the Midwest Medical Examiner

Shane Sheets, Midwest Medical Examiner, presented the Board with an annual update. If there is a death with a cause other than natural, the ME will perform an examination to determine the cause of death. Accident classifications include death by homicide, accident, natural, suicide and undetermined. Midwest Medical Examiner's office serves 37 counties - 1.8 million people.

In 2024, there were 98 deaths in Sibley County- 76% were sent to ME. They included two drug substance cases - toxicity report showed one overdose with fentanyl and one with cocaine.

There will not be a rate increase or change for Sibley County in 2025.

6. KLEA RETTMANN, PHHS DIRECTOR

1. 2025 Delegation Agreement

Klea Rettmann, PHHS Director, presented the Board for approval of the Delegation Agreement with South Country Health Alliance (SCHA).

Main changes - MN Choice assessment - need to be MN Choice certified in order to care for the people we serve.

Care Coordinator at PHHS allows us to bill South Country.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

7. JOHN WENNINGER, AG DRAINAGE MANAGER

1. Replacement of Unit #D001

John Wenninger, Ag Drainage Manager, presented the Board to recommend the approval of the purchase of a new Ditch Truck. Want to replace 17-year-old spray truck with a 2026 F350 4x4.

The new truck is a one ton, gas truck with improved tires, rear and side bed step.

Bids were collected from two dealerships.

Commissioner Koch suggested we look at a used truck for driving through ditches to spray.

Commissioner Hennen - thinks local will be better over time - ex: driving back and forth for maintenance to Mankato vs Arlington.

Item was tabled. Will look at the cost of used truck for comparison.

8. TIM BECKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

1. 2024 Public Works Annual Report

Tim Becker, County Engineer, presented the Board with the 2024 Public Works Annual Report. He went on to explain projects that were performed and costs that go along with them. Also spoke to grants/government dollars that came back to Sibley County.

Project update - CR 5 paving started today. Bituminous overlay will be done - rain could play a part. First lift will take about 2 weeks, then trail. Microsurfacing was completed 2 weeks ago - next will be CR8, will move to 22.

9. GEOFF BERANEK, PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

1. Conditional Use Permit #1196 to allow for a Temporary Asphalt Plant, in the I-

Industrial district on the property located at 32755 333 Ave Le Sueur, MN 56058
PID #16.2728.000.

Geoff Beranek, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented the Board CUP #1196 to allow for a temporary asphalt plant in LeSueur. Planning & Zoning Commission voted 3/2 to recommend approval.

Condition 5 - hours of operation - clarification - Lilienthal states it's strictly operational.

Koch - would like to add condition to close all day Friday - asphalt plant (no bituminous) - not, industrial pit.

Motion to amend by Koch with Friday change, second by Hennen - Lilienthal will vote down amendment (feels it's not necessary)

*Saxton/Lilienthal voted down - 3/2 vote passed

Lilienthal feels signage for safety should be County responsibility. Lannoye states County has authority to put condition in for signage.

Motion by Lilienthal to have County put up signage (not to have Valley Paving responsible for payment), second by Saxton

*Passed 5-0

Motion by Hennen to re-route truck route in/out - Hennen- wants Valley Paving to pay signage for ongoing pit - feels will alleviate concern for safety - trucks from New Ulm (loaded truck is less noisy than empty) wants to re-route truck traffic to go around - heavy load in on 18, use 93 (back-way) on the way out

*failed for lack of second

PW will put out signs - ex: trucks hauling - up/down roads - signs placed for safety

Summary - remove #8, PW to add signage, remove "7:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Fridays. " on #5

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

10. PUBLIC HEARING 10:00 AM

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Proposed to bring to July 8th Board meeting at 9:30am.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

SECONDER: Commissioner Peter Koch

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

11. RUSS KRAL, FACILITIES MANAGER

1. Electrical Bids for upgrade at Sibley Estates Henderson

Additional bid was received
Henderson - McGuire
Winthrop - Master Electric

Motion by Koch to vote McGuire for Henderson, second by Saxton

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

2. Electrical Bids for upgrade at Sibley Estates Winthrop

Motion to approve McGuire for Winthrop for electrical upgrades

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

SECONDER: Commissioner Peter Koch

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

12. COUNTY BUSINESS

1. Fund Balance Transfer Resolution

To stay within Fund balance - fund 11 is over - John's recommendation is to keep money in Fund 11 and use in upcoming budget - could also use in CIP project fund

Motion to leave funds in Fund 11

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Peter Koch

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

2. STS Coordinator Job Description

STS program was cut by State of MN - previously state paid 25% and county paid 75%
If desire of Board, can cover remaining 25% of STS costs to continue program.

Bjorklund placed position as a grade 9

Will be placed under Fund 1 - Administration

Motion by Koch at 100% Ee, second by Hennen - supervisor position

Amendment by Lilienthal at 75%, second by Saxton - supervisor position
passed 3-2 (opposed by Koch and Hennen)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

3. STS Crew Leader Rating

Grade 9, 3/4 employee

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Lyle Grochow

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Commissioner Koch

2. Commissioner Hennen

3. Commissioner Grochow

4. Commissioner Saxton

5. Commissioner Lilienthal

14. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

15. CLEARING OF CALENDARS

June 13, 2025 - AMC District 7 Spring Meeting 8AM to 12PM - St James MN. American Legion

June 19, 2025 - Holiday Observance - Sibley County Courthouse, Service Center Closed

June 24, 2025 - Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

July 04, 2025 - Holiday Observance - Sibley County Courthouse, Service Center Closed

July 08, 2025 - Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

July 22, 2025 - Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

John Gliszinski, County Administrator

Lyle Grochow, Board Chair