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# Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Board Meeting

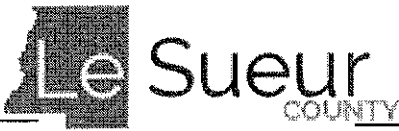
## Item 4

**9:45 a.m. Pam Simonette, Auditor - Treasurer (10 min)**

*RE: 2018 Claims, Dedicated Reserves, Depositories, Interest*

*RE: Resolution Supporting the Maintenance of Local License Bureaus*

Staff Contact:



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Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners:

Request for the Board to delegate their authority to review the below listed claims before payment pursuant to M.S. 375.18, Subd 1b. to the Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer. These claims shall be examined in accordance with the established internal accounting and administrative control procedures to ensure the proper disbursement of public funds.

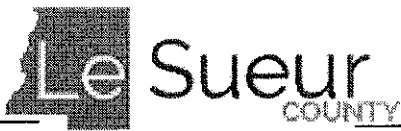
Claims to be paid under the Statute by Auditor-Treasurers' approval includes:

- Bills that are discounted when paid in specific time period
- Utilities/Telephone/Sewer & Water
- Contract/Lease Payments
- Employee's Credit Card Reimbursements
- Class Registration/Reservations
- Dues
- Postage
- Drug Investigation Money
- Tax Settlements/Apportionments
- License Fees
- Taxes & Special Assessments
- Bond Payments
- Septic Loans

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Pam Simonette'.

Pam Simonette  
Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer



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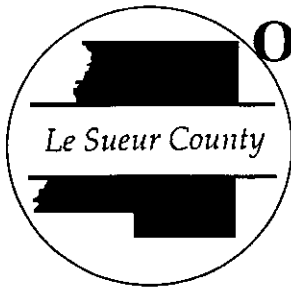
The following is a list of the dedicated reserves for Le Sueur County for 2018:

Revenue Fund	5,650,295
Road & Bridge	10,313,114
Human Services	2,982,802
Environmental	2,216,168
Victim Witness	39,448
Solid Waste	1,767,219.00 (actual)
Bond Fund	912,009

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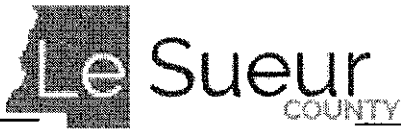
Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners:

I hereby designate the following financial institutions as depositories of funds for Le Sueur County for 2018, provided they furnish proper and sufficient collateral or surety bond, as needed for such deposits.

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. First National Bank              | Le Center MN   |
| 2. First State Bank                 | Le Center MN   |
| 3. Frandsen Bank & Trust            | Montgomery MN  |
| 4. First Farmers and Merchants Bank | Le Sueur MN    |
| 5. Cornerstone State Bank           | Le Sueur MN    |
| 6. HomeTown Bank                    | Cleveland MN   |
| 7. Frandsen Bank & Trust            | Waterville MN  |
| 8. Elysian Bank                     | Elysian MN     |
| 9. Wells Fargo Advisors             | Minneapolis MN |
| 10. Magic Fund                      | Minneapolis MN |
| 11. State Bank of New Prague        | New Prague MN  |
| 12. Cornerstone State Bank          | Montgomery MN  |

Sincerely,

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Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners:

I, Pam Simonette, Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer, do hereby submit to you the amount of interest collected on investments during the year of 2017

Total Interest Collected in 2017:      \$261,083.89

Included in the interest amount:

Collected on daily accounts              \$ 38,153.05

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Pam Simonette'.

Pam Simonette  
Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
THE MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL LICENSE BUREAUS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota established a deputy registrar network to provide our citizens with motor vehicle titling and registration services, including driver license transactions; and,

**WHEREAS**, deputy registrars are required to operate as agents on behalf of the State of Minnesota without compensation from the State for the services they offer; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1949, the State of Minnesota established in statute a user-based filing fee on motor vehicle and driver license transactions to be retained by the deputy registrar to defray all their costs to provide this localized service to our citizens for the State; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota now receives over \$1 billion annually in state fees and taxes collected through the deputy registrar network; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota has now shifted substantial clerical and auditing responsibilities onto the deputy registrar network due to the State's conversion to their new MNLARS (Minnesota Licensing and Registration System) program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new MNLARS regimen is now documented to have multiple shortcomings which have severely strained normal deputy registrar operations with longer processing times that greatly limit their typical volume of daily business; and,

**WHEREAS**, other MNLARS shortcomings have frequently forced deputies to conduct "no-(filing) fee" services for customers which acerbates the deputy business model; and,

**WHEREAS**, deputy registrar offices are now forced to invest in additional staff, office equipment, and more space to meet customer demand due to the MNLARS conversion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the filing fee revenue no longer covers the operational costs to maintain deputy registrar offices such that many local government-based deputies are seeking local property tax subsidies and private operators are applying for lines of credit to stave off complete closure,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Le Sueur County calls upon the State Legislature and our Governor to enact legislation in 2018 to provide deputy registrars with proper compensation by reallocating from existing state fee structures or other appropriate filing fee adjustments to ensure their valued service and continued presence remains in our local community to serve our citizens and the State.

Passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.