

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 2008
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair, Joan Jagt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joan Jagt, James Johansen, D. D. Sagmoe, Larry Hansen and Curtis Blumeyer. Also present were Auditor, Kathy Schreurs and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2008 Commissioner meeting and the June 17, 2008 Board of Appeal and Equalization. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Hansen, to approve agenda items. All voted in favor.

Neva Vizecky, Field Operations Assistant for Experience Works, requested county office space to be used as a satellite office for Experience Work (formerly known as Green Thumb). The organization is a national, charitable, community-based organization that helps seniors get the training they need to find good jobs in their local communities. The request will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner committee reports and correspondence were reviewed.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that bathroom facilities at Picnic Point park will be ready for the July 4, 2008 weekend.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that he had found an alternative site for the recycle sheds and garbage dumpster in the City of Ivanhoe. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve one-year lease agreement between Lincoln County and Patrick and Virginia Sterzinger with annual rental set at \$600.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to accept Burn Barrel Grant of \$13,898.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to approve Auditor warrant to FEMA Map Center for \$51.75. All voted in favor.

Olsen reported that Mae Halling has agreed to an access easement that will allow for the repair, maintenance, inspection and replacement of a water dam regulating the outlet located on the easterly side of Lake Stay. Consideration of \$100.00 will be paid to Mae Halling by the Arco Sportsman's Club. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Johansen, to approve Access Easement between Mae Halling and Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Olsen also reported:

- Wayne and Donna Johnson are working on shore land restoration on Lake Hendricks
- Annual meeting of the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2008 and 10:00 a.m.
- The Lincoln County Comprehensive Ordinance Committee will meet for a final review on July 16, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for the sale of approximately 22 acres of cropland. Only one bid was received, which was from Weber Farms, Inc. for \$77,000.00. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to accept bid from Weber Farms, Inc. for \$77,000.00 for the purchase of

approximately 22 acres of farm land located in part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and Government Lot 3, all in Section 33, of Diamond Lake Township. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve purchase agreement between Weber Farms, Inc. and Lincoln County for approximately 22 acres of farm land located in Section 33 of Diamond Lake Township and to authorize Chair Jagt to sign said agreement for Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Olsen reported that premium gas has risen to over \$4.00 per gallon and that the local gas station will no longer allow customers to charge purchases. Premium gas is used in some county equipment. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to allow Department Heads to request and receive Auditor warrants in order to purchase premium gasoline for equipment. All voted in favor.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported on the progress 2008 construction projects, seal coating and mowing.

Amundson:

- Reported he is still reviewing quotes for Lake Benton shop repairs
- Reviewed sample policy used by Yellow Medicine County when considering temporary street closures
- Reported that the used road grader was delivered on June 24, 2008

Commissioner Jagt reported that Board members were unable to find an assessor to fill the position until Deputy Assessor/Appraiser, Bruce Nielsen, completes his requirements for accreditation. The Board had filed for an extension, which ended June 30, 2008. The Board asked Auditor Schreurs to consider assuming the role of Interim Assessor. Following discussion, the motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Johansen, to appoint Kathy Schreurs as Interim Assessor on a monthly basis through December 31, 2008 with an additional \$600.00 per month in compensation, unless Bruce Nielsen receives assessor accreditation prior to that date.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4817 – 4896 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$49,728.46, Road & Bridge - \$21,717.51, Ditch - \$16.90 and LBLID – 223.74. All voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported that the IRS mileage reimbursement rate has been raised to \$.585.

Schreurs reported that levy limits will apply for 2009 – 2011 and levy increases will be limited to 3.9%.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 20-2008 (Classification as non-conservation). All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 20-2008
Tax Forfeited Classification/Appraisals**

WHEREAS, certain lands in Lincoln County, Minnesota, have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners classify these lands as **non-conservation lands**, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land listed below have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012; 92.461; 282.01 Subd. 8; and 282.018; and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

CITY OF ARCO

Parcel #16-0101-000

Blk 015, Parcels Desc. In BK 106 Deeds PG 878

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 1st day of July, 2008.

ATTEST:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Johansen, to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor