

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

June 3, 2008
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Johansen, to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2008 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

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

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve Lawful Gambling Permit and 3.2 Malt Liquor License for St. John Cantius Church for their 4th of July celebration pending all paperwork is completed. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Hansen, to approve Liquor License to Knotty Pine Supper Club for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. All voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve Liquor License to Hendricks Golf Club for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. All voted in favor.

Commissioner committee reports were reviewed.

The Board reviewed bonding options from Ehler's & Associates and PFM Group.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported the following:

- Road restrictions were lifted May 23, 2008 for Lincoln County
- Rupp Construction has completed the 2007 aggregate crushing contract
- Energy Audit was performed on the Lake Benton highway shop by Ottertail Power Company. Installation of 2 electric wall units and retaining LP Gas heaters could provide potential savings of \$3,000.00 per year
- Reviewed current construction projects
- Have rented low-boy trailer seven times to move equipment. Moving costs have risen due to higher fuel costs.
- Received request to close a county road in the City of Lake Benton for Saddle Horse Holiday. No action.

Commissioner Hansen reported that the Rural Minnesota Energy Board has asked for support in the development of bio-based materials. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Johansen, to approve Resolution No. 17-2008 (Bio-based Product Support). All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 17-2008
Bio-Based Product Support**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County encourages the promotion of sustainable development, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County supports the development of a "Bio" economy in Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County understands that one facet of the "Bio" economy includes the development of bio-based products and markets, and

WHEREAS, to accelerate that development it is necessary to understand the current market place for materials and where they are needed to allow for the development of bio-based materials to replace current products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Lincoln County will participate in an inventory of procurement needs with the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Lincoln County will direct the acquisition of "bio-based" materials where they are feasible, available and meet needed product requirements.

Approved by unanimous vote this 3rd day of June, 2008.

Attest:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, Auditor

Bruce Nielsen, Deputy Assessor/Appraiser, reported that he had attended the State of Minnesota Board of Review and Equalization on May 30, 2008. Nielsen reported that recent legislation has exempted veterans in Minnesota with 70% disability or more from paying all or a portion of their property tax. Nielsen also reported that he will be taking a Uniform Standard Professional Appraisal Practice class and test in June as part of the requirement to achieve Accredited Minnesota Assessor Licensure.

Commissioners Jagt and Blumeyer, reported that Pipestone County has declined the request from Lincoln County to serve as Interim County Assessor. Jagt and Blumeyer reported that they plan to meet with Lyon County and a retired assessor from the City of Marshall about serving as interim assessor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to approve Anderson's 2nd Addition Final Plat. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen reported:

- Commercial Recycling received 5 ton of co-mingled materials and 4 ton cardboard in one month
- Putting in recycle bins at Hole in the Mountain and Norwegian Creek Parks
- Burn Barrel grant request has been approved
- Environmental Office activities report
- Lake Benton treatment done April 22 using 59.34 gallons @ cost of \$107,332.43
- Trees in a Shaokatan Township road right-of-way have been removed

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to become a member of the Southwest Regional Radio Board Joint Powers. Chair Jagt was authorized to sign Joint Powers Agreement. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Hansen, to appoint Sheriff Vizecky and Commissioner Blumeyer to the Southwest Regional Radio Board with remaining Commissioners appointed as alternates. All voted in favor.

Glen Petersen, County Attorney, stated that he had just received the land survey for park land near Norwegian Creek. Legal notices will be placed in the Ivanhoe Times and Lake Benton News requesting sealed bids for the sale of approximately 22.56 acres of farm land located in Diamond Lake Township. Bids to be opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2008. Motion by Johansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve extension of Purchase Agreement with Joe Weber to July 1, 2008. All voted in favor.

Kathy Schreurs, Auditor, and Mark Leibfried, Treasurer, demonstrated a property tax computer program available to tax payers, via a website, that would allow them to access their property

information and print a current tax statement. Recent legislation allows taxpayers to request property tax information in digital format. The initial cost of the program is \$1,500.00 with a monthly maintenance charge of \$150.00. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Johansen, to approve purchase and monthly maintenance of property tax program from Computer Professionals Inc. All voted in favor.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4100 - 4205: Revenue - \$22,734.59, Road & Bridge - \$50,006.94, Ditch - \$1,528.50, and Solid Waste Task Force - \$672.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

Attest:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, Auditor