

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

February 17, 2009
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, Curtis Blumeyer, Larry Hansen, Adam Gillund, and Don Evers. Also present were County Auditor, Kathy Schreurs, County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve minutes from the February 3, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to approve agenda items and additions. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that he had been working with Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, to begin the process of developing new camp sites at Norwegian Creek Park. Olsen stated that the Environmental and Highway Departments are willing to provide assistance in the proposed development. The Park Board is expected to schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss the park expansion project. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund, to authorize the Environmental and Highway Departments to provide assistance and wave fees and labor for the Norwegian Creek Park expansion. All voted in favor.

John Boulton, Yellow Medicine Watershed District, and Robert Olsen reported that the proposed construction of Yellow Medicine River Watershed Ditch 21 had been denied by the Watershed Board Managers. Petitioner Terry Renken has since filed an appeal to the District Court. Information only.

Olsen reported that he had received notice that the Emergency Management Feedlot Grant for \$3,000.00 has been approved. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to accept Emergency Management Feedlot Grant of \$3,000.00 and authorize Olsen to sign grant agreement on behalf of Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Olsen reviewed budgets and staffing duties within the Environmental Office.

Olsen reported that he had received a billing from Albert Thompson Lumber for overage costs for the construction of the Cold Storage building located at the landfill. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve auditor warrant of \$357.46 to Albert Thompson Lumber. All voted in favor.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported that the application for stimulus funds was submitted for three black top overlay projects within the County.

Amundson also reported that he had applied for HSIP highway safety improvement grant.

Amundson reported that he continues to meet with contractors regarding the disposal of asbestos and debris from the Arco School building.

The Board set Commissioner Round Table discussion for May 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m. bids were opened for SP 041-613-022 (bituminous overlay CSAH 13). Bids received were:

Central Specialties	\$1,225,776.46
Duininck Bros Inc	\$1,306,746.50
McLaughlin & Schulz Inc	\$1,320,417.39
Knife River	\$1,482,913.99

The above bids will be reviewed and brought to the March 3, 2009 meeting for Board action.

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Jagt opened a Public Hearing to hear testimony on the provisions of MN Stat. 273.1115, Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax, which grants special and unique treatment to owners of land containing aggregate deposits, in comparison with other property in the county, therefore shifting the tax burden on these properties to other taxpayers. There being no one giving testimony and no comments were given, Commissioner Jagt closed the hearing at 10:40 a.m. Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund to terminate participation in the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property tax Law in Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Amundson reviewed his request to change the office hours for the Highway Department to 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No action this day.

Glen Petersen, County Attorney, reported that Rupp Construction is still requesting a reduction in liquidated damages for a gravel crushing contract. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve \$5,700.00 in liquidated damages from Rupp Construction. All voted in favor.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reviewed the progress of the window and air conditioning project. Larson reported that there will be several change orders to the original plans. Larson also reported that the window and air conditioning project is expected to qualify for several energy rebates.

Chuck DeBates, Financial Account, reviewed Lincoln County's Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve Lincoln County Policies and Procedures Manual. All voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Blumeyer to approve Auditor warrant for Pauline Moen for \$280.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve and accept Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,305.00 – Contract Number B24402. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to extend the appointment and compensation of Auditor Schreurs as County Assessor until an accredited (AMA) County Assessor is hired. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to appoint Connie Janiszski to the Extension Committee. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve meeting expense and per diem for Commissioners Hansen and Evers to represent Lincoln County in a long range planning meeting for Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water that was held in Marshall, MN on February 13, 2009 and for Commissioners Blumeyer and Jagt and Auditor Schreurs who attended an AMC Region VIII Redesign planning session in Slayton on February 13, 2009. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed the definition of Independent Contractors vs. Employees.

The Board reviewed information from the State Auditor's office regarding the use of personal and/or company owned cell phones in the workplace. No action at this time.

Committee Reports were given:

Jagt– SW Futures, Extension, and AMC Redesign

Evers – LP Rural Water

Gillund – Western Mental Health

Blumeyer – RC&D, Building Committee, Extension and AMC Redesign

Hansen – SRDC, LP Rural Water, SW Futures and Building Committee

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #6752 - 8833 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$63,773.75, Road & Bridge - \$69,120.48, Courthouse Improvements - \$260,781.30, and Ditch - \$57.30. All voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor