

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

July 7, 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, Larry Hansen, Adam Gillund, and Don Evers. Commissioner Curtis Blumeyer was absent. Also present was County Auditor, Kathy Schreurs.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve minutes from the June 16, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to approve agenda items and additions. All (4) voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a request from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water to approve a Joint Powers Agreement, which guarantees the payment of a \$10,915,000.00 bond for the LPRW Expansion and Internal Improvement Project. The LPRW Expansion and Internal Improvement Project consists primarily of construction of the water service lines and other ancillary items necessary for the delivery of water to customers of LPRW. On June 23, 2009, Nobles County passed a resolution, which expressed its intent to issue bonds to finance the Improvement Project. However the bonds cannot be issued until all the counties served by LPRW enter into a Joint Powers Agreement, which guarantees the payment of the bond. No action at this time.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that he had received a letter from Lyle Sik requesting reimbursement for crop loss in the amount of \$1678.60 due to wet conditions caused by a tile line. The matter has been referred to the County Attorney.

Olsen reported that there were two recycling containers stolen during Saddle Horse Holiday. The containers were made available to a Lincoln County 4-H group. The plans for these containers were that they would be distributed at various events throughout the county as a method of collecting recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

Olsen also reported:

- Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for July 15, 2009 for the Don Buller Feedlot Expansion and JW Prairie Wind Power, LLC, proposed by Jim Nichols
- Public Hearing scheduled for July 29, 2009 on proposed subdivision on Lake Hendricks/Kenneth Buseth property
- State grants for Environmental Office will not have unallotments in 2010 but there will be other reductions
- JD 19 work is proceeding smoothly
- Septic System Plans have been submitted to the State for approval
- Has had reports of "dogs running loose" near Lake Benton

Lee Amundson, Engineer, gave the construction/maintenance updates.

Don Scholten, Maintenance Foreman, reported that the Highway Department has been testing a "Man Lift". The lift would be used for reaching high areas within the highway shop, inspecting and repairing bridges and trimming trees. Scholten reported that he had received a quote of \$14,500 plus tax from Hacker Equipment (Montevideo) and \$17,900 plus tax from RSC Rental (Sioux Falls). Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to purchase and accept low quote of \$14,500 from Hacker Equipment. Commissioners Hansen, Evers, and Jagt voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Amundson reported that he will be interviewing for a Senior Engineering Technician within the next few days.

Amundson reported that he has contacted the Verdi Township Board regarding route revisions.

Amundson requested consideration to make an exception to the Cell Phone Policy and provide the Maintenance Foreman with a County cell phone. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund, to revise the County Cell Phone Policy to allow the Maintenance Foreman to be provided with a County cell phone. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to provide monthly cell phone reimbursement to Lee Amundson for \$35.00, Dustin Hauschild for \$20.00 and Luke Backstrand for \$15.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Amundson reported that \$1,176.20 has been spent from the clothing allowance account from January through June 2009.

Amundson reported that he had received gravel crushing quotes for 18,000 cu. yards from Sterzinger Crushing for \$40,975.88 and Northland Aggregate for \$49,321.10. Amundson stated that he had accepted the low quote from Sterzinger Crushing for \$40,975.88.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to approve Construction Order 02 to hook up the condensate pumps and CO sensors with any associated costs to be the responsibility of the Contractor/Architect/Mechanical Engineer .

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to impose \$140 per day in damages to Doom & Cuypers effective July 1, 2009 until contract work is completed. All (4) voted in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

- Jagt – Human Services
- Evers – Plum Creek Library, Human Services
- Gillund – LCEDC, Personnel, Western Mental Health, Health & Safety
- Blumeyer – absent
- Hansen – Personnel, LCEDC, Health & Safety, RSVP, SRDC, Building

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants # 7934 - 8045 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$95,938.76, Road & Bridge - \$214,356.82, Ditch - \$351.00, Courthouse Impr. - \$297.74, Lake Impr. District - \$1,384.95. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund, to cancel warrant #7783 to Hendricks Hospital for \$68.00 and warrant #7837 – Viere Farm & Home for \$182.02. All (4) voted in favor.

Chuck DeBates, Financial Accountant, presented the preliminary 2010 budget report.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor