

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

November 3, 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 and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve minutes from the October 20, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

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

Vince Robinson, Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp. (LCEDC), and several LCEDC Board members and clients reviewed the many projects that are and have been provided assistance through LCEDC. Robinson presented a report on staff time hours worked on LCEDC projects and administration. Robinson also requested that the Board consider their appropriation request for 2010 of \$42,000.00. No action at this time.

Bruce Nielsen, Deputy Assessor/Appraiser, reported that Sue Eidem will remain the Verdi Township Assessor for one more year. Nielsen also reported that he is still working on becoming an accredited/certified assessor through the State of Minnesota.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reported that Lincoln County has received an energy rebate of \$10,860.00 from Ottetail Power Company following the installation of the new cooling/air exchange system in the Courthouse.

Larson reported that Baldrige & Nelson, will soon be advertising for bids for the replacement of the courthouse skylights.

Larson reviewed the proposed 2010 maintenance budget.

Jack Vizecky, Sheriff, reviewed a resolution to participate in the ARMER plan. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve Resolution No. 34-2009 (ARMER plan). All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION 34-2009

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN
FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION WITHIN LINCOLN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, it is a basic responsibility of the County to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued regulations which require the replacement of wideband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems operating in the Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) spectrum by January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, public safety agencies throughout the country, including public safety agencies within Lincoln County, have relied upon wideband LMR systems to provide vital public safety communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, public works, disaster response and other vital government services; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Southwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board (SWRRB), of which it is a participating member, to complete a comprehensive assessment of public safety communication within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been presented with a public safety communication assessment (hereinafter "Assessment") conducted by Federal Engineering, which included an assessment of the alternatives that exist for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Assessment as an accurate assessment of public safety communication needs within the County and of the alternatives that reasonably exist to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners believes the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) participation alternative specified in the Assessment is the most appropriate and best option for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the county, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners urges all public safety service providers within the County to join together and seek grant funding opportunities to fund ARMER participation within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Sheriff (hereinafter "Sheriff") is instructed to develop a participation plan (hereinafter "Plan") for the migration of and participation of all county and local governments and public safety agencies located and operating within the County to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Plan developed by the Sheriff shall include and provide for a proposed budget for the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, proposals for local enhancements or improvements required for county participation and a proposed plan for equipment and services necessary to complete the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, following adoption by the Lincoln County Board of the Plan herein required the Assessment providing the basis of this action shall be submitted to the SWRRB with a recommendation that the Assessment be incorporated into the SWRRB regional public safety communication plan and that the Sheriff is authorized to submit the Assessment and the Plan to the SWRRB, to the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety and to the Statewide Radio Board, as may be necessary to gain final approval for the County participation in the ARMER public safety communication system as provided for in the Plan.

READ AND PASSED this 3rd day of November, 2009.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Lee Amundson, Engineer reported:

- Rain and wet conditions continue to create delays with road construction projects
- Four interviews have been conducted for the Shop Foreman position
- Continues to work on the 2010 proposed Road and Bridge budget
- Reviewed handout on "Toward Zero Deaths Program"
- Reviewed 2009 equipment use of dozer, semi tractor, lowboy trailer, and manlift
- Reviewed citizens request to pave Picnic Point access road

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:
Evers – AMC District VIII, ARMER, HRA, Plum Creek, Human Services

Gillund – Health & Safety Committee, ARMER, SW Emergency Management, Road & Bridge Shop Foreman Interviews, LCEDC
Jagt – AMC District VIII, ARMER, Human Services
Blumeyer – AMC District VIII, Soil Water Conservation Service, Regional Radio Board, ARMER, Labor Management
Hansen – AMC District VIII, ARMER, Labor Management, Health & Safety Committee, LCEDC, Road & Bridge Shop Foreman Interviews

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #8962 - 9020 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$47,622.06, Road & Bridge - \$24,137.82 and Ditch - \$1,711.64. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Jagt left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Board reviewed letter from Mark Leibfried stating that he is resigning as the head of the Health and Safety Committee effective December 31, 2009.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve Memorandum of Understanding between The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council #65 (AFSCME Union) and Lincoln County Establishing a Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) with the Minnesota State Retirement System. All (4) voted in favor.

2010 proposed budget items were reviewed.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor