

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 6, 2010
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jagt, to approve minutes with corrections from the March 16, 2010 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to approve agenda items. All (4) voted in favor.

Dale Sterzinger, Soil Water Conservation District Conservation Technician, reported on the history of the Wetland Conservation Act and the current rules and regulations. Sterzinger also reported on the District Tree Program and the planting of living snow fences and windbreaks in Lincoln County.

Vince Robinson, Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp. (LCEDC), presented information for a proposed tax abatement for the former "Creamery Building" in Lake Benton owned by Xochitl Enterprises, LLP. The owner intends to spend \$250,000 in renovations. The current property tax on the building is \$95.22. The amount of the abatement shall not exceed \$800 per year, or in any event the abatement shall not exceed 90% of the County's tax rate multiplied by the total net tax capacity of the parcel. The abatement period shall be for ten years commencing with taxes payable in 2010. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to set a Public Hearing for May 4, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Commissioner Room, 319 N Rebecca St., Ivanhoe, MN, to consider the request for property tax abatement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.1812 to 469.1815, for Parcel # 19-0480-000. All (4) voted in favor.

Robinson gave an update on current enterprise development projects that he is working within Lincoln County.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer:

- Gave a Construction/maintenance update to the Board.
- Discussed the revised 2009 Highway Department Annual Report
- Road posting may be in effect until the middle of May
- Presented the December, January and February equipment usage report
- Reported he is in the process of setting up a preliminary OSHA walk-through

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve CSAH 24 Construction Agreement with the City of Hendricks contingent on approval by City of Hendricks. All (4) voted in favor.

Amundson reported that a landowner had requested a drainage permit to drain into the road right-of-way in Section 22 of Hendricks Township. An on-site inspection has been conducted. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve drainage permit for landowner in Section 22 along County Road 101 in Hendricks Township. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator:

- Presented the 2009 SCORE Report
- Gave an update on rural garbage usage
- Reviewed a complaint of an Arco resident regarding the recycling sheds and rural garbage dumpsters
- Reviewed beaver problems at Norwegian Creek and JD #30
- Reviewed a proposed agreement with the city of Hendricks regarding a fish barrier outlet

Olsen reported that it is the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve permit to divide property for a subdivision entitled Robbie and Betty's Estates located near Lake Shaokatan. Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer to approve permit and subdivision plat for Robbie and Betty's Estates Addition. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jagt, to approve abandonment of benefits and abate property tax of \$27.14 to Parcel #13-0137-000. Commissioners Hansen, Jagt, and Blumeyer voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to accept Natural Resources Block Grant for Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) Base Grant for \$9,931.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Hansen, to approve reappointment of William Behnke to a three-year term and Donald Oerter to a two-year term to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments. All (4) voted in favor.

Jack Vizecky, Sheriff, reported that a limited interoperability participation plan must be approved by the County and submitted to the Regional Radio Board for approval before ARMER radio equipment can be programmed and installed. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt to approve Limited Interoperability Participation Plan and Agreement Between Lincoln County and the State of Minnesota Through Its Commissioner of Transportation for the Operation of Subscriber Radios on the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) System. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Hansen, to accept \$16,352.49 grant for radio controllers for the ARMER Radio System. All (4) voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a letter from the SW MN Six County 911 Dispatch Group that has been studying the concept of a Regional Dispatch Center. There is a balance of \$96,000 remaining in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety grant. The Group has invited Lincoln County to participate in an additional study for a dispatch center. No action at this time.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve FY2010 Annual County Boat and Water Safety Agreement for \$2,926.00 with the State of Minnesota. All (4) voted in favor.

Bruce Nielsen, Deputy Assessor/Appraiser reported that he has mailed a draft narrative for review to become an accredited assessor to the State of Minnesota.

Committee Reports were given:

Hansen – AMC Legislation Conference, RSVP, SW MN Energy Board
Blumeyer – SWCD, SW Solid Waste, RC&D, AMC Legislative Conference, Regional Radio Board, OSA Planning Meeting, LLMP Public Health & LLM HS Joint Powers
Gillund – LCEDC
Jagt – OSA Planning Meeting, LLMP Public Health and LLM HS Joint Powers, Personnel Committee
Evers – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants # 10254 - 10333 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$61,921.89, Road & Bridge - \$36,616.67, LBLID - \$255.00 and Joint Powers Solid Waste - \$2,782.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to appoint Kristin Fritz as student representative to the Extension Committee. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Adam Gillund, 2010 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor