

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

December 2, 2010
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board Chair, Adam Gillund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Adam Gillund, Joan Jagt, Curt Blumeyer, and Don Evers. Commissioner Larry Hansen was absent. Also present were County Auditor, Kathy Schreurs, and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Evers, to approve minutes from the November 16, 2010 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

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

The Board reviewed the possibility of moving the Veterans Service Office from Lake Benton to Ivanhoe. The Board asked Gary Serie, Veterans Service Officer, to visit with the area Legion and VFW members on the impact that such a move would have on the local veterans. Serie was asked to report his findings at the February 1, 2011 Commissioner meeting.

Matt Miller, AFSCME Representative, reported that several of the Human Services and Public Health employees have several concerns regarding benefit reductions due to the transition to the new SW Health and Human Services Joint Powers which takes effect January 1, 2011.

Paul Olsen, Development Services, Inc. (DSI) reported that DSI had submitted a pre-application to the Department of Employment & Economic Development for a Small Cities Development Grant in October 2010. On November 18, the pre-application was approved and a final application was requested with a goal of rehabilitating 20 houses in Lincoln County. The deadline for submitting the final application is February 10, 2011. DSI plans to contract with the Lincoln County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for submitting the application. There will be no direct cost to Lincoln County. Information only.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to approve Auditor Warrant for \$29,152.30, for the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, per state bid, for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. All (4) voted in favor.

Bruce Nielsen, Deputy Assessor, reported that he has received notice from the Minnesota State Board of Assessors that he had achieved the Accredited Minnesota Assessor level of licensure as of November 16, 2010. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to appoint Bruce Nielsen as Lincoln County Assessor for a term of two years beginning January 1, 2011. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Evers, to post/hire Deputy Assessor/Appraiser to begin January 1, 2011. All (4) voted in favor.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, gave a construction/maintenance update.

Amundson reported:

- he attend a County Roadway Safety Plan meeting November 22, 2010 in Marshall
- Hauschild and Backstrand had attended Highway Design training in St. Cloud
- CSAH 18 has soft spots and will be re-evaluated in the spring
- Marshfield Township bridge replacement is near completion

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Evers, to approve Resolution No. 42-2010 (Final Resolution – CSAH 7). All (4) voted in favor.

RESOLUTION 42 - 2010

WHEREAS, the construction of the following Bituminous Surfacing projects; SAP 041-612-006, 041-616-008, 041-624-003, 10210 and miscellaneous paving, has in all things been completed by McLaughlin & Schulz Inc, the final contract costs being \$1,902,920.33, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Lincoln and authorize final payment as specified in said final estimate.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 2nd day of December 2010.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Adam Gillund, 2010 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Robert Olsen, Environmental Officer, reported that the Verdi cleanup was progressing. Costs to date are \$8,014.00.

Olsen reported that Lyon County has requested a Joint Board meeting for Judicial Ditch #31 on Thursday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lyon County Commissioner Room. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers to appoint Blumeyer as an alternate to the Judicial Ditch #31 Joint Board. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen reviewed the proposed 2011 Ditch Repair Fund Assessments. Motion by Jagt, seconded by Evers to approve Resolution No. 41-2010 (2011 Ditch Assessments). Commissioners Jagt, Evers, and Blumeyer voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

**Resolution No. 41-2010
Resolution of the Lincoln County Ditch System Assessments for 2011**

Be it Revolved by the Lincoln Board of Commissioners, acting as the County Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following assessments are herewith adopted; and

Be it Further Resolved that the following assessments are adopted to maintain an appropriate balance in each of the following Ditch Repair Funds:

Fund No.		Amount
42-002	County Ditch No. 2	\$ 3,000.00
42-007	County Ditch No. 7	\$ 3,000.00
42-033	County Ditch No. 33	\$ 2,000.00
42-036	County Ditch No. 36	\$ 5,000.00
42-037	County Ditch No. 37	\$20,000.00
42-038	County Ditch No. 38	\$ 5,000.00
42-049	County Ditch No. 49	\$ 1,000.00
42-063	Public Ditch No. 3	\$ 1,000.00
42-190	Judicial Ditch No. 19	\$14,000.00
42-220	Judicial Ditch No. 22	\$ 6,000.00
42-280	Judicial Ditch No. 28	\$ 5,000.00
42-300	Judicial Ditch No. 30	\$20,000.00
42-310	Judicial Ditch No. 31	\$ 5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned assessments are due and payable to the Ditch Repair Funds in 2011.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of December, 2010.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Adam Gillund, 2010 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Olsen reported that he had attended a meeting in Tyler with Mn/DOT, DNR, City and Township officials regarding the flooding on U.S. Hwy 14 west of Tyler. No action at this time.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reported that carpet is scheduled to be laid in the current Human Services Offices on December 17, 2010. Larson also asked the Board to consider replacing work stations on the second floor of the courthouse.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion for Swift Contractors for replacement of the sky lights on the third floor of the courthouse and to authorize Commissioner Gillund to sign said document on behalf of Lincoln County. All (4) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Hansen – Absent

Blumeyer – ARMER Radio, SWCD, Joint State/County Annual Meeting, Public Health, Interim SW Health & Human Services

Gillund – LCEDC, Western Mental Health

Jagt – Interim SW Health & Human Services, Human Services, Hwy Safety Meeting

Evers – Human Services, SW Health & Human Services, HRA, Hwy Safety Meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #12308- 12372 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$37,385.93, Road & Bridge - \$106,126.01, Ditch - \$2,713.90 and Solid Waste Task Force - \$525.00 All (4) voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported that current Treasurer, Mark Leibfried, will retire on December 31, 2010 and that Sue Paluch, Treasurer Elect, will not begin her official duties until sworn in on January 4, 2011. Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to appoint Sue Paluch as Lincoln County Treasurer from January 1, 2011 to January 4, 2011. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Evers, to approve Joint Powers Resolution that would allow the Lincoln County Auditor to act as a Deputy Recount Official as designated by the Secretary of State. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Adam Gillund, 2010 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor