

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

August 16, 2011  
Courthouse Commissioner Room  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve minutes from the August 2, 2011 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to approve agenda items. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp., reviewed the LCEDC's budget request for 2012.

Robinson reported that the local match requirements for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program, was changed from 50% to 25% during the Minnesota Special Legislative Session in July 2011. Motion by Jagt, seconded by Hansen to apply for a Parks and Trails Legacy Grant on the condition that the City of Lake Benton Foundation contributes \$12,500.00 and Lincoln County contribute up to \$12,500.00 in local match. Commissioners Jagt, Hansen, Evers, and Blumeyer voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Jack Vizecky, Sheriff, requested that the Board approve the hiring of another full time Deputy for the Sheriff's Office. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jagt, to approve the hire of an additional full time deputy for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioners Jagt and Hansen voted in favor. Commissioners Evers, Blumeyer and Gillund voted in opposition. Motion failed.

Pauline VanOverbeke and Soil and Water Conservation District staff and Board members reviewed the SWCD budget request for 2012.

VanOverbeke reported on the Clean Water Funds for the Verdi Wellhead Protection Area Project and the Yellow Medicine Major Watershed Project.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Office, reviewed the Lincoln County Recycling Program Contract Addendum commencing January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2017 with Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to approve Lincoln County Recycling Program Contract Addendum and to authorize Olsen to sign said agreement on behalf of Lincoln County.

Olsen reviewed a request from Jerome Jerzak regarding the cleaning of 2,500 feet of CD 37. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve the cleaning of the affected portion of CD 37. All voted in favor.

Olsen reported that the Order of Appeals for Judicial Ditch 28 is scheduled for August 28, 2011.

Olsen reported that Matt Jerzak has requested consideration for replacing approximately 5,000 feet of 15 inch tile in CD 35. The tile replacement has an estimated cost of \$50,000. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to authorize Olsen to proceed with tile replacement in CD 35. All voted in favor.

Olsen reported that US Fish and Wildlife has secured an option to purchase 160 acres from the Kontz Family Trust. The Kontz property is currently responsible for 30% of the benefits to Judicial Ditch 11. If the purchase of the Kontz property by US Fish and Wildlife is completed, the property would no longer pay their portion of any ditch repairs or improvements and the costs would be spread to the remaining land owners. Olsen reported that John Kolb of Rinke-Noonan would

prepare a research document on the impact to the ditch system for the County to send to the Governance Council in St. Paul, MN. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to authorize Olsen to proceed to hire Rinke-Noonan to prepare a research document to be forwarded to the Governance Council. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to authorize Olsen to proceed with replacement of a crossing on CD 37 (Gloria and Dean Johnson). All voted in favor.

Olsen reported that Lyle Sik has requested repair of 15 inch tile on JD 28. No action at this time.

Olsen reported that tile repair in Hope Township road and blow outs to JD 31 will cost approximately \$90,000.00. It is expected that FEMA will cover approximately \$63,000.00 of the repairs as a result of the July 1, 2011 storm/tornado.

Motion Jagt, seconded by Hansen, to prepare and present a petition to the Lyon-Lincoln County Joint Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch 31 for the improvement of the outlet of Lincoln County Ditch 24. All voted in favor.

Olsen reported that there will be a JD 31 Joint Board meeting on August 22, 2011 in Lyon County.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to authorize out-of-state travel to Wisconsin for representatives from the Environmental Office to attend the MACFO Conference. All voted in favor.

Lee Amundson, Engineer, and Fran VanKuelen, IT Coordinator, reported that the Office of Enterprise Technology plans to upgrade the telecommunications network connectivity to 100 Mbps. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve County Collaboration Agreement with the Office of Enterprise Technology State of Minnesota SRW-00000088117. All voted in favor.

Amundson and VanKuelen, reported that the costs for installing fiber optic cable from the Courthouse to the Highway Department building and to upgrade computer servers and licensures are estimated at \$20,000.00. The costs will be paid from the Technology Fund with the Highway Department, Emergency Management, Environmental Office and Courthouse reimbursing their portion of the costs back to the Technology Fund. Motion by Hansen, seconded Gillund to approve installation of fiber optic cable, computer server and licensures. All voted in favor.

Amundson gave the construction/maintenance update.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to approve low bid of \$505,652.25 from AAA Striping Service Co. for the Intersection Improvements Project, SAP 088-070-020, for ten counties. Bids were opened at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2011. All voted in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Evers – County Trails Meeting

Gillund – None

Jagt – None

Blumeyer – SWHHS, AREA II, Lac qui Parle Watershed, SWCD

Hansen – AMC Policy Meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #14404 – 14,481 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$75,198.95, Road & Bridge - \$33,786.93, Ditch - \$3,376.00 and Solid Waste - \$508.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12:

Alpha Wireless - \$3,894.90, Bolton & Menk - \$2,046.50, Carstensen Contracting - \$3,106.09, Computer Professionals - \$4,507.89, Divine Providence - \$2,016.16, Matt Pederson Concrete - \$11,800.42, Milbank Winwater - \$4,213.48, Olson & Johnson - \$ 3,193.86, Petersen Law -

\$12,748.07, Prairie Pride - \$19,223.58, SW Sanitation - \$3,923.35, Tom Hodges Construction - \$8,850.00, Victor Construction - \$3,275.00, Waste Management - \$6,448.01, Yellow Medicine County - \$3,213.92 .

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to approve Joint Powers Agreement and Resolution No. 31-2011 (Supporting Hands). All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 31 - 2011**  
**Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County provides services to first time, low income mothers through Southwest Health and Human Services, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County supports evidenced based practice in the care and support of first time, low income mothers, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County believes that Nurse Family Partnership is an evidenced based practice that has many years of research supporting its program, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County believes that Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership offers the Nurse Family Partnership program appropriate for Lincoln County residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners supports joining Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership through a Joint Powers Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lincoln County authorizes Southwest Health and Human Services to send a letter of application to the Joint Powers Board of Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lincoln County will become a partner in Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership January 1, 2012, contingent upon complete participation by all member counties in Southwest Health and Human Services

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has caused this resolution to be executed by their chairperson this 16th day of August, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, Auditor

Auditor Schreurs reported that Lincoln County has received an insurance premium refund of \$119,769.51 from the SW Service Coop. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to accept the refund and deposit into the general revenue fund. All voted in favor.

Cara Nielsen, Transit Director, reviewed the proposed 2012 Transit budget. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt to approve Resolution No. 32-2011. All voted in favor.

**TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION**  
**No. 32-2011**

Resolved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation service in/of Lincoln County.

Further resolved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners agrees to provide 15% of the total operating costs and 20% of the total capital costs.

Further resolved that authorization to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto is hereby given to the Chairperson of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners or the Transportation Director.

Further resolved that Chairperson of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners or the Transportation Director is hereby authorized to execute requests for reimbursement to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

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Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

The Board reviewed 2012 proposed budgets.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. All voted in favor.

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Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor