

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

June 21, 2011
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to approve minutes from the June 7, 2011 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve agenda items. Additions included: AREA II, Transit, RSVP and Law Enforcement. All voted in favor.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that he had received \$68,000.00 in camping fees through June 1, 2011.

Schlapkohl reported that one of the docks had been destroyed by wind on June 20, 2011 and that the DNR has agreed to repair/replace it.

Schlapkohl reported that the Lake Benton Sportsman's Club has committed \$1,000.00 toward playground equipment at Norwegian Creek. Schlapkohl stated that he will talk to other organizations to see if there is additional interest in contributing toward the purchase of playground equipment. Schlapkohl estimated the cost of the equipment at \$14,000.00.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to accept donation of \$500.00 from the Dakota Minnesota Saddle Horse Association for electricity at Horse Hill in Hole-in-the-Mountain Park. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Engineer's Assistant, gave the construction/maintenance update.

Hauschild presented a draft copy of a Signing/Striping Policy for review. No action at this time.

Hauschild reported that the tractor/loader/backhoe was delivered on June 14, 2011. There were approximately \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 of extra items added to the machine in error. The error was made by Ziegler and was not charged to Lincoln County.

Hauschild reported that the Highway Department purchased a hydraulic jackhammer for the backhoe through the state surplus program. Hauschild reported that the department had paid \$1,500.00 to rent a jackhammer from Mn/DOT and the jackhammer was purchased for \$1,299.24.

Hauschild reported that quotes have been received for energy efficient upgrades for the highway shops. The County would be eligible for up to 75% rebate from Ottertail Power Company if the upgrades are completed by December 31, 2011.

Hauschild reported that bids will be received on July 19, 2011 for 3 box culvert replacements in Hope and Marshfield Townships.

The Board reviewed a memo from Lee Amundson, County Engineer, regarding the cell phone reimbursement for the Shop Foreman and the Intermittent Maintenance Foreman. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen to reimburse the Shop Foreman and Intermittent Maintenance Foreman \$15.00 each month for County use of their personal cell phones. Commissioner Gillund voted in favor. Commissioners Hansen, Blumeyer, Jagt and Evers voted in opposition. Motion failed.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to reimburse Shop Foreman \$15.00 each month for County use of his personal cell phone. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen to consider reimbursement for the Intermittent Maintenance Foreman upon review of the Maintenance Superintendent in September. All voted in favor.

Hauschild reviewed the impacts to the Lincoln County Highway Department if the State of Minnesota shuts down operation on July 1, 2011. Impacts may have added costs for a consultant for quality control, inability to use state equipment and inability to obtain DNR or BWSR permits.

Paul Olsen, Development Services Inc., reported that the County had approved an application for the rehabilitation of 20 homes in Lincoln County through a Small Cities Development Grant. The Development Grant was approved by the State of Minnesota and the Department of Employment and Economic Development for 12 homes in Lincoln County with a total sum of \$164,640.00. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen to approve Small Cities Development Program Grant Agreement #CDAP-10-0060-0-FY11 and to authorize Chair Evers and Deputy Auditor, DeBates to sign said agreement. All voted in favor.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reported that the two doors to the Law Enforcement Center should be replaced by automatic doors to make it handicapped accessible. There has been an incident where a citizen has had difficulty in being able to enter the building. The cost to replace the two doors would be approximately \$4,000.00. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen to replace the existing front doors in the Law Enforcement Center with two automatic doors for handicapped accessibility, and check to see if the funding can come from the "assigned 2000 Bond Surplus" account. If that is not feasible, then look at funding from the Jail Building Fund (112). All voted in favor.

Larson reported that the City of Arco has asked that tree branches be removed from a forfeited property within the city. The property is expected to be sold at auction in October or November. No action was taken.

Larson reported that the sidewalk and step replacement to the courthouse entrance is going along well despite the weather problems.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Evers –SWHHS, Lincoln County HRA, RCRCA, Plum Creek Library

Gillund – None

Jagt – SWHHS, Audit Committee Exit Review

Blumeyer – SWHHS, AREA II, Audit Committee Exit Review, Private Industry Council

Hansen – MN Council on Aging, Rural Energy, SRDC, RSVP

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jagt to approve \$1.42 per capita for RSVP for 2012. All voted in favor.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Gillund, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #13965 - 14040 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$92,930.19, Road & Bridge - \$35,195.55 and Ditch - \$221.70. All voted in favor.

The Council on Local Results and Innovation has released ten performance measures for counties. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to adopt the following Performance Measures. All voted in favor.

Public Safety: (1) Part I and II Crime Rates

Public Works: (2) Hours to plow complete system during a snow event

(3) Average county pavement condition rating

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| Public Health: | (4) | Behavioral Risk Factor surveillance System rating |
| Social Services: | (5) | Workforce participation rate among MFIP and DWP recipients |
| | (6) | Percentage of children where there is a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months following an intervention |
| Taxation: | (7) | Level of assessment ratio |
| Elections: | (8) | Accuracy of post-election audit |
| Veterans Services: | (9) | Percent of veterans surveyed who said their questions were answered |
| | | When seeking benefit information from their County Veterans' Office |
| Parks: | (10) | Citizens' rating of the quality of county parks, recreational programs and/or facilities |

Glen Petersen, County Attorney, asked the Board to consider moving the Law Library to Lyon County and combining with them due to the deficit funding of the Lincoln County Law Library. Petersen stated that he had talked to Judge Bush about the move. No action at this time.

Dennis Healy, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, presented the 2010 Audit Report for Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer to approve Resolution No. 25-2011 appointing Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling to 4-year terms to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Blumeyer reported that the Board had made a motion in May for a one year extension with the contract for AREA II. Due to the loss of funding, it was suggested to rescind the May motion. Motion by Jagt, seconded by Hansen to approve a six-month extension to the AREA II Contract from July 1 through December 31, 2011 and to authorize Commissioner Blumeyer to sign said agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed how the state shut down would affect Transit Department. There are no guarantees that the County will be reimbursed for expenses during the shutdown. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to give "Notice of Intent to Layoff" effective July 6, 2011 to Audrey Weverka, Bob Vershelde and Francis Dombek, contingent on the State of Minnesota shutdown. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to recess at 5:12 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on June 21, 2011 at the Lincoln County Commissioner Room for the Board of Appeal and Equalization. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to reconvene at 5:18 p.m. to discuss county-wide law enforcement. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed whether there would be county-wide law enforcement if cities eliminate their police departments. Commissioner Gillund checked with Pipestone County on their costs and how the cities in Pipestone County were assessed. He will also check with Rock County to see how they handle their county-wide law enforcement.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to recess at 5:25 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on June 21, 2011 at the Lincoln County Commissioner Room for the Board of Appeal and Equalization. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. following the Board of Appeal and Equalization. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor