

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 17, 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, Curt Blumeyer, Adam Gillund, Joan Jagt, and Larry Hansen. Also present were Kathy Schreurs, Auditor and Glen Petersen, County Attorney.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve minutes from the May 3, 2011 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

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

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jagt, to approve Resolution No. 21-2011 (Snowmobile Trails). All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 21-2011  
Authorizing Sponsorship of Snowmobile Trails Operated by  
Lincoln County Snowmobile Trail Association**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that LINCOLN COUNTY act as sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Lincoln County Snowmobile Trail Association.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon approval of its application by the State, Lincoln County may enter into agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County Auditor is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

**ADOPTED BY LINCOLN COUNTY ON** May 17, 2011.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Commissioner Gillund arrived at 9:08 a.m.

Loretta Lundberg, County Recorder, reported that she will be closing out the Recorder's checkbook and all future financial transactions will be handled by the Auditor's Office. Lundberg also reported that the checking account will show a deficit in the amount of \$423.83 unless additional funds are deposited. The discrepancy may have occurred many years ago when the account was initially opened and the beginning balance was entered incorrectly. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to issue Auditor's warrant for \$423.83 from the County Recorder miscellaneous account to the Recorders checking account . All voted in favor.

Lundberg reported that she is currently serving as the Passport Facility Manager.

Vince Robinson, Lincoln County Enterprise Development, reviewed information from the LCEDC Annual Meeting which was held on May 4, 2011. Information included; Client and Activity Summary for 2010, current Board members, financial report, staff time allocated for LCEDC, Community Wind North update, and Lincoln County Demographic & Economic Profile compiled by Cameron Macht, Regional Analyst with the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development. The Profile is based on the 2010 U.S Census. The Profile showed the

current population at 5,896 making it the 8<sup>th</sup> smallest county in the State of Minnesota. The profile also stated that Lincoln County's population fell by 533 people since 2000.

At 9:40 AM, a conference call was called to order regarding Joint Ditch #13. Members present per conference call were Lyon County Commissioners, Rick Anderson, Robert Fenske, Mark Goodenow, Stephen Ritter, and Rodney Stensrud and Lincoln County Commissioners Curtis Blumeyer, Donald Evers, Adam Gillund, Larry Hansen, and Joan Jagt.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to appoint Commissioners Blumeyer and Jagt to the Joint Board of JD 13, All Lincoln County Board members voted in favor.

Motion by Goodenow, seconded by Ritter, to appoint Commissioners Anderson, Stensrud, and Fenske to the Joint Board of JD 13. All Lyon County Board members voted in favor.

Motion by Goodenow, seconded by Ritter, to appoint Commissioners Blumeyer, Jagt, Anderson, Stensrud, and Fenske to the Joint Board of Joint Ditch 13. All Lincoln and Lyon County Commissioners voted in favor.

A Joint Ditch 13 meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lyon County Commissioner Room.

The Joint Ditch 13 meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Lee Amundson, Engineer, gave the construction/maintenance update.

Amundson requested Board approval to move the Road and Bridge work force to 10-hour days – four days a week on a trial basis. Amundson reported that many other counties work on a 10-hour work day during the summer in order to save time moving equipment. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Bumeyer, to approve Highway Department 10-hour day – four days per week schedule for the period of June 6, 2011 to September 30, 2011 with Board review in August and additional stipulation that during weeks that contain a holiday employees only be allowed eight hours of holiday pay with the additional two hours used as vacation, unpaid leave or compensatory time. All this to be contingent upon Union approval. Commissioner Evers, Blumeyer, and Gillund voted in favor. Commissioners Hansen and Jagt voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Amundson reported that the county does not currently have a fee established for seasonal permits for oversize loads (length and/or width). Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to amend 2011 fee schedule to include seasonal permit fee of \$100.00 per calendar year for oversize loads. All voted in favor.

Amundson reported that the Park Board had requested road improvement options for Picnic Point County Park Road. Amundson stated that he had reviewed the road inventory and reported that County Road 102 from CR 16 to State Highway 19 could be swapped out to Shaokatan Township in order to allow for paving to the Picnic Point County Park. Amundson also stated that magnesium chloride could be applied to the Picnic Point County Park Road as a means of dust control.

At 10:30 a.m. bids were opened for seal coat material. Bids received were:

Flint Hills	\$192,341.38
Jebro	no bid stated

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve bid of \$192,341.38 from Flint Hills for seal coat material subject to the inclusion of sales tax. All voted in favor.

Amundson requested that the Highway Department be notified of any properties that the Department of Natural Resources requests approval for acquisition within Lincoln County. The notification would help in negotiating easements for county roads and ditches.

Amundson reported that he is working with Lyon-Lincoln Electric regarding rural intersection lighting.

Dustin Hauschild, Engineer's Assistant, reviewed drainage elevation levels in Hendricks Township (west of the City of Hendricks, along CR 17). The Highway Department has received several complaints that the culvert is not draining properly. Hauschild reported that he has reviewed the drainage issue and it appears that there is a high spot that could be hindering proper drainage. Hauschild reported that the Highway Department will excavate the high spot in order to improve the drainage.

Amundson reported that county road weight restrictions are expected to be lifted on May 23, 2011 depending on weather conditions.

Commissioner Gillund reported that the candidate who had accepted the position of Emergency Management Director withdrew on May 13, 2011. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to rescind the salary proposal for the Emergency Management Director that was approved at the May 3, 2011 meeting of \$55,500.00. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that there are currently two improvement options being considered for the JD #28 petition. A hearing date is expected to be set in the near future.

Olsen reported that there continues to be drainage issues with CD #33 along U.S. Highway 14 and County Road #7. Olsen plans to set an informational meeting with the land owners to discuss plans for drainage by the Department of Natural Resources.

Olsen reported that a meeting has been set for Thursday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss drainage issues with Branch 9 of JD #31 and CD #24 (East of Tyler on Lyon/Lincoln border). Options have been discussed with land owners with no solution at this time.

Olsen reported that he had met with the City of Hendricks to discuss a proposed SSTS Agreement between Lincoln County and the City, in which Lincoln County would administer Section XIV, Subsurface Sewage Treatment System of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 40 for the city. No action at this time.

Olsen reported that there have been complaints about blowing garbage at the Hendricks rural garbage site. Olsen has hired a Hendricks resident to periodically check the site.

Olsen reported that a spot treatment of Lake Benton Lake for curly leaf pond weed was completed on May 9, 2011.

Bruce Nielsen, County Assessor, reported that contracts for property assessing services by Lincoln County have been received from Tyler City, Ivanhoe City, Hope Township and Verdi Township. Nielsen reported that the county already has contracts in place with Lake Benton City and Lake Benton Township and that there are two more townships that may be interested in contracting with the county. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer to approve assessing contracts with the City of Tyler, the City of Ivanhoe, Hope Township and Verdi Township and to authorize Chair Evers to sign assessing contracts on behalf of Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Evers – RCRCA

Gillund – Personnel Committee Meetings

Jagt – Personnel Committee Meetings

Blumeyer – Regional Radio Board, AREA II

Hansen – SRDC Full Commission Meeting, LCEDC Annual Meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #13651 - 13744 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$130,845.04, Road & Bridge - \$35,430.58 and Ditch - \$1,135.20. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 22-2011 ( AMC MAGIC Act). Commissioners Blumeyer, Hansen, Evers, and Jagt voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority voted.

**Minnesota Accountable Government, Innovation and Collaboration (MAGIC) Act  
Resolution of Support No. 22-2011**

WHEREAS, Minnesota is consistently placed at or near the bottom of national measures that assess the capacity for local government innovation in all 50 states,

WHEREEAS, Minnesota and its counties face significant demographic trends that will require innovative approaches to program delivery in order to adequately meet the growing and changing needs of citizens;

WHEREAS, counties with innovative ideas should be provided the requisite opportunity and flexibility to successfully implement those ideas so as to best serve their communities,

WHEREAS, counties across Minnesota boast significant geographic, demographic and economic diversity that thus requires maximum flexibility in programmatic implementation,

WHEREAS, counties are willing and able to identify, implement and methodically verify increased programmatic efficiencies through a process that will cultivate and sustain a strong and trusting state-local partnership, and

WHEREAS, transitioning to an outcome-based system of program evaluation is in the best interest of every Minnesota citizen and government that desires to maximize public resources and enhance the quality of life in their community to the fullest extent possible,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that LINCOLN County recommends that the Legislature and Governor work cooperatively with all 87 counties to swiftly pass the MAGIC Act into law during the 2011 legislative session, thus implementing a system that will enhance and incent local government efficiency and innovation throughout Minnesota by:

1. Allowing counties to take any action not prohibited by state law to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the public; and
2. Creating a measured, outcomes-based waiver process whereby counties, in partnership with the legislative and executive branch of state government, can implement efficiency-based, time-limited pilot programs that are subject to final review by the Legislature and Governor and will create a repository of best practices so as to improve long-term policy decisions across the state.

ADOPTED by majority vote on May 17, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to approve AREA II Addendum No. 9, which extends the Joint Powers Agreement to June 30, 2012, and to authorize Commissioner Blumeyer to sign said Addendum. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to adjourn at 12:52 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor