

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 18, 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 Gillund, to approve minutes from the October 4, 2011 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

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

Cindy Potz, Yellow Medicine Watershed District, reported that they have received a preliminary cost estimate for the Limestone 1 Road Retention Project of \$122,808.18. AREA II has committed 75% of the cost share totaling \$92,106.14, leaving a local match of \$30,702.04. Potz asked that the County consider a contribution toward the local match. No action at this time.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 41-2011 (Trails Connection). Commissioners Jagt, Hansen, Blumeyer, and Evers voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority voted.

**Local Trail Connections Program
Resolution No. 41-2011**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Local Trail Connections Program. The application is to construct 1.141 miles of trail within Hole-in-the-Mountain County Park; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes the twenty-five (25) percent match requirement for the Local Trail Connections Program, and has secured the matching funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: If Lincoln County is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Lincoln County agrees to accept the grant award, and enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project. Lincoln County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the grant agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County names the fiscal agent for Lincoln County for this project as:

Kathy Schreurs
County Auditor
Lincoln County, Minnesota
319 No. Rebecca Street, P.O. Box 29
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Lincoln County hereby assures that the trail to be developed with assistance from the Local Trail Connections Program will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY,
MINNESOTA, THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

ATTEST:

Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Vince Robinson, Lincoln County Enterprise Development (LCEDC), reported that Lincoln County has qualified for Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program Grant. The proposed grant funds will be used to provide business-based technical assistance and training. Robinson requested that the Board consider budgeting \$40,000.00 to the 2012 LCEDC budget, in order to meet the match for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program Grant. No action at this time.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve AREA II Addendum No.10 and authorize Commissioner Blumeyer to sign said addendum on behalf of Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Jeanna Sommers, Emergency Management, reported that she had met with MCIT about a possible OSHA inspection. Bruce Casey, MCIT, stated that the Highway Department's recent walk through could be reason for an OSHA inspection. Casey stated that he could do a walk through inspection at no additional cost to the County.

Sommers reported that MN Statute 12.25 states that each county emergency management organization must have a director and one or more deputy directors. The County could be in danger of losing their Emergency Management Program Grant if they do not appoint a Deputy Emergency Management Director. The Board reviewed possibilities for the position. No action at this time.

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

Amundson reported:

- that an additional \$827 was received as a rebate for improvements to the shop lighting
- reviewed the policy on number of employees on vacation at the same time
- 660 feet of pipe has been bored under the CSAH 7 for Swan Lake outlet (Tyler)
- Reviewed motor grader replacement options - have located a 2011 with less than 700 hours – Scholten will continue to research
- Presented 2013 proposed projects and bonding information for road improvements
- Scheduled 2011 Fall Road Tour for November 9 at 8:30 a.m.
- that the Safe Community Program meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 1:00 p.m.
- Labor/Management meeting is scheduled for October 25

Robert Olsen, Environmental, reported that he has received the Engineer's report and that a Hearing has been set for Improvements for County Ditch 24 to Judicial Ditch 31 for November 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room.

Olsen reported that ditch/tile repair has been completed on Knoff property.

Olsen reported that posted applications for an Administrative Assistant close on October 19, 2011.

Carolyn Drude, Ehlers & Associates, reported that Lincoln County had received an A+ Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's. Drude reported that Lincoln County had received 5 bids for a current refunding of the 2013 through 2020 maturities of the County's \$1,790,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, dated August 2, 2004; and the County's \$750,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A, dated September 11, 2008. The lowest bid was 1.8909% and the highest bid was 2.3550%. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to accept low bid of 1.8909% from UMB Bank, N.A. in Kansas City, Missouri, and to approve Resolution No. 40-2011 authorizing the issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$1,545,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011A. All voted in favor.

Glen Petersen, County Attorney, reported that the City of Hendricks has approved an agreement between Lincoln County and the City of Hendricks for the County to provide law enforcement services to the City of Hendricks. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to approve Law Enforcement Agreement between Lincoln County and the City of Hendricks from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2017. Commissioners Gillund, Evers, and Jagt voted in favor. Commissioners Hansen and Blumeyer voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Jack Vizecky, Sheriff, requested authority to hire an additional full time Deputy Sheriff. No action at this time.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve Resolution No. 38-2011 (Tax Forfeited Classifications/Appraisals). All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 38-2011
Tax Forfeited Classification/Appraisals

WHEREAS, certain lands in Lincoln County, Minnesota, have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners classify these lands as non-conservation lands, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following parcels of land be appraised as follows:

CITY OF ARCO

Parcel #16-0073-000 \$100
BLK 7
W ½ of LOT 3 & ALL LOTS 4-5 & 6

Parcel #16-0074-000 \$200
BLK 7
LOTS 11-12

HANSONVILLE TOWNSHIP

Parcel #05-0002-000 \$3,000
SEC 01 TWP 113 RANG 46
W 22 RODS OF N 22 RODS OF NW 1/4

ROYAL TOWNSHIP

Parcel #13-0210-000 \$50
BLK – 004 WILNO
LOTS 2-3

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 18th day of October, 2011.

ATTEST:

Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Gillund, to approve Resolution No. 39-2011 (Tax Forfeited Auction). All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 39-2011
Tax Forfeited Auction

WHEREAS, certain lands have forfeited to the State of Minnesota, for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said lands have been classified and appraised, according to law, and lists thereof have been placed on file with the county auditor dated October 18, 2011, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the county auditor is hereby directed to sell said parcels of lands, for cash only, at public auction for not less than the appraised value, said sale to commence at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 22, 2011, in the Commissioner's Room-Courthouse, Ivanhoe, Minnesota, and continue thereafter according to law.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 18th day of October, 2011.

ATTEST:

Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve FY2012 Snowmobile Trails Grant. All voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Gillund, to set Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Gillund, to discontinue Plan A of the Health Insurance Plan and approve offering a \$5,000 Deductible Health Care Savings Account plan as an option to Lincoln County Employee Benefits with the County contributing \$1,000 to the single plan and \$2,000 to the single plus one and/or family plan effective January 1, 2012. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gillund reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Sharon Vettrus from the Western Mental Health Board. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to accept the resignation of Sharon Vettrus, with regrets, and appoint Beth Daniels to the Western Mental Health Board. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to appoint Kathy Schreurs as the delegate to the MCIT Annual Meeting and Curt Blumeyer as the alternate. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer to purchase advertising material for the AMC Annual Conference not to exceed \$100.00. All voted in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Evers – SW Environmental Task Force

Gillund – Labor Negotiations

Jagt – Labor Negotiations

Blumeyer – Area II, RCRCA, SWHHS-SHNFP, Yellow Medicine Watershed, Bond Rating

Hansen – SRDC

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #14890 – 15008 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$155,803.31, Road & Bridge - \$67,710.24, Ditch - \$18,684.87, LBLID – 544.00. All voted in favor.

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

AAA Striping - \$34,905.14, Alpha Wireless - \$3,894.90, Andrezjek Cherp Excavating - \$5,002.50, Bolton & Menk - \$5,470.00, Christianson Farm Mach - \$3,015.51, Computer Professionals - \$4,785.89, Kirkvold Oil - \$3,924.44, SWCD - \$35,716.00, LP Rural Water - \$2,479.35, Lincoln Co Editorial Assoc - \$2,064.00, Lyon Co Auditor - \$4,233.22, MN Dept of Ag - \$12,012.67, MN Dept of Revenue - \$5,332.85, MN State Auditor - \$7,708.50, Nebraska Salt & Grain - \$2,385.01, Norther Con AGG - \$3,288.4, Prairie Pride - \$5,586.28, Rinke Noonan - \$5,251.30, RSVP - \$2,234.00, SWHHS - \$9,385.25, SW Sanitation - \$4,978.72, Victor Construct - \$12,745.00, WM of Southern MN - \$6,449.01.

Commissioners Jagt and Gillund gave an update on union negotiations.

Auditor Schreurs reported that she had received a notice from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that the MPCA used proceeds from the sale of State general obligation bonds for capital costs of environmental response actions that MPCA undertook at the landfill beginning in 1996. As a result, the MPCA and the County are subject to the requirements of Minn. State. 16.A.695. The Minnesota Management and Budget requires that a Declaration be recorded on the property records. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Jagt, to approve State of Minnesota General Obligation Bond Financed Property Declaration. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Jagt, to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Don Evers, 2011 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor