

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 01, 2016
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair, Richard Hamer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Don Evers, Richard Hamer, Joan Jagt, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present were Lincoln County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Jagt to approve minutes from February 16, 2016 and agenda for March 1, 2016. All voted in favor.

Sirrina Martinez, Project & Event Coordinator for Patriot Relations, presented information on Travel Southwest Minnesota. Travel SW MN is in the process of building a new website to advertise the opportunities in SW Minnesota with technology. The counties they would like to cover are Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Lincoln, Lyon, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock counties. They are asking Lincoln County to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the organization to help cover their expenses. The Board will take this into consideration.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, reported that the Lake Shaokatan Lake Vegetation Management Plan has been submitted to the DNR and they are reviewing it. The Lake Shaokatan Lake Association will be meeting the first week of April. Information only.

Olsen also presented information on the management of Solid Waste in the City of Tyler and is requesting that Lincoln County be the lead on the Tyler recycling program. At this time, Lincoln County pays for all recycling fees in the other cities. The City of Tyler has been paying for 50% of their recycling fees. Olsen feels that by assessing the dumpsters that are in Tyler right now, some of them can be removed and there will be some savings on those costs. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Evers for Lincoln County to take the lead on the Tyler recycling program and to pay 100% of the fees. All voted in favor.

Olsen presented information on the Red Box Program. The Disabled Veterans group is looking to get involved with the program. This will increase the amount to .05 per pound. Information only at this time.

Commissioner VanDeVere requested that he be assigned to the Solid Waste Recycling Commission committee. Currently VanDeVere attends the Rural MN Energy Board meetings on the same day and at the same location as the Solid Waste Recycling Commission meetings. Motion by Evers, seconded by Drietz to assign VanDeVere to the Solid Waste Recycling Commission committee. All voted in favor.

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager of Soil and Water, informed the Board that a resolution will need to be passed to extend the local water implementation plan from 12/31/2016 to 12/31/2021. Motion by Jagt, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution No 15-2016 Resolution to Amend the Lincoln County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No 15-2016
Resolution to Amend the Lincoln County
Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan contains a five-year implementation plan, which covers the years of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the state's Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Order approving the Lincoln County's Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan required the goals, objectives and action items of the Plan be updated through amendment by December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has determined that the amended Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan and its continued implementation will help promote the health and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners resolves to update the goals, objectives and action items of the Plan through amendment of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lincoln County will coordinate its planning efforts with all local units of government within the county, and the state review agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners delegates the Water Management Task Force with the responsibility of amending the plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.301 and shall report to the County Board on a periodic basis.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2016 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

VanOverbeke also introduced Jeff Berens, District Technician 1, who was recently hired at Soil and Water.

VanOverbeke also informed the Board that the open house for the new Soil and Water office building will be March 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, presented a seasonal campers contract to the Board to implement for the 2016 camping year. Having certain stipulations in the new contract will exempt the County from having to pay sales tax on the seasonal camping fees. Schlapkohl is going to order 250 carbon duplicate contracts to start with. Motion by Evers, seconded by Drietz to accept the Seasonal RV Camper Agreement. All vote in favor.

Schlapkohl also presented information on remodeling the previous ski storage room at the Hole in the Mountain Chalet. The total cost would be approximately \$4,800. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the Chalet remodel for \$4,800.00 to be paid out of the capital improvements fund. All voted in favor.

Schlapkohl also informed the Board that he has hired two part-time people for summer help. Information only.

Schlapkohl also informed the Board that he would like to put some speed bumps in to slow the traffic where little children could be playing. Information only.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management, presented the Lincoln County AMER Radio System Standards, Protocols, and Procedures for approval. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to

approve Lincoln County AMER Radio System Standards, Protocols, and Procedures upon review by Attorney Glen Petersen. All voted in favor.

Scholten also gave an update on the Court security remodel, a conference room wall in the court area, and panic buttons. There is a possibility of getting some funding through the Safe and Secure Courthouse Initiative. More Information will be forthcoming after the March Legislative session. Information only at this time.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, presented quote information for the purchase of a new squad vehicle. Meester's recommendation is to approve the state bid quote from Nielsen Ford in Fergus Falls. The details are as follows:

- Vehicle - \$26,501.95
 - Equipment to add to the vehicle - \$8,693.50
- Total price \$35,195.45**

Motion by Jagt, seconded by VanDeVere to purchase the new squad car with the low state bid from Nielsen Ford in Fergus Falls for a total cost of \$35,195.45 plus applicable fees and taxes. All voted in favor.

Tabb McCluskey, Lincoln County Coroner, informed the board that he is hoping to get the Sheriff's office more involved on the initial investigation of death related incidents. This will help with expense and the efficiency of the department. McCluskey also informed the Board about the cost of additional training that would be forthcoming in 2016. McCluskey would also like the board to consider a monthly amount to be paid for on-call pay. The Board will take this under consideration.

Committee Reports were given:

VanDeVere – SWHHS

Drietz – Highway Labor Relations, Support of Appleton Prison Meeting,

Hamer – Transit in Ivanhoe, Western Community Action, Western Mental Health, Hendricks Twp.

Jagt – SWHHS

Evers – Lincoln County Transit, Western Community Action Transit, Support of Appleton Prison Meeting,

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Jagt to pay per diems to Commissioner Evers and Drietz for attendance at the Appleton Prison Informational Meetings. All voted in favor.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by Evers, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #1415 - 1466 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$9,792.97, Road & Bridge - \$17,470.35 and Ditch Fund - \$1,929.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc - \$2,060.00, Diamond Mowers Inc - \$2,909.12, Prairie Pride Cooperative - \$7,459.76 and 49 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$16,763.44.

Motion by Jagt, seconded by VanDeVere to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2016 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor