

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2017  
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, Richard Hamer, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Sik was absent. Also present were Lincoln County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to approve consent agenda which included approval of the 3.2 On-Sale Malt Liquor License to Minnesota Music Hall of Fame (Larry Olsen) for May 25 – May 28, 2017, approval of the minutes from April 4, 2017 and the agenda for April 18, 2017. All (4) voted in favor.

Jane Hennagir, MCIT Risk Management Consultant for Lincoln County, presented the MCIT 2017 report which covered the county's risks, coverage, claim statistics, MCIT services, and dividends. Information only.

Nancy Vierstraete, Self Sufficiency Case Manager for United Community Action Partnership, gave an update on the need in the counties for assistance for homeless support and requested approval for Resolution No. 22-2017 Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Resolution. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution No. 22-2017 Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Resolution. All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution # 22-2017  
Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has made available Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program grant monies to encourage and support innovation at the local level to help prevent homelessness, reduce the length of homeless episodes, and reduce repeated episodes of homelessness, and

**WHEREAS**, Area service providers who administer programs that address families crisis needs have identified gaps within the service delivery system, and

**WHEREAS**, Area service providers who administer programs that address families crisis needs have identified strategies to address the identified service gaps,

**WHEREAS**, Area service providers wish to continue to work together to coordinate their services and improve the service delivery system,

**WHEREAS**, United Community Action Partnership desires to make an application on behalf of the area service providers for funds to address these identified problems,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Lincoln agrees to support United Community Action Partnership in its application and implementation of the proposed Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program.

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Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Dave Halbersma, Lincoln County Engineer, presented project updates. They were as follows:

- Gravel Crushing has started and it is going well. They should be completed within a couple of weeks.
- Have met with the contractor for the bituminous projects. They are hoping to start in May.
- Township Box Culvert bids have been submitted to MnDOT and funding has been received for one of the projects. The bid letting date will be set as soon as the funding is in place for all of the projects.
- The 271 MnDOT project for a reconditioning project has been moved to 2022.
- MnDOT has added an ultra-thin bonded overlay project for US Hwy 75 to be completed sometime this summer from Ivanhoe to Lake Benton.
- We are advertising for the Highway safety project with a bid opening of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This project is a federal grant project.
- The Red Pine Road Use Agreement will be finalized and presented to the Board soon.
- A meeting was held with Geronimo/Blazing Star and a road use agreement will be in place before the project begins.
- An update was given on the Tyler Shop. Rezoning still needs to be done for the lot where the new Tyler shop will be located. Once it is rezoned, advertising will begin for bids.

Halbersma presented a resolution on behalf of the city of Arco to conduct a speed study for CSAH 7 and 26. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution No. 23-2017 Request for a speed study. All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 23-2017**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Lincoln County, in compliance with subdivision 5 of section 169.14 of the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, hereby request the Commissioner of Transportations, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, authorize the erection of appropriate signs designating a reasonable and save speed limit upon the following described streets and highways:

CSAH 7, From CSAH 15 to the East City limits.  
CSAH 26, From CSAH 15 to CSAH 7.

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Halbersma received a cost sharing request for a pedestrian LED crossing sign in the city of Arco. The County has not participated in this type of agreement in the past and was not in favor of changing this policy. Information only.

Halbersma presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- They have removed a base and concrete sign support in Hendricks to get ready for the pedestrian curb work.
- Have continued with pulling up shoulders on the gravel roads and will be working on the paved roads.
- Working on tying culverts.
- Spring road postings have been removed and the roads are in pretty good condition.

Halbersma had a follow-up discussion on the Road and Bridge Hearing that was held on April 4, 2017. The board would like Halbersma to get additional information together about any proposed roads that could be turned back to the Townships. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Lincoln County Environmental, reported that the State of MN has reviewed Resolution No. 21-2017 and Musk Thistle (*Carduus Nutans*) and Bull Thistle (*Cirsium Vulgare*) will be added to the noxious weed list. Information only.

Olsen discussed the Hendricks city rural dumpster site and informed the board that a new site is being looked at. Discussion has been held about the Hendricks Lumberyard providing an employee to man the site. Research will continue and a contract may be brought back at a later date. Information only.

Olsen reviewed the policy governing ditch viewer's expense and compensation and would like to research if something should be added regarding an hourly rate to be paid for training hours. Currently any additional compensation for training is approved and noted in the Board minutes. Information only.

Olsen reviewed the Findings of Fact Conclusions and Order Revising Public Water Inventory Maps that was provided to us from the DNR. Information only

Olsen informed the Board that a conditional use permit hearing will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the new Verizon tower. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, requested approval to hire a full-time deputy. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the hire of Marcus Bruflat as a full time deputy. All (4) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Health and Safety, Safe Assure  
Hamer – Personnel  
Sik – Absent  
VanDeVere – Safe Assure  
Vizecky – Personnel

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4591 - #4658 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$97,321.11, Road & Bridge - \$9,421.95, Human Services - \$15,845.50, Ditch - \$280.25, Solid Waste Task Force - \$249.97 and LSLID - \$301.56. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: American Welding & Gas, Inc. - \$3,490.74, Lyon Co Auditor – Treasurer - \$4,125.54, MN Dept. of Agriculture - \$42,791.42, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$14,723.66, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$15,845.50, SW Sanitation Inc. - \$2,611.77, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$10,297.18, WM of Southern Minnesota MA 1 - \$6,705.30, and 60 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$22,829.23.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve the renewal of the RCRC Joint Powers Agreement and authorize Commissioner Drietz to sign said agreement. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to appoint Commissioner Drietz as an alternate to the Southwest Emergency Medical Services. All (4) voted in favor.

Discussion was held on turnover, performance evaluations, and exit interviews. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. All voted in favor.

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Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor