

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 1, 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, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from July 18, 2017 and the agenda for August 1, 2017. All voted in favor.

Jim Trojanowski, Director of Plum Creek Library, and Shelly Finzen, Lake Benton Library Director, were present to give an update. Also present for support were the other city library directors and the city administrators from Ivanhoe and Hendricks. Finzen presented Plum Creek's request of \$46,872.00 for 2018. This is an increase of \$4,564.00. Finzen also informed the Board that the formula to determine funding for each of the individual libraries is going to be changed so each of the libraries will receive the same amount from the County. This will require an additional increase of \$4,564.00 for the year 2019 and 2020. Finzen informed the Board about how their many services are good for the communities. The Board will take the request into consideration. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, gave an update on the following items:

- Conditional use hearings will be held on August 16th.
- The preconstruction meeting has been held for CD #37 pump station. They will be starting with laying in the line.
- Putting together a buffer ordinance.
- The buffer non-compliance list presented by SWCD is being reviewed. Letters will be sent out in the next couple weeks.
- The county has shipped out two loads of Ag plastic.
- Landfill has been open 12 hours a week with the new employee and call-in appointments are also being set up.
- EDF possible drainage system damage is being reviewed and discussed.
- The Solid Waste Proposals are due August 10th and will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Recycling Committee.

Jeremy Landgrebe, IEA Project Manager, and David Hall, CSCA Construction Manager, were present to review the EDF Red Pine Wind Project and answer any concerns. Access roads have been cut in. Foundations are being poured. Substations are off to a good start. Collection lines are being installed. The towers will be going up in about a week with most of the trucks using State Hwy 19 to bring the equipment. The project is running ahead of schedule since the weather has been very cooperative. The goal is to have everything operational by the end of the year. Information only.

Dustin Hauschild, Highway Engineer's Assistant, requested approval to advertise for Township Box Culverts. The locations of the box culverts are 2 in Hope, 2 in Drammen and 1 in Verdi Township. Hauschild is waiting for some easements to come back and one permit but would like to start the advertising process. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve advertising for up to 5 Box Culverts in Drammen, Hope and Verdi Township. All voted in favor.

Hauschild presented the following project updates:

- Bids will be opened for 3 Box Culverts (2 on County Road 1 and 1 on County Road 7) on August 15th at 10:30.

- The HSIP project has been progressing. The lines have been milled from Tyler to South of the county line. It will take 2-3 days of work to complete the striping. The contractor will be in on September 11th for the chevron signs.
- The in slopes are being worked on by Verdi so the project can be finalized.

Hauschild asked for approval of the tentative 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan that was presented to the Board for review at the July 18th meeting. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the tentative 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan. All voted in favor.

Hauschild presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- The footings and stem walls are complete on the Tyler shop project. They will be back filling the foundation this week.
- Various roads are being graveled.
- Ditch cleaning has started.
- Road ditch mowing is being completed.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management Director, gave the following updates:

- P25 pagers are being looked at for a possible future purchase.
- Increased the ARMER budget by \$25,000 to pay for a microwave link from the Lake Benton tower.
- Increased the safety budget by \$200 to be used for some CPR/AED Training.
- Increased the EM budget by \$28,170 to be used for a vehicle and to pay for a Deputy EM that will be a current Lincoln County Employee that will have certain hours dedicated to the EM department.
- The Hazard Mitigation grant will need updating this year.
- Will be attending a HSEM meeting on August 22nd to discuss regional planning and grant options.
- The first round of CPR/AED training will be held on August 14th.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management Director, requested approval to accept \$2,500.00 in grant dollars to do a safety assessment. The assessment will be done by the Sheriff's Association and will include suggestions of what we can currently do to increase our security as well as suggested upgrades that can be done. There will not be a requirement to do the upgrades once the assessment is done but we could be eligible for future grant dollars if we have the assessment on file. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to accept the \$2,500.00 in grant dollars for the Courthouse Safety Assessment. All voted in favor.

Teresa Schreurs, Director of Community Development Services Inc., presented the Board with the draft Hole in the Mountain County Park Master Plan. Approval to submit will be asked for at the August 15th meeting. Information only.

Robin Sterzinger, Lincoln County Financial Accountant, presented the Board with the 2018 budget binder and reviewed each section. Sterzinger recommended starting with the appropriations. All requested increases or decreases are shown on the reports. The Board will review and the budget discussion will continue at the meeting on August 15th. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – SWCD, Audit meeting, YM Watershed, ARMER
 Hamer – Western Mental Health
 Sik – SWHHS, Travel SW of MN, Highway Labor Management
 VanDeVere – SWHHS, Solid Waste Recycling Comm., Rural MN Energy Board
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #5413 - #5469 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$47,879.04, Road & Bridge - \$6,147.38, and LSLID - \$1,777.50. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, VanDeVere, and Vizecky voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center bill. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota - \$2,493.00. BioAg Energy Services LLC - \$2,178.34, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$22,000.00, Computer Prof Unlimited Inc. - \$5,051.16, Fogelson Plg Htg and Ref - \$2,000.00, Morris Electronics Inc. - \$2,179.97, Ramsey County - \$4,200.00 and 50 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$15,701.45.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, presented Resolution No. 31-2017 Tax Forfeited Classifications/Appraisals. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve Resolution No. 31-2017 Tax Forfeited Classifications/Appraisals. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 31-2017
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 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land listed below have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012; 92.461; 282.01 Subd. 8; and 282.018; and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners does not need the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of platted city parcels.

City of Arco

Parcel #16-0010-000

ARCO

That part of NE ¼, Described as Beginning at Intersection of W line Cherry St & S Line of Holly St. Then S 10', W 210', N 450', E210' to W Line of Cherry St S on Said Line 440' to Beginning

City of Ivanhoe

Parcel #18-0250-000

BLK – 13

N 34' Lot 18 and all of Lot 19

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 1st day of August, 2017.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Vierhuf handed out the Yellow Medicine MOA for review. Any suggested changes will need to be turned in to Kerry Netzke by September 29, 2017. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor