

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 2, 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 Richard Hamer, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Drietz was absent. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by VanDeVere to approve consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from April 18, 2017 and the agenda for May 2, 2017. All (4) voted in favor.

Stacey Longtin, SWHHS Adult Services Supervisor, gave an update on the remodel of the SWHHS office space. Discussion was held on extending an additional office to SWHHS. This office is currently being occupied by A.C.E of SW MN. Longtin presented additional costs to remodel that office from Joshua Behnke Construction, LLC in the amount of \$3,050.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the additional office remodel costs of \$3,050.00 bringing the amended total cost to \$47,443.00 for the SWHHS remodel project and to add the additional office with a square footage of 117 @ \$13.00 per square foot to the lease agreement between Lincoln County and SWHHS. All (4) voted in favor.

Dale Sterzinger, SWCD Conservation Technician, gave an update on the activity at SWCD. Sterzinger also introduced the new SWCD Conservation Technician, Jake Harrison. Other items of discussion were as follows:

- The new administrative assistant is Colleen Wichern. SWCD has implemented a shared services agreement with Yellow Medicine Watershed District so Wichern also spends one day per week at that office.
- Jake Harrison, the new technician, will be handling the tree program as well as assisting with various other programs and duties.
- The implementation of the One Watershed One Plan meeting has taken place.
- A memorandum of agreement with the Yellow Medicine Watershed will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.
- Missouri River Watershed policy committee has been formed. They also have a hiring committee.
- Redwood River WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies) process has been started.
- Lac Qui Parle River Watershed is also in the WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies) stage.
- Have received cost share dollars and Lincoln County has received the balance of \$15,000.00 to use for Pictometry. The balance of the cost share dollars has gone back to the land.
- State cost share dollars will be used to restructure a failing dam in the Big Sioux Watershed by Lake Benton.
- Have been working with Yellow Medicine County on a well sealing grant.
- Have been working with the U of M on a tillage survey to review the soil residue on top of the ground. SWCD will receive \$5,000 to assist with this survey.
- 15,000 trees have been delivered and 1000 trees have been planted.
- CRP planting will begin on May 15th with over 2,400 acres to be planted.
- An agreement will be attached to the Red Pine Road Use Agreement to assure any damage to wetland areas is restored.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, reported that Dallas Cornell, Environmental Tech, and Allison Gamble, the AIS specialist with DNR, have surveyed the Lake Benton Lake for weed treatment. Approval has been received to treat Marshfield Cove. Information only.

Olsen reported that curly leaf pond weed has been found in Lake Stay. Data is being acquired on how much of the lake is affected. The DNR is not in favor of treating this year but the Board will need to look at the issue at some point and determine what steps will need to be taken to do a treatment in the lake. Information only.

Olsen gave an update on the Hendricks recycle area. If it is determined that the site has someone present during the day, it will need to be a city or county employee. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that he will be meeting with Waste Management and will notify them that the County will be going out for bids for recycling and garbage services. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that the Lake Shaokatan Lake Improvement District has approved a proposed vegetation plan and is in the process of obtaining a permit to treat the lake. Information only.

Discussion was held on the 911 signs at the wind tower locations. Some of the signs have been damaged and should be replaced. Olsen will do some research to assess the damage and find contact information

for the safety director of the wind tower companies. It is the responsibility of the wind tower companies to replace the damaged signs. Information only.

Dustin Hauschild, Highway Engineer's Assistant, asked for approval to advertise for bids to build the new Tyler shop. The zoning issue is in the process of being changed to commercial. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to start advertising for bids on the new Tyler shop project to be opened on June 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. contingent on the zoning change be completed by the time the bids are due. All (4) voted in favor.

Hauschild reviewed project updates, they were as follows:

- The ADA requirements for the Arco city side walk have been completed. The contractor may have to reseed some of the areas.
- 2 TWP Box Culvert projects have been returned from the State with funding letters.
- Gravel crushing is scheduled to be complete by May 15th.
- Shaping on CSAH 9 and hauling gravel has begun for the 2017 paving contract.

Hauschild reviewed maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Snowplowing was done for the spring snowstorm.
- CPR training has been completed.
- Have been tying culverts as needed.

Bid opening was held at 10:30 for the Chevrons & Pavement Markings safety project. Bids received were as follows:

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| • AAA Striping Service Co. | \$169,757.06 |
| • Century Fence Company | \$168,353.04 |
| • Swanston Equipment Co. | \$247,616.71 |
| • Traffic Marking Service Inc. | \$152,803.43 |

The engineer's estimate is \$252,984.30. The bids will be reviewed for accuracy and a recommendation will be brought back on May 16th for approval. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Absent
 Hamer – Western Mental Health, Transit, HRA
 Sik – LBLID, SWHHS, Plum Creek, Labor Management
 VanDeVere – SWHHS, ACE, Supporting Hands
 Vizecky – Personnel

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4697 - #4790 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$119,430.47, Road & Bridge - \$11,503.53, Ditch - \$1,712.76, and LBLID - \$20.00. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota - \$2,493.00, Area II MN River Basin Projects - \$4,822.00, Computer Prof Unlimited Inc. - \$4,926.96, Gerber Tables - \$2,145.00, Lincoln Co Council on Aging - \$2,000.00, Lincoln Co Enterprise Dev Corp - \$22,500.00, Lincoln Co Fair Assn - \$17,500.00, Lincoln Co Historical Soc. - \$8,000.00, Mactek Systems Inc. - \$5,048.16, R C R C A - \$5,175.00, Joseph W Savage - \$4,026.77, Stonebrooke Engineering Inc. - \$6,450.86, SW Regional Development Comm - \$19,531.50, and 81 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$28,047.51.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to appoint Commissioner Sik as the primary representative and Commissioner VanDeVere as the alternate to Travel SW of MN. All (4) voted in favor.

Discussion was held on passing a Resolution for supporting the minimum MA reimbursement for all Public Health nurse family home visits and approving that the resolution be sent to Senator Weber.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution 24-2017 Supporting the Minimum MA Reimbursement for all Public Health Nurse Family Home Visits and also approving that the resolution be sent to Senator Weber. All (4) voted in favor.

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners
 May 2, 2017 Resolution of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners
 Resolution No. 24-2017**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners supports increasing the minimum MA reimbursement for all public health nurse family home visits, as proposed in HF1385/SF1143, which would help maintain and strengthen home visiting programs throughout Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Minnesota's local public health departments are a primary provider of family home visiting for at-risk women and families throughout Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Family Home Visiting is a voluntary, strength based service provided in the family's home environment beginning prenatally and continuing through the early years of a child's life; and

WHEREAS, Family Home Visits provide parenting support and social, emotional, and health-related education to families and connects families to appropriate community resources; and

WHEREAS, 85% of brain growth occurs before age 3, and brain growth is impacted greatly by a child's early experiences. And nearly 200,000 Minnesotan children under the age of 6 are at risk of poor physical and mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Legislative Policy Positions supports stable, flexible state funding and public policy to support healthy families and supports additional state funding for county-delivered maternal and child health services, such as evidence-based home visiting programs; and

WHEREAS, The Local Public Health Association of Minnesota (LPHA)'s *2017 LPHA Legislative Priorities* recognizes that "family home visits are an effective way to prevent child maltreatment, promote healthy childhood development and foster self-sufficiency among Minnesota's most at-risk families- all of which help reduce health care and public program costs" and that "the current minimum MA reimbursement rate falls far short of covering the cost of services," leaving counties to rely heavily on local tax levies to fill the gaps; and

WHEREAS, LPHA's *2017 Legislative Priorities* support "increasing the minimum MA reimbursement for family home visits in order to provide needed resources to maintain and strengthen family home visiting programs that lessen the negative impacts of poverty and improve outcomes for children of our most at-risk families";

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is submitting a Letter of Support for increasing the minimum MA reimbursement rate for all public health nurse family home visits, as proposed in HF1385/SF1143; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners authorizes its chair to sign on its behalf a Letter of Support for increasing the minimum MA reimbursement rate for all public health nurse family home visits, as proposed in HF1385/SF1143.

Adopted by the County Board of Commissioners the 2nd Day of May 2017.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve paying the Broadband Feasibility Study out of the Capital Outlay account. All (4) voted in favor.

Discussion was held on spending within the County. The Board would like all of the departments reminded that whenever possible, they should purchase items within the County. Information only.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, presented a draft employment exit survey for review by the Commissioners and the County Attorney. Information only.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to adjourn at 11:03 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor