

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 16, 2018
 Courthouse Commissioner Room
 Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from January 2, 2018, and the agenda for January 16, 2018. All (4) voted in favor.

Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Engineer, informed the Board that they are still working on the overlay plans.

Wilson brought forward the Policy P8 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing which was handed out for review at the December 19, 2017 meeting. The main change would be to overlay and/or construct bituminous shoulder (2-4') at field entrances, farm entrances, mailboxes, and on inside of curves. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve Policy P8 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing as presented. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson presented an Auto Cad Training proposal. Three individuals could be sent to the cities for the training for about \$5,400.00. Wilson would like to offer in-house training. An instructor would be brought in for \$6,400.00 and we could train anyone that needs the training as well as extend an invitation to neighboring counties and do some cost share. The trainer would also help employees set up their County computer with the software and needed templates. The training will tentatively take place February 6 – 9, 2018. This will put us over budget in the training category but Wilson stated that he would hold off on requesting the purchase of a new gator until later in the year to make sure the budget has enough dollars for that purchase. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the Auto Cad training with an in-house trainer for \$6,400.00 and to extend a cost share training invitation to neighboring counties and other individuals that could use the training. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Continuing work on the Tyler shop.
- Blading gravel roads
- Hauling rip rap to fill in some washout areas.
- Equipment maintenance.

Wilson requested approval to purchase a 2013 side dump trailer to be used for hauling concrete for the Environmental office and bridge work. Currently a dump truck is being used and the tailgate needs to be removed which is an unneeded liability. A side dump will haul about 20 yards and the dump truck will only haul 4-6 yards of concrete and stumps, when the tailgate is removed, so there will be a huge time savings and it will decrease unneeded wear on the dump truck. This was included in the budget at \$55,000 and the trailer found will cost \$44,500.00. Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to purchase a 2013 Side Dump Trailer for the Highway Department at a cost of \$44,500.00 plus tax, license and any other corresponding fees. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson presented Resolution 09-2018 Corridors of Commerce. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 09-2018 Corridors of Commerce. All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 09-2018
Corridors of Commerce**

WHEREAS, the Legislature has provided for \$300 million in bonding for Corridors of Commerce projects, and

WHEREAS, MnDOT has or will soon solicit for projects to be considered and scored for utilization of this funding, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County views and recognizes TH 23 as a vital corridor of commerce for our community and the surrounding area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lincoln County submits the following project for consideration;

Mill and concrete surfacing of TH 23 from the intersection of TH 75 near Pipestone to the connection of the existing concrete surfacing on TH 23 near Russell.

ATTEST:

 Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Wilson informed the Board that he will schedule the Road and Bridge Hearing for March 6th at 10:00 a.m. during the regular Board meeting.

Wilson informed the Board that the Annual Township Meeting will be held March 19th.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, informed the Board that one of his part-time employees at the Landfill has discontinued his employment. We still have one individual that currently works at the Landfill but he does not want regular hours. He just wants to help out as needed. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that a Conditional Use Hearing will be held on January 17th for approval of a gravel pit on some land purchased by Chris and Nicole Nibbe. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that the Solid Waste program for commercial properties is going well. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that the warranty from A & C Excavating Inc. that pertains to the drainage of JD #31 on the Persoon and Thomsen property has been changed to 10 years, filed in the ditch folder, and sent to the Persoon family. Information only.

Discussion was held on the recycling sheds that are no longer used. Olsen stated that he would like to wait until April to see if the roll-offs are working and if we find that the sheds are no longer needed by the County, we will do a bidding process and sell them. Information only.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Parks, informed the Board that an easement has been requested for agricultural access to a piece of property where the easement is crossing Norwegian Creek Park. Schlapkohl handed out maps to show where the access would go and stated that he is not comfortable with this type of access through the park. The Board feels that the easement should be acquired from a nearby landowner but would not want an agricultural easement through the park. Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, commented that he is in support of the Board's decision and hopes it can be put in a different location. Petersen added that there is also a fence line issue. The fence is not on the property line and at one point the Board was considering deeding a portion of land to the landowner so the fence line becomes the new property line. Information only.

Jon Schneider, MN Conservation Manager, and Kassy Hendricks, Ducks Unlimited Biologist, were present to inform the Board about three land purchases that will in turn be donated to the DNR. Also present was Amber Knutson from the DNR office in Marshall. A summary of the purchase is 141.28 acres in section 4 and 5 of Hope Township, 11.9 acres in section 4 of Hope Township and 40.56 acres in section 36 of Verdi Township. Ducks Unlimited will pay 100% of the 2018 taxes. Once the land is owned by the DNR, the taxes will be figured through "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT). The estimate of the PILT payment shows that the amount that will be received by the County and distributed to the other taxing districts will increase by 1.6 – 3 times of the current tax. The purpose of the land acquisition is to restore wetland and prairie grassland for nesting waterfowl, pheasants and other wildlife, and to provide more public outdoor recreation land for hunting, hiking, bird watching, etc. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – LacQuiParle Yellow Bank, RCRCA, Area II
- Hamer – absent
- Sik – None
- VanDeVere – None
- Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #6612 - #6674 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$100,741.57, Road & Bridge - \$39,373.79, Ditch - \$18,912.50, and Lake Improvement District - \$1,339.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Assn of MN Counties - \$5,919.00, Computer Prof Unlimited Inc. - \$5,112.00, Diamond Mowers Inc. - \$9,870.00, Hendricks Farmers Lumber Co. - \$2,599.28, Kirkvold Oil Co. - \$2,655.00, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$22,384.51, MN Dept. of Corrections - \$16,224.22, MN Dept. of Transportation – St. Paul - \$3,956.06, MN Sheriffs' Assn - \$3,715.00, Prairie Pride Cooperative - \$12,712.29, Safe Assure Consultants Inc. - \$5,434.45, Joseph W. Savage - \$7,920.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$20,199.00, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$18,166.61, and 48 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$23,499.44.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, presented the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hildi, Inc. for actuarial valuation of GASB 75. GASB 75 covers mostly Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEBS) and are either funded or non-funded by the employer. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hildi, Inc. for actuarial valuation required by GASB 75 for January 1, 2018 at a cost of \$1,900 for fiscal year 2018 and approximately \$500 - \$800 for additional disclosures in 2019. All (4) voted in favor.

Vierhuf requested a motion to amend the May 16, 2017 motion to transfer any excess over \$300,000 from the assigned health insurance pool account to general revenue at year end on an annual basis. Motion by

Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to amend the motion from May 16, 2017 to transfer any excess over \$300,000 from the assigned health insurance pool account to general revenue on an annual basis starting with the 2017 year-end and continuing on until changed through Board action. All (4) voted in favor.

Discussion was held on Committee Appointments/Re-Appointments for 2018. The Board decided to wait until the February 6th meeting to set these appointments so that all Commissioners are present. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor