

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2018
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board Chair Mic VanDeVere, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Rick Hamer, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present was Lincoln County Deputy Auditor Robin Sterzinger and Lincoln County Attorney Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from June 05, 2018, and the agenda for June 19, 2018. All voted in favor.

At 3:05 the public hearing to consider the requested exchange of a one (1) acre parcel for public park purposes was called to order.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney presented information on the property related to the exchange. Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Parks Manager, was approached by the Roggenbuck family after a survey was completed. It was discovered that a cemetery was on the Roggenbuck land. To keep the cemetery on the park property, an equal (1) acre piece of land would be exchanged. Bruce Nielsen, Lincoln County Assessor has determined that the land to be exchanged is of equal value. Since it is an exchange of equal value and no money will exchange hands, it can be done as long as this public hearing is held. No comments from the public were submitted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the Land Exchange Agreement between Lincoln County and Timothy J and Mary Roggenbuck, Michael A and Linda Roggenbuck and Dairie S and Jerald Kaelberer and Lisa and John Firnett. All voted in favor.

The public hearing concluded.

Norris Anderson, Director of Southern Prairie Community Care, Les Nath, Pipestone County Commissioner who also sits on the Prime West Board and Cindy Nelson from SWHHS were present for a power point presentation titled SPCC Journey to County Based Purchasing. County Based Purchasing has been a goal of Southern Prairie Community Care since the beginning. Anderson presented information on why moving to county based purchasing would be a benefit to Lincoln County. There are currently 13 counties with Prime West and if all of the Southern Prairie counties joined, there would be a total of 35 counties. The county based health plan would be governed by a joint powers board. Administrative expenses are kept low and earnings, that are retained, can be utilized for local community health needs. The amount paid to the local providers is larger than regular Medicaid payments and will support our local economic development. Nath and Nelson were both in support of Prime West because of their service and support to the local communities. In order to move forward, the county will need to pass a resolution. The total the county would pay out is \$750,000 based on Medicaid enrollees. Half would be paid out in 2019 and half in 2020 with an effective date of 1/1/2020. Each county will have a voting member and an alternate appointed to the board. This will be brought to a vote at a future meeting. Information only.

Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Engineer, informed the Board that the bids reviewed at the last meeting for contract 01-2018 Federal Paving Projects has been reviewed and signed off at the State and is ready to be awarded. The bids were as follows:

- Duinick Inc. - \$1,125,888.69
- Central Specialties Inc. - \$1,215,564.67

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to award contract 01-2018 Federal Paving Projects to Duinick Inc. with the low bid of \$1,125,888.69 which was 7.66% below the engineer's estimate. All voted in favor.

Wilson presented project updates. They were as follows:

- The Box Culvert project has begun but due to the rain, it has been delayed. Should get back to it by the end of the week.
- The pavement has been patched on CSAH 7 by Tyler. This was paid for by the pipeline company.
- Have been working on designing a different access on the North side of the Highway building. Wilson feels a driveway is the best option. Will do the project in a couple phases. Concrete to the alley and paving done at a later date. Each phase would cost about \$10,000 with an estimated total cost of \$20,000.00.
- A drainage issue was also brought up at the Safety Committee meeting where the water drips off the roof and freezes. Possible options are re-piping inside to discharge water in another location or take the water underground to the catch basin. These options as well as the cost will be considered.
- The new Tyler shop is complete. The old shop has been cleaned out. If the old structure is mostly brick, moving it will not be an option. The structure will be checked

and if determined that it is brick, it will need to be demolished and will be done by County personnel.

- Red Pine Wind Project has excess metal pipe that we may be able to purchase at a discounted rate. Prices will be looked at and brought forward at a future meeting.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Blading of gravel roads.
- Replacing culverts.
- Roadside mowing on paved roads.
- Will be hauling gravel for resurfacing but waiting for soft spots to firm up before hauling.
- Will be ditch cleaning.
- Will be doing some curve repair.

Wilson requested a cell phone allowance for the new employee, Kyra Gores. The current amount the other Highway Technicians are getting is \$20.00. Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to approve a \$20.00 cell phone allowance for Kyra Gores. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that Tom Christianson would like a cell phone allowance for the time he is acting foreman. About 14% of his time is dedicated to acting foreman. This failed to receive a motion and it was suggested that Donny Scholten leave his county paid cell phone with Christianson when he is acting as foreman. Information only.

Wilson requested approval for Resolution No. 22-2018 Final Payment on Contract 05-2018. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution No. 22-2018 Final Payment on Contract 05-2018 (Four Township Bridge Projects). All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, the construction of Contract 05-2016 (Projects SAP 041-599-044, SAP 041-599-049, SAP 041-599-051 & SAP 041-599-054) has in all things been completed by R&G Construction, the final contract costs as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$ 502,355.00
Final Contract Amount	\$ 500,058.16
Final Payment Amount	\$ 25,002.91

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Lincoln and authorize final payment as specified above.

ADOPTED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of June, 2018.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Wilson requested authorization to advertise for quotes for road striping. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve advertising for quotes for road striping. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental requested that the ditch hearing for the re-determination of CD #15 and CD #42 be reconvened.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to reconvene the public hearing for the re-determination of CD #15 and CD #42. All voted in favor.

Olsen read the Findings and Order accepting the viewer's reports and adopting the re-determined benefits for CD #15 for the record.

Commissioner VanDeVere asked why these re-determinations are not done on a more regular basis. Olsen explained that due to the cost of viewing and different economic factors in the past, it has not been approved to redetermine ditches until more recent years. The viewing process has also changed in the later years so more acres are included in the benefits than in the past. The selling price of the crops also changed the outlook on the re-determination of the ditch benefits.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to approve the Findings and Order accepting the viewer's report and adopting the re-determined benefits for CD #15. The roll call vote was 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Olsen presented the Order accepting the viewer's report and adopting the re-determined benefits for CD #42.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to approve the Findings and Order accepting the viewer's report and adopting the re-determined benefits for CD #42. The roll call vote was 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to close the public hearing for CD #15 and CD #42. All voted in favor.

Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to re-open the regular board meeting. All voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval to hire Matthew Marczak as the new part-time Environment Tech. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve hiring Matthew Marczak as the new part-time (20 hour) Environment Tech. All voted in favor.

Olsen stated that Roseanne Lasnetski had approached him about a request for Second Harvest. Produce would be brought 3 times this year and the Highway wash bay can be used for distribution. Lasnetski would like to use the clothing collection money to pay for the Second Harvest prior to the food shelf getting their distribution. The Food Shelf will use the Second Harvest produce for their operation as well at no cost. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to use the clothing collection money to cover the expense of the Second Harvest Produce prior to the Food Shelf receiving their distribution. All voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that if the cold storage building that was requested by the Maintenance Department moves forward, he can budget towards this. Olsen feels it would be beneficial to his office and the Emergency Management office to use for their vehicles to keep them out of the elements. VanDeVere stated that building a garage on that lot still needs to be discussed with the city but they would keep this in mind for the future.

Olsen has received phone calls regarding re-treatment on Lake Benton Lake. Commissioner Sik also received a letter from David Tidwell stating his concerns. Olsen stated that a variance to treat the whole lake has not been received from the DNR so at this point, we would only be able to treat 15% of the lake which will not take care of the weed issue. Olsen feels that sonar application will be the best option but the variance would need to be received first. If the variance is not granted, the county would have to begin a Legislative process to move forward. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that Lake Shaokatan has murky water which is usually crystal clear. Due to the murky water, the weeds have not been as bad as the past. The LSLID Board has met and they propose a zero levy and zero assessments for 2019. Information only.

Annette Larson, MnDOT, was present to give a power point presentation on Toward Zero Deaths. The power point showed different statistics, trends and challenges. The vision is to continue to move towards zero deaths. Currently they have been focusing on education, enforcement, engineering, emergency and trauma services. What can we change to continue with decreasing accidents even further. Larson would like to see Lincoln County start a Towards Zero Program with involvement from law enforcement, EMS, Commissioners, citizens and anyone the Board would like to see involved. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Missouri River Watershed, Broadband Meeting, CPUI Meeting, Safety Meeting
 Hamer – None
 Sik – RCRCA
 VanDeVere – Personnel, AMC District Meeting, Southern Prairie Community Care, Broadband Meeting, CPUI Meeting, Western Mental Health
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Hamer to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #7714- #7792 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$44,401.93, Road & Bridge - \$39,466.44, Ditch – \$19,972.93, and Lake Improvement District – \$20.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Contech Engineered Solutions LLC - \$18,709.74, GCR Tires & Service - \$6,425.10, Richard Hauschild - \$3,535.00, Jeffrey and Natalie Jerzak - \$5,290.00, Patrick Jerzak - \$3,040.00, KEEPRS Inc. - \$2,171.21, Kirkvold Oil Co. - \$2,835.00, Marco, Inc. - \$2,610.51, Prairie Pride Cooperative - \$2,304.45, Gayle Rasmussen - \$2,740.03, Ricks Welding Inc. - \$3,100.00, SW MN Regional Radio Board - \$2,100.00, Thomas Electric Inc. - \$2,090.29, Victor Construction Inc. - \$3,250.00, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$19,478.85, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$2,425.54 and 63 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$21,755.58.

Vince Robinson, President of Development Services Inc., presented information on border to border broadband. Robinson has hoped that Legislature would approve additional grants for broadband but the bill was vetoed by the governor. An internet provider has approached Robinson about running fiber to our area of the community. A Memorandum of Understanding was presented yesterday to the Broadband Committee. This project would take an investment from the County of \$6,000,000.00. Robinson will contact Ehlers to get some bonding information to the County. Robinson would like to get additional information to the County at the meeting on July 3rd and a final decision will need to be made by July 17th. Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that an abatement has been requested for a business in Tyler. Robinson presented Resolution 23-2018 Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Regarding Tax Abatement in Connection with a Commercial Development Project. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 23-2018 Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Regarding Tax Abatement in Connection with a Commercial Development Project. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2018
RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
TAX ABATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH
A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln ("County") has received a request from a proposed business owner (the "Developer") for financial assistance in the form of property tax abatement under Minn. Stat. Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815 (the "Abatement Act") in connection with the development of business utilizing an existing building within the County (the "Development Project"); and

WHEREAS, under the Abatement Act, the County must hold a public hearing prior to approval of any abatement; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined to hold the required public hearing and consider the terms of abatement assistance requested by Developers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of the County of Lincoln, that:

1. The Commission directs staff and consultants to negotiate with the Developer regarding the maximum term of five years and to prepare an abatement resolution and a contract for private development for the Development Project, for consideration by the Commission at a public hearing on July 17, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 319 N Rebecca St, Ivanhoe, Minnesota. The cumulative total amount of abatement shall not exceed \$2,500 collected over a five-year period commencing with taxes payable 2019.

2. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to publish a notice in the County's official newspaper announcing a public hearing before the County Commission on July 17, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the Lincoln County Courthouse on the proposed abatement resolution. The notice shall be published in the newspaper at least 11 days but not more than 30 days prior to the public hearing, and shall be in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A to this resolution, with dollar amounts and years filled in according to proposed terms provided by the County Auditor.

Approved by the County Commission of the County of Lincoln this 19th day of June, 2018.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Commissioner VanDeVere and Commissioner Drietz attended a meeting regarding the possible purchase of a Computer Company that provides all software to our County. The purchase would be with a group of counties with a possible cost being approximately \$150,000 - \$400,000 depending on how many counties choose to participate. The pay back would be approximately 7 years through dividends or reduced fees. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting on July 3, 2018. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor