

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 15, 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, Rick Hamer, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to approve consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from May 1, 2018 and the agenda for May 15, 2018 with the addition of the Energy Audit discussion. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, presented information on Curly Leaf Pond weed in the Lake Benton Lake. The weed is present in the lake and a treatment would need to be done while the temperature is about 60 degrees. We would only be able to treat 15% of the lake since we have not been issued a variance. After discussion with the Chair of the Lake Improvement District, it was decided that a treatment will not be done this year since the temperature of the lake is rising quickly and will be too high. When we do the treatment next year, the area of the lake that will be completed will be east of the narrows unless we get a variance. We will start applying for a variance in September or October and will hopefully get a three-year variance. The new sonar equipment that was purchased has been very beneficial when looking for weeds in the lake. Information only.

Olsen reported that one of the clothing containers in Tyler was caught with a piece of farm equipment. The container will be replaced by the farmer. Information only.

Olsen asked for approval to post and advertise for a half-time (20 hour) Environmental Tech. Our current part-time employees at the landfill have terminated their employment. The new position would take all the hours at the landfill and any other Environmental duties if time allows. This would also decrease the overtime that is currently being worked in the Environmental office. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky, to approve posting and advertising for a half-time (20 hour) Environmental Tech. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer, Vizecky and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Sik voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Commissioner Drietz brought up the Shaokatan Park dumpster issue and felt something should be done to improve the appearance. Olsen said they will put up a fence to go around the dumpsters which will help the situation. Olsen also stated that when the new position is hired, this individual will also keep an eye on these sites. Information only.

Wilson presented project updates. They were as follows:

- Bid opening has been set for Wednesday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room for the Federal Funded Paving Project and is currently being advertised.
- The preconstruction meeting was held for the box culverts that were let last year. They plan to start the project in the next couple weeks but it will depend on the concrete culvert manufacturer and the weather.
- Contracts for the State Aid Paving project will need to be signed by the Auditor, Board Chair and Attorney.
- Working on Box Culvert Plans.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have been disking, blading and repairing County Road shoulders.
- Crack filling has been completed.
- Have been doing some maintenance work for the Lincoln County Parks.
- Seeding work will be done.
- Will be doing some culvert repairs.
- Currently advertising for the 1999 International Truck. The bid closing date is May 18th with a minimum bid set at \$5,000.00.

Wilson informed the Board that the Development Agreement with Blazing Star 1 is close to complete and should be ready for approval at the June 5th meeting. Information only.

Wilson presented the Highway Annual Report for review. It will be approved at a future meeting after the Board has a chance to look it over. Information only.

Attorney Glen Petersen arrived.

Petersen presented information on the proposed land exchange. A survey of property determined that the fence line located at Hole in the Mountain Park was not along the property line. The amount of land that belongs to James Roggenbuck along that fence line is about 1 acre. Roggenbuck would like to exchange that acre for a different part of the park that lines up with other property that is owned by the Roggenbuck family. Surveys were submitted to Bruce Nielsen, the Lincoln County Assessor and it was determined that

the land was of equal value. In order to do this type of exchange, the County will need to hold a public hearing. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik, to set a public hearing for June 19th at 3:05 p.m. to discuss a proposed land exchange at Hole in the Mountain Park. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Lac Qui Parle Watershed, RCRC and Area II,
 Hamer – None
 Sik – None
 VanDeVere – Lincoln County Enterprise Development, Supporting Hands, Southwest Regional Development
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hamer seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #7459 - #7530 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$58,900.31, Road & Bridge - \$20,945.61, Ditch – \$2,050.00, Solid Waste - \$990.00 and Lake Improvement District – \$50.90. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, VanDeVere and Vizecky voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center bill. Motion carried by majority voted.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Samantha Best - \$5,745.00, Christensen Broadcasting - \$6,000.00, Divine Prov. Health Center Inc. - \$2,520.75, Kirkvold Oil Co. - \$2,715.00, Joseph Savage - \$13,000.00, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$18,742.99, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$5,010.60, and 65 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$29,202.48.

Commissioner VanDeVere presented information on the future of PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy). PACE loans money to business for clean energy projects. The payments on the loan are made through special assessments on the tax statement. The loan funds are depleted. If PACE continues with the loans, they will need the counties involved to contribute money \$6,336 in 2019 and then contribute an additional amount that will be determined based on how many counties participate. The Board will need to consider whether they will want to stay involved in the program. Information only at this time.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Sik to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, Seconded by Hamer to reconvene to discuss the energy audit that was done on all of the Lincoln County Buildings. All voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere presented information on the energy audit that was completed. It was determined that the County would save about \$4,255.06 per year in electricity costs. There will be a return on investment in 2.85 years for the Sheriff's office, 5.52 years for the courthouse and 6.4 years for the highway building. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to advertise for bids to retrofit all lighting for the courthouse, highway and sheriff's buildings. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

 Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor