

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

Oct 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, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. Commissioner Hamer arrived at 9:02 a.m. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from October 2, 2018, the agenda for October 16, 2018, and the FY2019 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement. All (4) voted in favor.

At 9:30 a.m. sealed bids were opened for the lease of approximately 101.5 acres in Lake Stay Township for a period of three years. The bids received were:

- Dale Dwire - \$13,576.00 per year
- Matthew Thooft - \$15,936.00 per year
- Larry Bunjer - \$15,001.00 per year

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to accept highest bid from Matthew Thooft for \$15,936.00 per year for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021 for approximately 101.5 acres in Lake Stay Township. All voted in favor.

Angela Larson, Family Services Director for United Community Action Partnership, Inc. (UCAP), presented information on the services that are offered by UCAP and the population that is served. UCAP currently serves Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Redwood and Renville Counties. The agency is an agency that offers a variety of services that are committed to anti-poverty. Lincoln County is the only County that does not have scheduled office hours so they are looking for office space to have someone here one day a week to start and assess the needs of Lincoln County. The Commissioners were in favor of this. Information only.

Lincoln County Attorney Glen Petersen arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Kia Harries, Regional Director for Extension, informed the Board that the region map has changed. Harries will no longer be the Regional Director for Lincoln County. Kathy Schwantes will be the new Regional Director for Lincoln County. Information only.

Harries asked for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Lincoln County for providing Extension programs locally and Employing Extension Staff. Lincoln County has an 80% position that is paid for through this agreement. The agreement begins January 1, 2019 and ends December 21, 2021 with a 2% increase between years. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Lincoln County for providing Extension programs locally and employing Extension staff beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021. All voted in favor.

Michele VanDyke was present to introduce herself as the interim 4H Coordinator and is replacing Taylor Mueller. VanDyke has a variety of 4H experience. VanDyke informed the Board that there were 199 4Hers enrolled this last year which is the highest % of population enrollment. VanDyke is helping with the afterschool program and has 20 children in each session. Information only.

Harries informed the Board that two people will need to be replaced on the Extension Committee and requested that if the Board is aware of anyone that would be a good candidate to let her know. Information only.

Mic VanDeVere presented a request from PrimeWest to approve a resolution of support. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve Resolution 33-2018 County Based Purchasing Election and Commitment to Join the PrimeWest Rural Minnesota Health Care Access Initiative. All voted in favor.

Resolution 33-2018

RE: COUNTY-BASED PURCHASING ELECTION AND COMMITMENT TO JOIN THE PRIMEWEST RURAL MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE ACCESS INITIATIVE
(dba PRIMEWEST HEALTH)

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 256B.692 authorizes county boards or groups of county boards to elect to purchase or provide health care services on behalf of persons eligible for medical assistance who would otherwise be required to or may elect to participate in the prepaid medical assistance program; and

WHEREAS, county-based purchasing promotes publicly transparent operations and direct accountability for the health care resources provided by our County, State and Federal governments, and the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the rural and local government ownership structure of county-based purchasing will facilitate integration with county Public Health and Social Services agencies, which play key roles in addressing social determinants of health, behavioral health, and community health needs; improving population health; and providing case management services; and

WHEREAS, participation in county-based purchasing will provide greater local control and input over public health care resources expended in our County, improve our citizens' health care experience and population health, and reduce unnecessary health care costs; and

WHEREAS Lincoln County has an opportunity to join PrimeWest Health, a county-based purchasing organization that currently serves members in the counties of Beltrami, Big Stone, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, McLeod, Meeker, Pipestone, Pope, Renville, Stevens, and Traverse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lincoln County hereby elects to participate in county-based purchasing or provision of health care services on behalf of persons eligible for medical assistance in Lincoln County. Lincoln County will participate in county-based purchasing as follows:

1. Lincoln County shall join PrimeWest Health upon execution of the Families and Children contract between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and PrimeWest Health engaging PrimeWest Health to administer Prepaid Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in Lincoln County. Upon execution of such contract, Lincoln County shall join PrimeWest Health by becoming a signatory to the Second Amended and Restated Health Care Access Joint Powers Agreement, in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
2. Upon joining PrimeWest Health, Lincoln County shall make a financial contribution to PrimeWest Health risk based capital reserves in the amount of \$937,357.92. A minimum of one half this amount shall be paid to PrimeWest Health upon Lincoln County's execution of the Second Amended and Restated Health Care Access Joint Powers Agreement. Lincoln County shall have an option to pay the remaining balance of the financial contribution to PrimeWest Health by May 1, 2020. Any such remaining balance shall be secured by a Promissory Note in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B.

This resolution was adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on October 16, 2018

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, informed the Board that Colonial Life has met with the Insurance Committee and the Committee's recommendation is to offer Colonial Life as a voluntary benefit that would be paid for by the employees. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve offering Colonial Life as a voluntary benefit to the Lincoln County employees. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer, VanDeVere and Vizecky voted in favor. Commissioner Sik abstained. Motion carried by majority vote.

Vierhuf informed the Board that through an appeal, it was determined that the Commissioner of Revenue overvalued that Minnesota Energy Resource Corporation's (MERC) market value and a court order has been received to refund a portion of MERC's tax for the years 2008-2018. Information only.

Vierhuf stated that interviews have been held with the VSO candidates and some additional information needs to be received prior to offering the position. Vierhuf would like the Personnel Committee to have authorization to offer the position once final information is received. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to authorize the Personnel Committee to offer the position to the top candidate when final information is received. All voted in favor.

Orlan Sandro, representing the Lincoln County Museum, was present to inform the Board that the buildings on the Museum grounds will be re-shingled. The buildings included would be the church, the Sears house and the school house. Sandro stated that insurance will pay for the shingling due to hail damage. Sandro presented a certificate of liability from the individual that will be shingling the buildings to be kept on file at the Auditors office. Information only.

Commissioner Drietz left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Highway Engineer, presented project updates. They were as follows:

- Working on design and surveying for the 2019-2020 season.
- Wilson is looking at purchasing a UTV which has been included in the 2018 budget. After looking at preliminary figures, the cost will be about \$13,000 and the value of the old UTV is around \$5,000. Additional quote information will be brought to the next meeting.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Finishing up gravel hauling.
- Ditch spraying has been delayed due to the wind.
- Working on roadside mowing.
- Blading on gravel roads.
- Snow equipment is ready to go.
- Will be doing shoulder maintenance.

Wilson requested approval to purchase a 2007 pro patch trailer that the MnDOT is selling in 2018. This will replace the 2003 pro patch trailer. The trailer has been budgeted for 2019 but Wilson feels his 2018 budget has sufficient dollars available and it will then be removed from the 2019 budget. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to purchase a 2007 pro patch trailer from MnDOT for \$10,000.00 plus corresponding fees. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson has received quotes for the hydraulic studies in the amount of \$1,490.00 per study and asked for approval to proceed with said studies for five culverts. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve 5 culvert hydraulic studies to be done by Erickson Engineering at a total cost of \$7,450.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, President of Development Services Inc., presented a breakdown of the 2019 LCEDC budget request and reviewed the DSI staff allocation of time to projects in 2017 and the allocation of time in 2018 through August. Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that he has been named the Executive Administrator on the Rural Broadband Coalition. Robinson recommended that the County apply for \$3,000,000.00 in grant funding if it becomes available. The funding still needs to be made available through legislature. Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that through discussions with ITC, it has been determined that some pre-development expenses will be incurred and ITC may request some dollars from the County to cover these extra expenses. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, presented a letter that was received by the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District. The letter states that they are in favor of two options. The first option is harvesting of the curly-leaf pondweed and the second option is an herbicide treatment above the 15% but are not in favor of using fluridone as the chemical to be used. The Lake Benton Lake Improvement District Board will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Benton Senior Citizen Center on October 22, 2018. The response to the DNR letter will be reviewed. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that he will present ditch resolutions at the next meeting. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – Personnel, Planning and Zoning meeting
- Hamer – Insurance Benefits meeting, Met with the Lumberyard regarding the dumpsters
- Sik – Personnel, Planning and Zoning meeting, Highway Labor Management
- VanDeVere – ACE, Rural MN Energy Board, Western Mental Health UCAP, SW Regional Development
- Vizecky – Planning and Zoning meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Vizecky seconded by Hamer to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #8604 - #8678 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$81,052.52, Road & Bridge - \$21,955.40, Debt Service - \$3,300.00 and Ditch - \$6,168.66. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota - \$3,429.75, Tom Barber - \$5,864.00, Samantha Best - \$18,095.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$15,087.00, Ehlers & Associates Inc. - \$3,300.00, Roger McConnell - \$6,500.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$20,769.00, Stoneberg Giles and Stroup - \$2,270.36, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$10,881.02 and 66 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$26,280.45.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor