

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 20, 2019
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, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer Deb Vierhuf. Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, arrived at 9:30 a.m. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to approve the consent agenda which included August 6, 2019 minutes, and August 20, 2019 agenda. All voted in favor.

Michele VanDyke, 4-H Program Coordinator, informed the Board that there is a vacant spot on the Extension Committee and the Board will need to appoint a new member to finish out the current term. The opening was advertised in the Legal Paper and Brian Fruechte has expressed interest in being on the Extension Committee. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to appoint Brian Fruechte to finish the current term of a previous member on the Extension Committee. All voted in favor.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, asked for approval of Resolution No. 38-2019 2020 CVSO Operation Grant and authorization to sign the grant agreement. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution No. 38-2019 2020 CVSO Operational Grant and authorize the grant agreement to be signed. All voted in favor.

**No 38-2019
RESOLUTION OF LINCOLN COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that the County enter into the attached **Grant Agreement** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2017, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that John Hovland, the Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the county.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting this 20th day of August, 2019.

By:

Attest:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Lincoln Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln Auditor-Treasurer

Commissioner Mic VanDeVere informed the rest of the Board that a meeting was held with United Community Action, John Hovland, Veteran's Service Officer, and Auditor-Treasurer staff. The Veterans Service Van has not been utilized and it is felt that Veterans would be better served if the van is transferred to UCAP. It would still be used for veterans but would be used for Lyon, Lincoln and Pipestone County. UCAP would insure the van, do the scheduling and line up the volunteers. The van was a donation to the county but did not come with an agreement on how it was to be used so a transfer could be done. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve transferring the Veteran's Service Van to United Community Action to be used for veterans in Lincoln, Lyon and Pipestone County with a Memorandum of Agreement to be presented at a later date. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, DSI President, presented information on the Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corporation. Items covered were as follows:

- 2019 LCEDC Board of Directors
- The annual meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 2, 2019.
- The DSI staff time allocation in the different LCEDC programs
- The 2020 budget request of \$60,000 which remains the same as 2019.

Robinson expressed his appreciation for the County's continued support. Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that on July 17, 2018 a public hearing was held and a motion by the Board indicated that an abatement would be given to Tyler Dental Building L.L.C. (parcel no. 20-0166-000). A formal resolution was not approved at that time and Robinson requested the approval of Resolution 41-2019 Authorizing a Tax Abatement on Property within Lincoln County for Tyler Dental Building L.L.C. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution No. 41-2019 Authorizing a Tax Abatement on Property within Lincoln County for Tyler Dental Building L.L.C. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION 41-2019
AUTHORIZING A TAX ABATEMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN LINCOLN COUNTY FOR
Tyler Dental Building LLC

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, Minnesota (the "County"), held a public hearing on the proposed abatement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through and including 469.1815, to assist with filling the market value gap associated with improvements of the building currently housing the Tyler Dental Building and located at 197 North Tyler Street, Tyler, Minnesota (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, this matter was previously considered and approved by Motion on July 17, 2018, but no Resolution was approved; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has proposed to abate a portion of the County share of property taxes on the following parcel for a period of five (5) years and not to exceed \$2,500:

Parcel I.D. #: 20-0166-000

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners finds that the proposed abatement and benefited project is in the best interest of the County and its businesses and residents. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Abatement. The County Board hereby authorizes the abatement of a portion of the County share of property taxes. The amount of the abatement shall not exceed \$2,500 over a term of five (5) years commencing with taxes payable in 2019 or in any event the abatement shall not exceed 90% of the County's tax rate multiplied by the total net tax capacity of the aforementioned parcel.

2. Purpose. The Abatements will be provided to the Tyler Dental Building LLC, to assist with the market value gap created by the difference between the cost to update the building and the post construction market value of the land and building. If the subject building is not occupied by a viable and permitted business for at least ten of any twelve months of any calendar year during the term of this agreement the agreement shall become null and void.
3. Public Benefit. The proposed abatements will benefit the publicby:
 - a. Providing new employment opportunities and expanding the tax base within Lincoln County.
4. Transferability. This tax abatement agreement is not transferable to any new or subsequent owner of this property without express written agreement by the Lincoln County, MN Board of Commissioners.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

DATED: August 20, 2019

By:

Attest:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Lincoln Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln Auditor-Treasurer

Lisa Graphenteen, Development Services Inc., presented information on the Broadband Grant Application. Graphenteen reviewed the selection criteria and grant scoring categories the State looks at when deciding who to award the grant to. Graphenteen presented a resolution with the details of the funding and requested approval of Resolution No. 39-2019 Resolution of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner Broadband Application. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution No. 39-2019 Resolution of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner Broadband Application. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-2019
RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BROADBAND APPLICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC) will act as the legal sponsor for project(s) contained in the Broadband Development Grant Program to be submitted on September 13, 2019, and that the General Manager of ITC is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project on behalf of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lincoln County supports the efforts of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. to expand broadband coverage to underserved areas in Lincoln County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified. Lincoln County, contingent upon the State of Minnesota awarding \$5,000,000 through the Broadband Grant Program, will contribute up to

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Lincoln County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available,

Bridge Number (Old)	Road Number/Name	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bond Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
L2068	230 th Ave (Marshfield/Diamond Lake Twp.)	115,000	95,000	20,000	2019
L2031	160 th St (Verdi/Drammen Twp.)	160,000	140,000	20,000	2019
L2105	330 th St (Royal Twp.)	260,000	240,000	20,000	2019
L1978	CSAH 15	240,000	120,000	120,000	2020
L1988	CSAH 19	280,000	140,000	140,000	2020
191	380 th St (Hansonville Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2020
L2098	270 th St (Shaokatan Twp.)	100,000	80,000	20,000	2020
L2010	CSAH 8	110,000	55,000	55,000	2020
L2011	CSAH 8	110,000	55,000	55,000	2020
L2013	CSAH 8	160,000	80,000	80,000	2020
L1956	CSAH 1	170,000	85,000	85,000	2020
93062	CSAH 5	215,000	107,500	107,500	2020
L1965	CSAH 8	160,000	80,000	80,000	2020
L1966	CSAH 8	130,000	65,000	65,000	2020
3208	130 th Ave (Hendricks Twp.)	130,000	110,000	20,000	2020
L2055	130 th Ave (Shaokatan Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2021
7245	CSAH 17	550,000	225,000	225,000	2021
L2094	170 th Ave (Diamond/Drammen Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2021
L2040	220 th St (Diamond Lake Twp.)	105,000	85,000	20,000	2021
L2041	220 th St (Diamond Lake Twp.)	105,000	85,000	20,000	2021
L2111	380 th St (Alta Vista Twp.)	145,000	125,000	20,000	2021
L2051	140 th Ave (Verdi Twp.)	180,000	160,000	20,000	2021
92703	CSAH 25	100,000	50,000	50,000	2022
92466	CSAH 13	130,000	65,000	65,000	2022
41507	CR 101	425,000	425,000	0	2022
41503	CSAH 20	220,000	110,000	110,000	2023
L1993	CR 101	220,000	220,000	0	2023

FURTHERMORE, Lincoln County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Lincoln County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

Adopted by majority vote on this 4st day of June, 2019.

REVISED by majority vote on this 20th day of August, 2019.

By:

Attest:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Lincoln Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson requested approval to designate a hand rocker gravel shaker as surplus. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to designate the hand rocker gravel shaker as surplus to be sold on MinnBid. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, requested authorization to sell the 2002 Case 60XT Uni-Loader Skid Steer. Discussion was held on whether to sell on MinnBid or advertise for sealed bids. The Board thought we would get more local interest if we advertised for sealed bids. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve advertising for the request of sealed bids to sell the 2002 Case 60XT Uni-Loader Skid Steer. All voted in favor.

Olsen presented the following updates.

- The City of Hendricks is continuing to work on obtaining easements for the Hendricks rural dumpster site.
- A 10x30 cement pad is being put in at the landfill. A 30 yard roll-off for metal will be placed on this cement pad. Alter Metal will pick up the metal and pay the County an amount per ton. The current rate is \$23 per ton.

Information only.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement for approval. The grant is applied for on an annual basis and the dollars to be received for 2019 are \$2,683.00. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve the 2019 Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement with funds to be received of \$2,683.00. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf requested approval of Resolution 40-2019 Lincoln County Proclamation. WorkForce centers across the state are changing their name to CareerForce and to help celebrate the rebranding of local workforce development efforts, they would like to declare September 19, 2019 as CareerForce Day. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution 40-2019 Career Force Proclamation. All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 40-2019 Lincoln County Proclamation

WHEREAS CareerForce is Minnesota's career development and talent matching resource; and

WHEREAS Unifying all elements of Minnesota's workforce system under the CareerForce brand will increase efficiency, improve communication and enhance collaboration between CareerForce staff and partners, enhancing customer service and improving outcomes for career seekers, employers, communities and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS Minnesota is known for its world class workforce; and

WHEREAS Unprecedented changes in our state demographics between 2015 and 2035, including more than a half million people reaching the age of 65 and a decline in the share of the working age population from 62% to 57%, mean employers and Minnesota's workforce system must work together to bring all of our population who need sustainable employment into the workforce; and

WHEREAS By 2035, one in four Minnesotans will be from a community of color or Indigenous population; and

WHEREAS Bringing all Minnesotans who need sustainable employment into the workforce will help address employment and economic disparities based on race, disability, veteran status or past criminal record; and

WHEREAS CareerForce, both online and in person, provides tailored resources to help meet the needs of all Minnesota career seekers and employers; and

WHEREAS CareerForce serves employers by helping them find the right workers from entry level to highly skilled through support for hiring events, workforce strategy development, custom labor market information and analysis and no-fee online job posting; and

WHEREAS CareerForce serves career seekers no matter where they are in their career from just starting out to mid-level management and beyond through customized career planning, resume revision and interview preparation, plus education and training for eligible career seekers and the ability to search thousands of open positions online; and

WHEREAS CareerForce is Minnesota's unified workforce system, helping drive prosperity for all Minnesotans

By:

Attest:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Lincoln Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln Auditor-Treasurer

The 2020 preliminary budget was discussed. Commissioner VanDeVere would like to give an additional \$100.00 to each of the Sportsman Clubs and the VFW's that we are currently funding. Commissioner Hamer informed the rest of the Board that he was approached by Rolland Digre with the Historical Society. After discussion, it was decided to put \$10,000.00 in the proposed budget for the Historical Society. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, informed the Board that interviews and background have been completed for the vacant Deputy Sheriff position. Meester would like approval to hire Cody Swenson. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the hire of Cody Swenson to fill the vacant Deputy Sheriff position. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – LacQuiParle Watershed, CPT
Hamer – None
Sik – Mental Health Consortium, Highway Labor Management, Plum Creek
VanDeVere – UCAP/VSO, 2020 Census
Vizecky – None

Discussion was held on the MN Rural Counties and the Highway 23 Coalition organizations. The Board thought it would be beneficial to the county to join these organizations and add the amount to be contributed to the appropriations.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to join the MN Rural Counties organization for a one year trial period and to add the \$2,200.00 membership fee to the appropriations for 2020. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to join the Highway 23 Coalition for a one year trial period and add \$1,000.00 to the appropriations. All voted in favor.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #10902 - #10981 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$56,637.17, Road & Bridge - \$174,029.49, Debt - \$23,250.00, Ditch - \$924.21 and LID - \$13,974.15. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, VanDeVere and Vizecky voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center bill. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$13,681.07, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,255.00, Divine Prov. Health Center Inc. - \$2,786.90, Flint Hills Resources LP - \$138,416.25, Fuller Paving - \$4,000.00, Harrison Truck Centers, Inc. - \$6,092.36, Kirkvold Oil Co. - \$2,565.00, Lyon County Jail - \$3,190.00, PLM Lake and Land Management - \$13,974.15, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$2,251.81, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$22,113.50, Tom Hodges Construction & Electrical - \$23,250.00, Wheeler Lumber Operations - \$5,770.30 Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$2,345.75 and 66 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$23,122.93.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer