

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 2, 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 Rick Hamer, Corey Sik, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. Commissioner Drietz arrived at 9:50 a.m. Attorney Glen Petersen arrived at 9:45 a.m. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to approve the consent agenda which included June 18, 2019 minutes and July 2, 2019 agenda. All (4) voted in favor.

Nancy Walker, Deputy Director of SWHHS, explained the managed care organization procurement process and asked for approval of Resolution No. 33-2019 which recommends Prime West be chosen for managed care services in Lincoln County. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution 33-2019 approving Prime West's proposal. All (4) voted in favor.

**Lincoln County
Resolution No. 33-2019
MCO Procurement**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has published a Request For Proposals (RFPs) to provide health care services to recipients of Families and Children and MinnesotaCare in eighty (80) Minnesota counties including Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, DHS has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the RFP proposals from each respective county; and

WHEREAS, PrimeWest submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Southwest Health and Human Services who serve Lincoln County have reviewed and evaluated the proposals; and

WHEREAS, PrimeWest has submitted proposals suitable to meet our needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Southwest Health and Human Services approving PrimeWest as Managed Care Organization(s) (MCO(s)) providing managed health care services in Lincoln County.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

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

- Will be advertising for bids for the 3 township bridges soon. Bid opening will be August 1st at 10:00 a.m. and the bids will be brought to the Board on August 6th.
- Will be finalizing paving plans and submitting to the state.
- Concrete box culverts currently have a long waiting period.
- Continuing to work on survey and design for 2020-2021 projects.

Wilson recommended that the 5 year plan be amended to take County Road 13 off and replace with County Road 8 from County Road 13 to County Road 15. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Hamer to approve removing County Road 13 from the 5 year plan and replacing it with County Road 8 from County Road 13 to County Road 15. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have started hauling gravel for resurfacing the gravel roads.
- Hauling pea rock for scheduled projects.
- Will be starting road patching soon if weather permits.
- Fixing a soft spot on County Road 18.
- A couple of trucks are down with minor maintenance.
- Nearly done with the first round of shoulder mowing.
- Looking to change supply companies for the Highway building

Wilson informed the Board that he has received an estimate from a contractor for the labor to upgrade the bridge on County Road 1 and be able to remove the low weight posting. Wilson feels this fix will last about 20 years. The quote is from Mush Construction to reinforce the bridge in the amount of \$26,420.00 with the total cost of the project being between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve the labor quote from Mush Construction to reinforce the bridge on County Road 1 in the amount of \$26,420.00 with the total cost of the project being between \$30,000 and \$35,000. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson gave an update on the Rail Road Crossing project. If the county receives the grant, the crossing is maintained by the railroad and there is no further cost to the County. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the bids for the Courthouse – Highway Parking Lot Project will be opened on July 12, 2019. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the Highway Labor Management meeting will be August 5th at 8:00 a.m. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, gave an update on the following items:

- The Lake Benton Lake treatment is working well. Reports show that everything is clear. 100 different points on the lake are being surveyed to assess the plant growth.
- Lake Shaokatan is currently being monitored. There is some weed growth but it doesn't appear that it will affect recreational activities this year but it is an ongoing issue. The Lake Shaokatan Lake Improvement District meeting will be held on July 13th at the Courthouse.
- Continuing to negotiate a cost share of upgrading the road at the dumpster site by the Hendricks Lumberyard. The County would contribute \$4,000 - \$5,000 towards the road improvement. Commissioner Vizecky thought we should have something in writing that states that the county can have their dumpsters there for the next 20 years and that the City of Hendricks will maintain the road. Olsen will talk to the city and bring something back to the Board at a future meeting.
- A fence will be put up along the dumpster site in the City of Lake Benton.
- County Ditch No. 35 project has been completed in the last couple weeks. The water has gone down and the area will be monitored to be sure things continue to improve.
- JD No. 31 appears to have an obstruction in one of the branches of the system. This has caused water to go over the road and closure of the township road. We are working with Lyon County to come up with a solution.

Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that there is about 1,300 feet of JD 19 buffer that is overgrown with trees. The estimated cost to remove the trees and clean the ditch is about \$5,000 - \$6,000. Olsen would like approval to have Ground Works do the job. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to remove trees from about 1,300 feet of JD No. 19 buffer strip at a cost of about \$5,000 - \$6,000 and to authorize the work be done by Ground Works. All (5) voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, informed the Board some of the interviews for the Deputy Sheriff Position have been completed and there would be an additional interview today. Meester requested that the Personnel Committee along with the Sheriff have authorization to hire the new Deputy Sheriff once interviews are complete. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve authorizing the Personnel Committee along with the Sheriff to hire the new Deputy Sheriff after interviews are complete. All (5) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT, Board of Equalization
 Hamer – Board of Equalization
 Sik – SWHHS, Plum Creek Library, Board of Equalization
 VanDeVere – Board of Equalization, SWHHS, Regional Legacy Park Meeting, Personnel, Safe Assure, ACE, United Community Action, Western Mental Health
 Vizecky – Board of Equalization

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #10589 - #10647 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$77,428.67, Road & Bridge - \$7,036.53, Debt Service - \$39,447.50 and Ditch - \$9,186.27. All (5) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A & C Excavating LLC - \$6,175.00, Bond Trust Services Corporation - \$39,447.50, Drake Chimney Service and Construction - \$14,332.80, Fidlar Companies - \$7,617.00, Lyon Co Auditor – Treasurer - \$2,275.00, Northern Con Agg LLP - \$2,881.09, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$15,989.64, Zuercher Technologies, LLC - \$21,139.65 and 51 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$23,241.29.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. All (5) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer