

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 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, Corey Sik, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. Commissioner Hamer was absent. Attorney Glen Petersen arrived at 10:30 a.m. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the consent agenda which included May 7, 2019 minutes and May 21, 2019 agenda. All (4) voted in favor.

Michele VanDyke, 4H Program Manager, introduced the Summer Intern, Kira Gifford, to the Board. Gifford will be organizing the day camps, and helping with the fair and various other projects. Information only.

Bruce Nielsen, Lincoln County Assessor, requested approval of the Pictometry Contract. Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to approve the 6 year Pictometry Contract in the amount of \$141,134.00 to be paid as follows to Pictometry International: \$5,880.57 due at signing, \$17,641.75 due at initial shipment of imagery and 5 additional installment of \$23,522.34 over the next two years. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Lincoln County Environmental, requested a roll call vote for the Findings and Order Accepting the Viewers Report and Adopting the Redetermination of Benefits for JD #19 that was previously approved at the March 5, 2019 Ditch Hearing. The roll call was as follows: Joe Drietz – Yea, Jack Vizecky – Yea, Corey Sik – Yea, Mic VanDeVere – Yea, and Rick Hamer – Absent. The total roll call vote was 4 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Olsen gave an update on the following items:

- The final treatment has been done on Lake Benton Lake with Diquot. About 120 acres were treated. A second bump was done with Sonar. The Environmental office plans to start pulling samples on May 23, 2019.
- The ditch work is about 2 months behind. The water level needs to go down before any work can be done. Seed has been lined up for the buffers.
- Shaokatan Lake is the same as last year. The water has been murky so plants are not growing.
- The dumpster situation has been going better. Commissioner Sik asked Olsen if he could call Verdi Township to discuss any issues they are having with the dumpsters.
- The MPCA loan is moving forward. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

Information only.

Robin Sik, Lincoln County Jail Administrator, informed the Board that after reviewing past applications, they had a candidate that they would like to offer the part time dispatcher/jailer position to. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to approve the hiring of Logan Pusillo for a part-time dispatcher/jailer. All (4) voted in favor.

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

- Continuing working on the plans for Hwy 7 widening project, bridge projects and overlay projects.

Wilson requested approval to advertise for bids for 2019 paving and bridge projects. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve advertising for bids for the 2019 paving and bridge projects. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Finished up with crack filling
- Maintenance on gravel roads
- Sign Maintenance
- Working on shoulders of paved roads as weather permits
- Repairing culverts
- Hauling gravel and pea rock
- Due to increased spending with snow removal and grader repair, we will prolong the purchase of a new pickup for the Highway Maintenance Superintendent.
- The Lake Benton and Hendricks shop have not been upgraded to LED lighting. Wilson will work on getting some LED quotes for those two shops.

Wilson presented the "Annual Report of the Lincoln County Highway Department for the Year Ended December 31, 2018". The report will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting. Information only.

Wilson reviewed changes to the Multi Year plan and requested approval of the updated plan. County Road 2, 11, 13 and 129 overlay were moved up to 2019. Also moved the overlay of 111 and 113 and milling of County Road 121 and 129 to 2022. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the updated 2019 Multi Year Plan. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson discussed the Wind Tower Development Agreement fees collected by the Highway Department. Wilson would like to use the fees collected from Blazing Star Phase I to replace the bridges on the county roads that would be used for the Wind Tower Project. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that legislature did not pass the gas tax increase but a bonding bill is in the works. Information only.

At 10:30 a.m. Wilson asked 3 times if there were any more bids for the 2019 Gravel Crushing project.

Bids were opened for the 2019 Gravel Crushing Project. The bids were as follows:

- Central Specialties Inc. - \$127,600.00
- Ferguson Aggregate & Crushing, Inc. - \$125,800.00

After review, Wilson recommended the approval of the Ferguson Aggregate & Crushing, Inc. in the amount of \$125,800.00. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve awarding the Gravel Crushing bid to Ferguson Aggregate & Crushing, Inc. in the amount of \$125,800.00. All (4) voted in favor.

At 10:35 a.m. Wilson asked 3 times if there were any more bids for the 2019 Seal Coat and Maintenance Oil.

Bids were opened for the 2019 Seal Coat and Maintenance Oil. The bids were as follows:

- Flint Hills Resources - \$138,320.00
- Jebro Inc.- \$147,605.20

After review, Wilson recommended the approval of the Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$138,320.00. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve awarding the 2019 Seal Coat and Maintenance Oil bid to Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$138,320.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Personnel, SWCD, CPT,  
 Hamer – absent  
 Sik – Plum Creek, SWHHS  
 VanDeVere – Personnel, SW Regional Dev, CPT, SWHHS, Western Mental Health  
 Vizecky – Hazard Mitigation Meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #10220 - #10293 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$78,973.75, Road & Bridge - \$8,402.17, and Ditch - \$2,889.33. Commissioner 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: A & C Excavating LLC - \$2,535.00, Alpha Wireless Communications Co. - \$3,710.00, Christensen Broadcasting - \$6,000.00, Cornerstone Consulting Services LLC - \$5,900.00, Election Systems & Software Inc. - \$5,757.05, HP Inc. - \$2,387.76, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$27,103.81, Utility Supply Group Inc. - \$13,890.00 and 66 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$22,981.63.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, reviewed the Investments. Information only.

Vierhuf asked the Board to void a check due to clerical error. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve voiding check #10144 issued to SW Health and Human Services due to clerical error and reissue an Auditor Warrant to SW Health and Human Services in the amount of \$1,785.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere reviewed information to cement the new garage. The Grounds Maintenance Supervisor would like to be able to use the garage for maintenance work on the county vehicles and work on projects. A quote was received from Claire Drake to cement the entire 48x32 foot building at an amount of \$7,756.00. To put a 10 foot apron in the front would be an additional \$2,640.00. If we went with a 20 foot apron, the cost would be \$5,280.00. It was also recommended to put foam insulation under the floor to keep the building warmer and prevent sweating at a cost of \$1,488.00. The total cost with the 10 foot apron would be \$11,884.00. We are waiting on another quote and will discuss at a future meeting. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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 Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

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 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer