

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 15, 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, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. Commissioner Sik was absent. 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 Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the consent agenda which included October 1, 2019 minutes, October 15, 2019 agenda and the FY2020 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, asked for approval of an amended Southwest Regional Development Commission contract. The cost estimate to do the Ordinance work increased from \$12,800.00 to \$15,000.00 Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve the Southwest Regional Development Commissioner (SRDC) Contract Amendment. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen gave an update on the following items:

- Easements are still being worked on at the Hendricks rural dumpster site.
- Due to a ditch issue on JD #31, about 600 feet of tile needed to be replaced.
- One of the current Environmental pickups is in need of \$3,500.00 in repairs. The State bid for a similar pickup is \$26,000. Olsen has \$30,000 budgeted and asked the Board to consider replacing the current pickup with a 2019 F 150. Olsen will bring this back to a future meeting.

At 9:30 a.m. sealed bids were opened for the lease of approximately 18 acres of hay land at the Lincoln Landfill Site located in section 4 of Ash Lake Township for a period of three years. The bids received were:

- Jay Blegen - \$536.00 per year
- Ryder Olsen - \$1,000.00 per year
- Dusty Linneman - \$508.00 per year

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to accept highest bid from Ryder Olsen for \$1,000.00 per year for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022 for approximately 18 acres of hay land in Ash Lake Township. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky abstained. Motion carried by majority vote.

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

- R & G is part way though the gravel surfacing project on County Highway 10. The project deadline is October 18<sup>th</sup>. R & G may not finish by this date and Wilson will look at if we should fine them for not getting the project complete.
- Duinick has finished the patching project. There were a couple spots they were unable to patch due to mud on the road. There may be an extra cost to have them come finish those areas.
- Continuing to work on 2020-2021 survey and plan work.
- We may need to do a hydraulic study on a couple more culverts. The Board was in consensus with doing the hydraulic studies if needed.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Fall mowing is about ½ complete.
- Repairing soft spots on County Roads 101, 103 and 118.
- Gravel hauling and surfacing is probably done for the year. 25 miles did not get done due to the weather.
- Will be doing tree and brush cutting yet this fall.
- Looked into storage options at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The openings in the buildings are too small to store what we need.
- The City of Lake Benton is looking at applying for State Park Road Funds to pave between US Highway 75 and the parking lot by the boat landing. This is a DNR funded project. This will be a 2020 project with applications due by the end of October, 2019. The Lincoln County Highway Department will need to administer the project.

Wilson is still reviewing the Blazing Star 2 Development Agreement. This will be finalized soon. Information only.

Megan DeSchepper, MnDOT, reviewed the 10 year road project plan. The following projects are planned in Lincoln County:

- 2023 – Replace bridges over Yellow Medicine River West of US 75, near Ivanhoe.
- 2023 – Reclaim and overlay on MN 271 from MN 19 to Railroad Street in Hendricks and thin mill and overlay on MN 271 from Maple Street in Hendricks to the State line.
- 2025 – US 14 – Replace bridge over a stream crossing 1.8 miles E of the South Dakota/Minnesota state line
- 2025 – US 75 – Replace bridge 1.6 miles S of the Lincoln/Yellow Medicine County line over a stream
- 2026 – US 75 – Cold in place recycle from Pipestone Creek in Pipestone to S Valley Street in Lake Benton.
- 2027 – US 14 – Cold in place recycle plus ADA in Tyler from Jesse St in Lake Benton to just E of the Lincoln/Lyon Co line.
- 2027 – US 14/75 – Downtown reconstruction in Lake Benton.
- 2029 – MN 19 – Reclaim and overlay from Ivanhoe to CSAH 5 with a medium mill and overlay in Ivanhoe.

Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank, RCRCA and Area II, Dead Coon, Yellow Medicine Watershed, Safety, RCRCA (special meeting)
- Hamer – None
- Sik – Absent
- VanDeVere – Personnel, SWHHS, Rural MN Energy Board, Western Mental Health, Dead Coon, PrimeWest, Walkable Community Project, RTR School Groundbreaking
- Vizecky – None

Commissioner VanDeVere presented documents for PrimeWest for review. Discussion for approval will take place at the first meeting in November. Information only.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #11324- #11394 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$126,646.68, Road & Bridge - \$25,666.08, and Ditch - \$145.19. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota - \$3,835.25, Alpha Wireless Communications Co. - \$3,368.00, Bio Ag Energy Services LLC - \$2,022.99, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,319.68, Divine Prov. Health Center Inc. - \$2,305.00, HP Inc. - \$2,331.28, North Central International Inc. - \$12,907.66, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$15,430.00, Preferred Response LLC - \$3,750.00, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$14,756.01, Roggenbuck Tree Service - \$2,000.00. Southwest Health and Human Services - \$20,611.00, United Community Action Partnership, Inc. - \$41,224.00 and 58 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$22,597.08.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to set the “Truth and Taxation” meeting for December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the Hildi Agreement for Consulting Services effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve membership with Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition and authorize paying the pledge amount of \$500.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer