

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

September 3, 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 9:55 a.m. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included August 20, 2019 minutes, and September 3, 2019 agenda. All voted in favor.

Doug Host, Clifton Larson Allen LLP, presented the 2018 Audit Report and commended the Lincoln County Staff for being well prepared and easy to work with. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to accept the 2018 Audit Report as presented. All voted in favor.

Dale Sterzinger, SWCD District Manager, gave an update on the following items:

- We still have some buffer compliance money left. We have 3-4 Lincoln County land owners that are out of compliance.
- Grade stabilization structure is out on the west side of Hawks Nest Lake. The funds to repair will be provided as follows: 75% from Area II - 15% from Lincoln County SWCD and 10% from landowners.
- Canby Creek issue will be handled through an agreement between Lincoln County SWCD, Yellow Medicine SWCD and LacQuiParle Watershed.
- WACA – Blazing Star II has submitted an application for 74% of the project. To put in the roads and bases necessary, they go through a permitting process and all wetlands impacted are checked and taken care of. A letter is attached to the Road Development Agreement to have money set aside in the event that the wetlands are not taken care of.
- Well sealing – 10 wells have been signed up – 6 have been sealed – enough funds left for 8 more projects.
- \$78,185.10 remaining in AG BMP funds. \$632,391.90 in loan funds have been processed in Lincoln County. The funds were used as follows: \$582,626.01 for conservation land use and equipment, \$49,765.89 for septic and wells.
- SWCD has applied for grant funds to cover a technician position in the Lincoln County office.
- Red Pine project - issue in Lake Stay Township has been resolved. Red Pine covered the expense for the tile line to resolve the issue.
- The biannual summit will be taking place for the Yellow Medicine Water Shed – One Watershed One Plan.
- Big Sioux Watershed – a copy of the JPA has been completed for review.
- Redwood Soil and Water – the Wraps process has started.
- Deer Creek Dam – flooding issues in the Yellow Medicine Water Shed. An obstruction was found at the intake. Once it was removed, the issue was resolved.
- SWCD has hosted various classes and events.

Sterzinger informed the Board that SWCD is asking for a \$4,000 increase to their budget. Sterzinger would like to build up the SWCD balance since State funding is not guaranteed. Currently SWCD has a steady fund balance and there are no plans for any big purchases in 2020. Information only.

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

- Gravel crushing is complete.
- Continuing to work on 2020-2021 survey and plan work.

Wilson presented Resolution 43-2019 Final Payment for Contract 01-2019 Gravel Crushing. Wilson informed the Board that the final contract amount was lower than the estimate due to having a lower quantity of gravel than expected. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 43-2019 Final Payment for Contract 01-2019. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION
43 – 2019
Final Payment for Contract 01-2019**

WHEREAS, the construction of Contract 01-2019 Gravel Crushing has in all things been completed by Ferguson Aggregate & Crushing, Inc., the final contract costs as follows:

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| Original Contract Amount | \$ 125,800.00 |
| Final Contract Amount | \$ 99,224.67 |
| Final Payment Amount | \$ 99,224.67 |

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Lincoln and authorize final payment as specified above.

ADOPTED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson informed the Board that a gravel royalty payment will need to be made to the land owner. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to pay the gravel royalty payment to Ron Anderson as an auditor warrant in the amount of \$20,803.68. All voted in favor.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Working on asphalt patching. County Road 1 is in rough shape so Wilson is looking at having a contractor come in and do the patching instead of doing the blade patching.
- Hauling gravel
- Blading gravel roads
- Spraying trees in the Right of Way
- Shop projects

Wilson informed the Board that he has received the Blazing Star 2 Development Agreement for review. Wilson will see if there is a need for any changes. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environment, presented the following updates.

- The City of Hendricks is continuing to work on obtaining easements for the Hendricks rural dumpster site.
- The DNR will be visiting the Lincoln County lakes. Senator Weber will also be present. The new landing will be visited at Lake Benton Lake. The plants have not been an issue this year but that will also be discussed.
- The landfill project is complete and the dumpster for scrap metal will be put in place today.
- There have been several tickets that need to be cleared on-line for the wind tower permitting process.

Information only.

Robin Sterzinger, Lincoln County Financial Accountant, presented Resolution No. 42-2019 2020 Proposed Levy for approval. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 42-2019 2020 Proposed Levy. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 42 – 2019
2020 Proposed Levy**

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Lincoln County, Minnesota, has made and submitted her estimate of expenses and revenues of said county for the year 2020, as required by law, and the county board of said county having duly examined and considered the same,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby approved, the following proposed levy, against the taxable property of said county of Lincoln for the year 2020.

**2020 PROPOSED Levy
\$5,892,947**

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 3rd day of September, 2019.

Mic VanDeVere, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT, Area II
Hamer – None
Sik – SWHHS
VanDeVere – SWHHS, UCAP, Western Mental Health
Vizecky – None

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to appoint Commissioner Drietz as the delegate and Commissioner VanDeVere as the alternate for MN Rural Counties. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to appoint Commissioner VanDeVere as the delegate and Commissioner Drietz as the alternate for the Highway 23 Coalition. All voted in favor.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #11012- #11049 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$48,675.09, Road & Bridge - \$36,462.51, and Ditch - \$1,585.17. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$11,723.82, Alpha Wireless Communications Co. - \$4,432.50, Cornerstone Consulting Services LLC - \$7,000.00, Development Services Inc. - \$4,001.00, Duinick Incorporated - \$13,782.60, Hancock Concrete Prod Co. LLC. - \$10,099.32, Lipinski Small Engine & Hardware - \$8,481.09, Salamander Technologies, LLC - \$6,235.00, Versare - \$9,661.50, West Shore Services, Inc. - \$2,150.00, and 28 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$9,155.94.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented Resolution 44-2019 Broadband Application. Resolution 39-2019 was approved during the August 20th Board meeting. The County contribution was previously stated as \$2,000,000.00. At this contribution amount, the grant amount to be applied for is 46% of the whole project. The grant will receive 3 additional points if the grant amount to be applied for is 45% of the whole project. This will increase the county contribution to \$2,045,000.00. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 44-2019 Broadband Application which supersedes Resolution 39-2019 approved at the August 20, 2019 Board meeting. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BROADBAND APPLICATION
Resolution # 44-2019**

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes and replaces Resolution # 39-2019 that was passed by this Commission on August 20, 2019.

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 at least \$4,800,000 through the Broadband Grant Program, will contribute up to \$2,045,000 towards the Broadband Project developed by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative. It is further understood that ITC will contribute up to \$3,850,000 towards the project.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on September 3, 2019.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer