

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 7, 2020
Courthouse Assembly Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Board Chair Mic VanDeVere, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Corey Sik, Rick Hamer, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky via conference call. Commissioner Drietz was absent. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from March 17, 2020 and the agenda for April 7, 2020. All (4) voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere called to order the Public Hearing for approval of the Property Tax Abatement. A conference line was set up for public comment. The procedure to call into the conference call was advertised in the paper and posted on the Lincoln County Website. Commissioner VanDeVere requested comments from anyone on the line 3 separate times. There were no public comments.

Commissioner VanDeVere presented Resolution 18-2020 Resolution Approving Property Tax Abatements for approval. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve Resolution 18-2020 Approving Property Tax Abatements. All (4) voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-2020
RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board (the "Board") of the County of Lincoln, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Recitals.

Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., a South Dakota cooperative corporation (the "Provider") proposes to finance a portion of the cost of a fiber optic broadband telecommunications network and related facilities (the "Broadband Facilities") and has requested that the County issue its general obligation abatement bonds under the provisions of the Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815 (the "Abatement Act") to provide a forgivable loan to finance a portion of the financing for the Broadband Facilities.

The County has heretofore adopted Resolution No. 26-2018 (the "Original Abatement Resolution") approving certain property tax abatements derived from the properties identified on attached Exhibit A to the Original Abatement Resolution.

The County desires to supplement the property tax abatements approved under the Original Abatement Resolution to, among other things, add additional parcels in order to decrease the maximum term to 10 years.

The Abatement Act requires the County to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements.

The abatement will apply to the County's share of the property taxes (as hereinafter further defined, the "Abatement") derived from the properties identified in the attached **Exhibit A** (the "Properties") which are among the properties in the County which will benefit from the Broadband Facilities.

None of the Properties is located in a tax increment financing district.

On the date hereof, the Board conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Abatement at which the views of all interested persons were given the opportunity to provide comments to the Board.

Under the Abatement Act, the County is authorized to retain abatements from property in order to accomplish certain public purposes, including situations where the abatement will increase or preserve tax base, provide or help acquire or construct public facilities, help provide employment opportunities in the County, help provide access to services for County residents, or finance or provide public infrastructure.

The County is also authorized under the Abatement Act to issue bonds to (1) pay for public improvements that benefit the property, (2) to acquire and convey land or other property, (3) to reimburse the property owner for the cost of improvements made to the property, or (4) to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds.

The County plans to issue its General Obligation Abatement Bonds (the "Bonds") to finance the costs of the Broadband Facilities in the approximate principal amount of \$6,500,000. Pursuant to the Abatement Act, the County will pledge the Abatement revenues from the Properties to the payments due on the Bonds.

The County is authorized to approve the Abatement for a maximum term of 10 years upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 469.1813, subdivision 6 of the Abatement Act.

After a public hearing on August 7, 2018, the County determined that broadband infrastructure, rather than the creation or retention of jobs, is the goal of providing the assistance to the Provider and therefore, set the wage and job goals at zero in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, as amended (the "Business Subsidy Law").

Benefits Equal Costs. It is hereby found and determined that the benefits to the County from the Abatement will be at least equal to the costs to the County of the Abatement for the following reasons:

The Abatement will help finance the Broadband Facilities which implements a key development goal for the County.

The Broadband Facilities will provide economic stimulus needed to attract new businesses to the region and to retain and expand existing businesses; such development and business retention will generate significant County tax revenues (after termination of the Abatement) that, over the long term, will exceed the amount of the Abatement itself.

The Broadband Facilities will help preserve and increase the value of the Properties, thereby helping to generate additional County tax revenues over the long term after expiration of the Abatement.

The Abatement amount finances only a portion of the cost of the Broadband Facilities in the County and leverages the investment of private funding sources and, if available, state funding sources and therefore, is less than the cost of the Broadband Facilities to be provided.

Public Purposes. It is further found and determined that the Abatement will serve the following public purposes set forth in Section 469.1813, subdivision 1 of the Abatement Act, because the Abatement will:

Increase or preserve tax base, by stimulating development and helping to maintain values in the County and region, for the reasons described in Section 2.

Allow the County and other local governments to provide public services to their residents more efficiently through direct connection to governmental facilities.

Provide access to services for residents of the County, because the Broadband Facilities will offer residents a service (fiber optic broadband telecommunications) not currently available in the portion of the County to be served by the Broadband Facilities.

Finance or provide public infrastructure, because broadband communications are an important part of the infrastructure required for vibrant, economically competitive communities.

Other Public Benefits. It is further specifically found and determined that, in addition to the benefits described in Sections 2 and 3, the Abatement is expected to result in the following public benefits:

Construction of the Broadband Facilities will implement a long-standing vision of high-speed, state-of-the-art fiber optic telecommunications for the region.

The Broadband Facilities will contribute to the quality of life in the County and region by increasing the ease of access to governmental, educational and healthcare information and services available to County residents.

Abatement Parcels Benefited. The County finds and determines that the Broadband Facilities will benefit the Properties for the following reasons:

The Properties are all within the Broadband Facilities service area and will be able to connect directly to the Broadband Facilities.

The Broadband Facilities will generally help maintain and increase property values within the County, including the Properties, as described in Section 2.

The facts and reasons stated in Section 4(a) and (b) also support the conclusion that the Properties enjoy a significant benefit from construction of the Broadband Facilities.

Maximum Abatement Amount. The maximum amount of Abatement authorized under this resolution is \$6,500,000. The maximum principal amount of Bonds to be secured by Abatement under this resolution does not exceed the estimated sum of Abatement from the Abatement Parcels for the term authorized under this resolution.

Terms of Abatement. Subject to the provisions of the Abatement Act, the Abatement is hereby approved and adopted in the aggregate amount of the principal payments due on the Bonds as determined by the County Auditor (up to a maximum of \$6,500,000 present value), subject to the following terms and conditions:

The term "Abatement" means the real property taxes generated in any tax-payable year by extending the County's total tax rate for that year against the tax capacity of the Properties, including the tax capacity of the land, as of January 2 in the prior year.

The Abatement will continue for a period of 10 years in the years set forth in the County's resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Bonds (the "Bond Resolution"). The Abatement will terminate on the earlier of (i) the date all Bonds have been paid in full, redeemed, or defeased in accordance with their terms; or (ii) after the 10th year of collection of Abatement from the Properties.

The County will pledge the Abatement to the payment of principal on the Bonds. The pledge of Abatement will be further reflected in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (and any refunding bonds).

In accordance with Section 469.1813, subdivision 8 of the Abatement Act, in no case shall the Abatement, together with all other abatements approved by the County under the Abatement Act and paid in any one year exceed the greater of 10% of the County's net tax

capacity for that year or \$200,000 (the "Abatement Cap"). The County may grant any other abatements permitted under the Abatement Act after the date of this resolution, provided that to the extent the total abatements in any year exceed the Abatement Cap, the allocation of Abatement Cap to such other abatements is subordinate to the Abatement under this Resolution.

The Abatement is subject to modification in accordance with the Abatement Act, subject to the terms of the Bond Resolution.

In accordance with Section 469.1815 of the Abatement Act, the County will add to its levy in each year during the term of the Abatement the total estimated amount of current year Abatement granted under this resolution. The County Auditor shall determine how much Abatement is necessary for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds in each year and shall add such amount to the County's levy.

Further Proceedings. County staff and consultants are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the Abatement approved under this Resolution, including without limitation the execution of documents and certificates necessary to carry out the Abatement.

Effect of Resolution. Resolution No. 26-2018 adopted by the County Board on August 7, 2018, is supplemented and amended but not superseded by this Resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by member Sik and duly seconded by member Hamer and, upon a vote being taken thereon after full discussion thereof, the following voted in favor thereof: Commissioner Hamer, Commissioner Sik, Commissioner VanDeVere, and Commissioner Vizecky

and the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

ATTEST:

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Exhibit A

Parcel ID Numbers for the "Properties"

Properties identified on Exhibit A to Resolution No. 26-2018:

Marshfield Township Parcels

12-0001-000	12-0001-000	12-0001-001	12-0001-010	12-0001-020	12-0002-000
12-0004-000	12-0005-000	12-0005-000	12-0005-010	12-0005-010	12-0005-020
12-0006-000	12-0006-000	12-0006-010	12-0006-010	12-0007-000	12-0008-000
12-0009-000	12-0010-000	12-0010-005	12-0010-010	12-0011-000	12-0011-010
12-0012-000	12-0013-000	12-0014-000	12-0015-000	12-0016-000	12-0017-000
12-0018-000	12-0018-010	12-0019-000	12-0020-000	12-0021-000	12-0022-000
12-0023-000	12-0023-010	12-0024-000	12-0025-000	12-0027-000	12-0027-020
12-0031-000	12-0033-000	12-0034-000	12-0035-000	12-0035-010	12-0036-000
12-0037-000	12-0038-000	12-0039-000	12-0040-000	12-0041-000	12-0042-000
12-0043-000	12-0044-000	12-0044-000	12-0045-000	12-0046-000	12-0047-000

12-0048-000	12-0048-010	12-0049-000	12-0049-010	12-0050-000	12-0050-000
12-0051-000	12-0052-000	12-0053-000	12-0054-000	12-0055-000	12-0056-000
12-0057-000	12-0058-000	12-0059-000	12-0060-000	12-0060-020	12-0060-030
12-0062-000	12-0062-000	12-0063-000	12-0064-000	12-0064-010	12-0064-010
12-0067-000	12-0069-000	12-0072-000	12-0072-010	12-0073-000	12-0074-000
12-0075-000	12-0077-000	12-0077-010	12-0077-010	12-0078-000	12-0079-000
12-0080-000	12-0081-000	12-0081-000	12-0082-000	12-0082-010	12-0082-020
12-0083-000	12-0083-000	12-0084-000	12-0085-000	12-0085-010	12-0086-000
12-0087-000	12-0088-000	12-0088-010	12-0089-000	12-0089-010	12-0090-000
12-0091-000	12-0092-000	12-0092-000	12-0093-000	12-0094-000	12-0095-000
12-0096-000	12-0097-000	12-0098-000	12-0099-000	12-0099-010	12-0100-000
12-0101-000	12-0102-000	12-0104-000	12-0105-000	12-0106-000	12-0107-000
12-0108-000	12-0109-000	12-0109-010	12-0110-000	12-0110-010	12-0111-000
12-0112-000	12-0113-000	12-0114-000	12-0115-000	12-0116-000	12-0117-000
12-0117-010	12-0118-000	12-0119-000	12-0119-010	12-0120-000	12-0120-010
12-0121-000	12-0122-000	12-0123-000	12-0124-000	12-0124-010	12-0125-000
12-0125-010	12-0125-020	12-0125-030	12-0126-000	12-0128-000	12-0128-010
12-0129-000	12-0130-000	12-0131-000	12-0132-000	12-0132-010	12-0133-000
12-0133-010	12-0134-000	12-0135-000	12-0135-000	12-0137-000	12-0137-010
12-0137-020	12-0138-000	12-0139-000	12-0140-000	12-0141-000	12-0142-000
12-0142-010	12-0143-000	12-0143-010	12-0144-000	12-0145-000	12-0146-000
12-0147-000	12-0147-010	12-0148-000	12-0149-000	12-0150-000	12-0151-000
12-0152-000	12-0153-000	12-0154-000	12-0155-000	12-0156-000	12-0156-000
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12-0162-000	12-0163-000	12-0164-000	12-0165-000	12-0165-010	12-0167-000
12-0167-020	12-0168-000	12-0169-000	12-0170-000	12-0171-000	12-0171-010
12-0172-000	12-0173-000	12-0174-000	12-0175-000	12-0176-000	12-0177-000
12-0178-000	12-0180-000	12-0180-010	12-0181-000	12-0182-000	12-0183-000
12-0184-000	12-0185-000	12-0185-010	12-0187-000	12-0187-010	12-0188-000
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12-0193-000	12-0194-000	12-0195-000	12-0195-010	12-0196-000	12-0196-010
12-0196-020	12-0196-030	12-0197-000	12-0198-000	12-0198-010	12-0199-000
12-0200-000	12-0200-005	12-0211-000	12-0212-000	12-0252-000	12-0254-000
12-0255-000	12-0256-000	12-0257-000	12-0258-000	12-0259-000	12-0261-000
12-0262-000					

Hope Township Parcels

07-0001-000	07-0001-010	07-0002-000	07-0003-000	07-0004-000	07-0004-000
07-0005-000	07-0006-000	07-0006-000	07-0007-000	07-0007-000	07-0008-000
07-0009-000	07-0012-000	07-0013-000	07-0014-000	07-0015-000	07-0015-020
07-0016-000	07-0018-000	07-0020-000	07-0021-000	07-0021-010	07-0021-020
07-0022-000					

Additional parcels:

Hope Township Parcels

07-0023-000	07-0047-010	07-0080-030	07-0104-000	07-0124-000	07-0144-010
07-0024-000	07-0048-000	07-0081-000	07-0105-000	07-0124-010	07-0145-000
07-0026-000	07-0049-000	07-0082-000	07-0106-000	07-0125-000	07-0146-000
07-0027-000	07-0050-000	07-0082-010	07-0107-000	07-0125-010	07-0147-000
07-0027-010	07-0051-000	07-0083-000	07-0107-010	07-0126-000	07-0147-010
07-0028-000	07-0052-000	07-0084-000	07-0107-020	07-0127-000	07-0148-010
07-0030-000	07-0052-010	07-0085-000	07-0108-000	07-0128-000	07-0149-000
07-0030-010	07-0053-000	07-0085-010	07-0110-000	07-0129-000	07-0150-000
07-0031-000	07-0054-000	07-0086-000	07-0111-000	07-0130-000	07-0151-000
07-0031-010	07-0054-010	07-0087-000	07-0112-000	07-0131-000	07-0151-010
07-0032-000	07-0054-020	07-0087-010	07-0113-000	07-0132-000	07-0152-000
07-0033-000	07-0057-000	07-0089-000	07-0113-010	07-0132-010	07-0152-005
07-0034-000	07-0062-000	07-0090-000	07-0113-011	07-0132-020	07-0152-010
07-0034-010	07-0063-000	07-0090-010	07-0114-000	07-0132-030	07-0153-000
07-0035-000	07-0068-000	07-0091-000	07-0115-000	07-0133-000	07-0157-000
07-0036-000	07-0069-000	07-0093-000	07-0116-000	07-0134-000	07-0157-010
07-0037-000	07-0070-000	07-0096-000	07-0117-000	07-0135-000	07-0158-000
07-0038-000	07-0071-000	07-0096-005	07-0117-010	07-0136-000	07-0158-010
07-0039-000	07-0072-000	07-0096-010	07-0117-020	07-0137-000	07-0159-010
07-0039-010	07-0073-000	07-0097-000	07-0118-000	07-0138-000	07-0159-020
07-0040-000	07-0075-000	07-0097-010	07-0118-010	07-0139-000	07-0160-000
07-0041-000	07-0076-000	07-0097-020	07-0119-000	07-0140-000	07-0160-010
07-0042-000	07-0077-000	07-0098-000	07-0120-000	07-0141-000	07-0161-000
07-0044-000	07-0078-000	07-0098-010	07-0121-000	07-0142-000	
07-0045-000	07-0079-000	07-0101-000	07-0122-000	07-0142-005	
07-0046-000	07-0080-000	07-0101-010	07-0122-010	07-0143-000	
07-0046-010	07-0080-010	07-0102-000	07-0123-000	07-0143-010	
07-0047-000	07-0080-020	07-0103-000	07-0123-010	07-0144-000	

The public hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting was called back to order.

Shelly Eldridge, Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor, was present for discussion on the Bond and what the next steps would be. Eldridge passed out a graph of what has been going on in the market. The market has been fairly volatile. We should find out the absolute date the money will be needed by ITC. We currently have April 20, 2020 as the date to receive the bids on the bonds with the Board reviewing the bids on the 21st and adopting a resolution to approve the sale of the bonds. Eldridge feels that the Board should appoint a Board member along with the Auditor-Treasurer as the pricing committee to review the rates on April 16th and if things look good, we will go ahead but if things don't look good, we can pull the sale. The current rates were reviewed. Currently the rate is at 2.84%. At the present rate, our annual payment would be \$570,000.00. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve Commissioner Drietz, 2020 Board Chair and Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer as the Pricing Committee to review the rates prior to the scheduled sale of the bonds. All (4) voted in favor.

Lisa Graphenteen, Development Services Inc., requested approval of the Service Agreement for Hole-in-the-Mountain Regional Park and Planning Initiative. Graphenteen informed the Board that until the land issue is resolved, we will not be able to receive reimbursement of grant funds but we can begin the grant

activities. Some additional user research will need to be done on consumers and others that use the park. After this is complete, some operation cost research will need to be done. Once these items are complete, we will need to add what the findings were to the Master Plan. The goal is to get these items taken care of so that we can start accessing the grant funds next year. The cost of the Service Agreement is \$25,000.00 and this amount is built into the budget of the grant funds. Commissioner VanDeVere received a call from a member of the Legacy Foundation and he would like to have a teleconference with individuals from DSI, some Lincoln County Commissioners and some Legacy Foundation individuals to address some issues. Lincoln County will hold off on approval of the Service Agreement until some further discussions are held. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, informed the Board that he has hired a new Deputy Sheriff and would like formal approval from the Board. The individual hired is Dallas Cornell. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the hire of Dallas Cornell effective April 6, 2020. Commissioner Hamer, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Meester asked for approval to purchase the Lake Benton City patrol car in the amount of \$34,975.00. The vehicle has 5,000-6,000 miles on it and is a 2019 model. The vehicle was purchased by the City of Lake Benton for about \$45,000.00. Meester will be selling another Tahoe and will hopefully receive \$2,000 - \$3,000 for the sale. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve purchasing the Lake Benton City patrol vehicle in the amount of \$34,975.00. Commissioner Hamer, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Amber Scholten Emergency Management, requested approval of Resolution No. 19-2020 Adoption of the Hazzard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve Resolution No. 19-2020 Adoption of the Hazzard Mitigation Plan. All (4) voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION OF LINCOLN COUNTY
#19-2020
ADOPTION OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Lincoln County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lincoln County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Lincoln County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Lincoln County Board Chair, Joe Drietz and attested to by the Lincoln County Auditor/Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf this 7th day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln Auditor-Treasurer

Scholten presented the updated Cell Phone Policy for review to be approved at the next meeting. Information only.

Scholten gave an update on COVID-19. The update included the following items.

- Lincoln County now has two confirmed cases of COVID-19. The first individual has been released from the hospital and is doing well. We do not have any information on the second case at this time.
- Scholten suggested possibly working alternating shifts to limit exposure of COVID-19 in an office.
- Our COVID-19 response committee meets every Monday at 11:00 and a Department Head meeting was also held.
- Scholten has been delivering Personal Protective Equipment to needed organizations
- Scholten has listened to many conference calls.
- The State has been looking for alternate care sites for the overflow of patients.
- The landfill will be open on Wednesdays to contractors only at this time.
- Permanent glass partitions will be put up in every office to help protect the office staff from viruses such as COVID-19.

Information only.

Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Engineer, was present to give project updates. They were as follows:

- Working towards getting plans ready for this year's construction projects.
- Survey Work as weather permits
- The Paving contract will tentatively start in July.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- 2 days of Crack filling to go
- Blading of gravel roads as weather permits.
- If weather permits, the employees are working outside and the maintenance staff is staying at the outlying shops if the weather does not permit
- Looking to start the four 10 hour days next week. The Board was in consensus with this.

Wilson informed the Board that Lake Benton City received a funding letter to pave the State Park road up to the boat landing road. This will go through State Aid and we will be the fiscal agent for that project. Information only.

Wilson requested approval of the Blazing Star 2 Wind Development Agreement. There were a couple of changes that had to do with the county having the ability to close the roads and if we end up maintaining their roads, they will have to pay double the rate. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the Blazing Star 2 Wind Development Agreement which includes the road use, drainage and wetlands agreements. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that Community Wind North Repower Road Use Agreement will be reviewed and brought forward for approval at the next meeting. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, asked for approval of the SCORE Grant which has been DocuSigned by Robert. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve the SCORE Grant which will be about \$68,000.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that the survey that was completed on the Lake Benton Lake found sufficient Curly Leaf Pond Weed to do a treatment. Olsen is hoping to get that completed next week. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that there is a crossing on Highway 75 that will need to be repaired. Olsen has received a State permit and could be looking at possibly replacing 200 feet of tile at a cost of \$6,000 - \$7,000. This repair will be charged to CD No. 37 and there is adequate funds in the maintenance account for this repair. Information only.

Olsen presented the feedlot report. This report has been approved by MPCA but needs county approval as well. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the 2019 Feedlot Report. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen presented the bids received from the area lumber yards for the cold storage shed. The Board would like to hold off on this project at this time. Information only.

Olsen asked for approval to refund ditch assessments paid due to the wrong benefits being on the incorrect parcel. The correction will go back to 2015 on JD No. 29 and will be in the amount of \$2,086.00 issued to Dennis Renken. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve a refund of \$2,086.00 issued to Dennis Renken for a ditch assessment correction on JD No. 29. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen asked for approval to abate the JD 29 amount of \$246.86 on Dennis Renken's 2020 taxes. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the 2020 abatement of \$246 on Parcel # 09-0167-000 for Dennis Renken. All (4) voted in favor.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Park Manager, would like to delay any camping or campers in the parks until May 1st. The Board was in consensus with this. Schlapkohl will notify his seasonal campers and put signs up to notify the public. Information only.

Schlapkohl has received two quotes for the electrical at Picnic Point. The budgeted amount for improvements to the parks is \$35,000.00. The two quotes received were as follows:

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| • Ivanhoe Electric | \$11,400.00 | • Thomas Electric | \$7,315.00 |
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Motion by VanDeVere, Seconded by Sik to approve the electrical upgrade at Picnic Point to be completed by Thomas Electric in the amount of \$7,315.00. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – absent

Hamer – None

Sik – SWHHS, Plum Creek Library, HRA

VanDeVere – SWHHS, Rural MN Energy Board, Solid Waste Recycling Commission, ACE,

United Community Action, 5 COVID-19 meetings

Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #12558 - #12610 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$45,853.11, and Road & Bridge - \$28,312.27.

Commissioner Hamer, Sik, and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky abstained due to not being able to view the bills via conference call. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$10,178.50, Alpha Wireless Communications Co. - \$10,156.00, Fidlar Companies - \$2,910.67, Hancock Concrete Prod Co LLC - \$15,367.00, Lincoln Co Editorial Assn - \$2,347.80, Mactek Systems Inc. - \$5,679.00 Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$15,351.21 and 48 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$12,175.20.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve voiding check #12434 to Bisbee Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$1,410.20 due to a clerical error and reissue to Divine Providence Hospital as an Auditor Warrant. All (4) voted in favor.

Bruce Nielsen, Lincoln County Assessor, informed the Board that we the Pictometry flyover will be in September instead of June. The pictures will be much clearer than in the past. The estimated cost of the flyover will be \$70,000.00. Information only.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer