

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

July 21, 2020  
Courthouse Assembly Room  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, requested adding approval of the Boat and Water Grant and appropriation discussion to the agenda.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from July 7, 2020 and the agenda for July 21, 2020. All voted in favor.

Lisa Graphenteen, Development Services Incorporated, informed the Board that the Legacy Funds Committee reviewed the Architectural Engineering bids. There were 20 firms that had inquired about the project, 10 that submitted an application and upon review, 3 were chosen as finalists for an interview. After the interviews, the committee recommended awarding the bid to WSB. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to award the professional services agreement to WSB & Associates Inc. for performance of the architectural engineering work at the Hole in Mountain Park relating to the Legacy Grant in the amount of \$27,500.00(including mileage) which was \$6,500.00 below budget. 90% of this cost will be covered by funding through the MN Legacy Grant funds. All voted in favor.

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

- Paving and last township box culvert planned to begin August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Pre-construction meeting for paving planned for July 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
- The seal-coat projects will begin mid-August.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Finished fixing culverts on County Highway 1, 8 and 13.
- Ditch cleaning on County Highway 6, 9 and 108.
- Plan to replace culverts this week on County Highway 5 and 110.
- Will do culvert extensions on County 18.
- Will continue with ditch cleaning on County Highway 4, 15, and 17.
- Blade and haul gravel as time and staff provides.

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that a gravel truck breakdown has occurred. Wilson reviewed the different options. They are as follows:

- Fix the gravel truck at an estimated amount of \$46,000.00
- Get a used engine at an estimated cost of \$28,000.00 plus the cost/time to put it in.
- Buy a used truck with an estimated cost of \$75,000.00 - \$90,000.00 plus the cost to adjust the wing span to 12 feet.
- Buy a new truck but would not receive for a year so we would still have to find something for this coming winter.

Discussion of the pros and cons were discussed by the Board. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to fix the current motor and hydraulic panel of the gravel truck breakdown at an estimated cost of \$46,000.00. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, VanDeVere and Vizecky voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Wilson presented the bids for the Courthouse and Highway Parking Lot Project that were opened on July 14, 2020. The bids were as follows:

• A & C Excavating	\$166,893.80	• D & G Excavating Inc.	\$167,063.67
• Duinick Inc.	\$242,511.15	• KHC Construction, Inc.	\$367,999.00

Wilson's recommendation is to go with A & C Excavating with the low bid of \$166,893.80. Motion by Sik, seconded by Drietz to approve the Courthouse and Highway Parking Lot Project low bid from A & C Excavating in the amount of \$166,893.80 which was 11.7% above the engineer's estimate to be paid out of the Capital Improvement account. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that there have been ongoing issues with PD #5 which drains part of CSAH 7 in Tyler. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, a company came in and attempted to clean the pipe. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, that company came in and videoed the condition of the pipe. They could not get through the pipe due to a protruding inlet and an offset in the pipe. There is quite a bit of sand and sediment in the pipe and catch basin that was cleaned out. Some areas should be repaired at some point. Wilson feels we should discuss with the city of Tyler to see if they would like a redetermination done. Information only.

Wilson requested approval to purchase a new skid loader in 2020 in the amount of \$19,553.14 after the trade. If we wait until 2021, we will have to purchase a series B skid loader in the amount of \$24,500.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to purchase a new skid loader in the amount of \$19,553.14 after trade-in. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky abstained. Motion carried by majority vote.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, requested approval to designate the 2008 Ford F250 Environmental pickup as surplus so it can be placed on MN bid. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve designating the 2008 Ford F250 Environmental pickup as surplus to be sold on the MN bid site. All voted in favor.

Olsen gave an update on the following items:

- The weeds and thistles around the county sheds and maintenance buildings have been sprayed.
- We would like to have a fence built around the garbage sites in the cities of Arco and Tyler.
- The person that maintains the garbage site in Tyler has resigned her position and is looking for ideas on who we could hire to replace her.

Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None  
 Hamer – None  
 Sik – None  
 VanDeVere – SWHHS, Personnel, Park Legacy Meetings  
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #13254 - #13346 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$77,542.24, Road & Bridge - \$215,650.53, Debt Service - \$2,850.00 and Ditch - \$10,427.21. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A & C Excavating LLC - \$12,000.00, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$2,558.75, Andrzejek Cherp Excav. Inc. - \$4,869.25, Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$2,154.60, Christensen Broadcasting - \$6,000.00, Christianson Farm Mach. Inc. - \$3,200.00, Development Services Inc. - \$2,000.00, Duinck Incorporated - \$57,827.48, Gopher State One Call - \$2,681.10, Kibble Equipment LLC - \$142,900.00, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$2,220.13, North Central International Inc. - \$3,544.78, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$14,372.84, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$21,685.99, and 63 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$28,455.06.

Discussion was held on setting up a task force to determine how to distribute the CARES funding dollars. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the following individuals to the CARES distribution task force.

- Vince Robinson
- Deb Vierhuf
- Amber Scholten
- Rick Hamer
- Joe Drietz
- Mic VanDeVere – alternate
- Jack Vizecky – alternate
- Cory Sik – alternate

All voted in favor.

The Boat and Water grant was presented for approval. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the Boat and Water grant in the amount of \$2,714.00. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on whether to continue with the appropriations with the Highway 23 Coalition and the MN Rural Counties. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to continue to give an appropriation to the Highway 23 Coalition but to halt the appropriation to MN Rural Counties. All voted in favor.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve closing the meeting to discuss a possible land purchase. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve opening the meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Attorney Glen Petersen and Robert Olsen to pursue a purchase agreement of approximately 18 acres of property with a resolution coming to a future meeting for approval. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Attorney Petersen presented information on the land swap by Hole in the Mountain Park. A purchase agreement has been drawn up with the Trautmans for Lincoln County to purchase approximately 3.59 acres of land for \$5,000.00 to satisfy the radio tower issue at Hole in the Mountain Park. The closing date is set for December 1<sup>st</sup>. Petersen would like to move forward with presenting to the Trautmans. The sale is conditional on DNR approval and an environmental review. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to

authorize Attorney Glen Petersen to pursue a signature from the Trautmans on the purchase agreement for approximately 3.59 acres to satisfy the DNR requirement for the radio tower issue at Hole in the Mountain Park conditional on approval by the DNR. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer