

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

June 2, 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 Rick Hamer, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky and Joe Drietz via conference call. Commissioner Sik 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 Hamer, seconded by Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from May 19, 2020 and the agenda for June 2, 2020. All (4) voted in favor.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management, informed the Board that Lyon County's Emergency Manager has taken another position. Lyon County has approached Lincoln County about sharing services. Scholten would work for Lyon County two days per week. A contract will be drawn up with an hourly amount and mileage reimbursements. The draft contract will tentatively go out to the Commissioners prior to the next meeting. Discussion and approval of the contract will be done at the June 16th meeting. Information only.

Scholten gave an update of the following items:

- The Lincoln County Fair has been cancelled.
- As businesses in the county open, we are trying to make sure that information is out about who is open.
- Tyler Health Care Facility has tested all facility residents and employees for COVID-19.
- Minneapolis has had several rioting events. Scholten was called to assist over the weekend with checking resources for law enforcement officers.
- The Courthouse has opened in the afternoon starting yesterday. The doors are still locked but we allow 3 people in the building per office at one time. It has been going well.

Information only.

Commissioner VanDeVere stated that the campground have been open to seasonal campers. Discussion was held on opening the campgrounds to recreational camping starting Friday, June 5, 2020. Signage has been posted regarding the rules issued by the Governor, CDC, and MDH. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve opening the Lincoln County campgrounds to recreational camping starting June 5, 2020. All (4) voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere stated that 6 of the seasonal campers had paid the full fee for seasonal camping for 2020. Since we did not open the parks until 5/29/2020, the seasonal fee was reduced by \$300.00. We would like to reimburse \$300.00 to those that have paid. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to reimburse \$300.00 to each of the seasonal campers that have paid the full amount due to the month that the park was not open. All (4) voted in favor.

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

- The County Hwy 10 surface gravelling project by Verdi is complete and seeded – once the grass is established this can be finalized.
- One of the township box culverts is nearly finished. The contractor will start on the second box culvert in about a week. The third box culvert will be delayed due to the Topeka Shiner.
- The Paving Contractor won't be here until mid-August. The County Roads that are scheduled for paving are County Highway 2, 8, 11 and the area of County Road 129 that is in Verdi.
- The Wind Tower and Fiber Optic projects are progressing.
- Working with Blazing Star on County Highway 1 patching. They may pay for the patching or pay for the consumption of the road. Have been using gravel in those spots for now. County Highway 1 is currently on the schedule to be paved next year.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Completed 21 miles of re-shouldering on paved roads last week.
- Replacing a tile on County Road 7.
- Plan to spray along the guard rails and in the gravel pits.
- Started gravel hauling
- Minor asphalt patching

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the seal coat and striping bids have been advertised and will be open on June 23rd at 1:00 p.m. with the bid being awarded during the July 7th Board meeting. Once the cost is

determined, the cities of Ivanhoe and Hendricks will possibly have some seal coating done. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, requested approval to post and advertise for a new non-union position to be hired in the Environmental office. The position is Environmental Assistant Administrator. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to approve posting and advertising for the non-union position of Environmental Assistant Administrator. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval of the job description for the Environmental Assistant Administrator. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the job description for the non-union position of Environmental Assistant Administrator. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval to amend resolution 53-2019. The original resolution had a one-year ditch assessment for CD #2 in the amount of \$17,500.00. This assessment should not have been included as a 1 year assessment since there is currently a 10 year loan/assessment that covers this cost. The amount that was assessed on the 2020 statements will need to be reimbursed to the landowners. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve amending Resolution 53-2019 Resolution of the Lincoln County Ditch System 1 Year Assessments for 2020 and reimburse the landowners on CD #2 the \$17,500.00 which was assessed. All (4) voted in favor.

Resolution No. 53 – 2019

AMENDED

Resolution of the Lincoln County Ditch System 1 Year Assessments for 2020

Be it Revolved by the Lincoln Board of Commissioners, acting as the County Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following assessments are herewith adopted; and

Be it Further Resolved that the following one year assessments are adopted to maintain an appropriate balance in each of the following Ditch Repair Funds:

County Ditch No. 2	17,500.00
County Ditch No. 18	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 33	2,500.00
County Ditch No. 35	25,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 12	5,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 21	1,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 29	10,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 31	10,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 32	5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned assessments are due and payable to the Ditch Repair Funds in 2020.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of June 2020.

ATTEST:

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – ARMER Radio, CPT, Lyon Co. – shared EM
Hamer – None
Sik – Absent
VanDeVere – Lyon Co. – shared EM, Park Board, UCAP, Rural MN Energy Board,
Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #12866 - #12935 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$25,445.51, Road & Bridge - \$17,619.49, Debt Service - \$1,136,603.43, Ditch - \$22,019.03 and LID - \$34,741.95. Commissioner Hamer, 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: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$10,855.32, Pamela Hansen - \$3,175.35, Interstate Telecommunications Coop, Inc. - \$1,136,603.43, Northern Con Agg LLP - \$3,050.90, Roger Peters - \$2,388.83, PLM Lake and Land Management - \$34,741.95, SeaChange - \$12,900.00 and 63 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$32,713.63.

The Amended CPT Joint Powers Agreement was presented. Commissioner Drietz stated that the language changes have been discussed by the CPT Board and there are some minor language changes based on a few concerns by other counties. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve the Amended CPT Joint Powers Agreement. All (4) voted in favor.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval of the State of MN Amendment of Lease with the Department of Public Safety which allows the State to continue using the Assembly room to organize written and driving tests for MN residents. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the State of MN Amendment of Lease – Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services commencing July 1st of 2020 through June 30th of 2025. All (4) voted in favor.

Commissioner Drietz started discussion on hiring a part-time Deputy Sheriff. The Sheriff's office is currently down one Deputy and we do not currently have any part-time Deputies. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve hiring a part-time Sheriff's Deputy. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Commissioner VanDeVere announced that ACE has hired Jodi Hexem to fill their open position. Information only.

Commissioner VanDeVere also announced that the Census deadline has been extended to October 31, 2020. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer