

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2020
Courthouse Commissioner 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 Corey Sik, Joe Drietz, Rick Hamer, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. 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 Vizecky to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from February 18, 2020 and the agenda for March 3, 2020. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, gave updates on the following items:

- LBLID has applied for an invasive species grant and were awarded \$7,000.00. Another treatment will be done this summer and the resources are available to do that.
- Olsen has received two quotes for a 32x48 cold storage building. Olsen would like this to be a separate building from the current Maintenance Garage for easier access and an area for excess snow. The quotes are from Hendricks Farmers Lumber and Tyler Lumber. Both quotes are below \$30,000.00. Commissioner Sik would like to see a quote from Lake Benton Lumber yard as well.

Information only.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Park Manager, requested approval to purchase a new mower. It has been difficult to keep up with the mowing with one machine. Schlapkohl has budgeted for the mower. Schlapkohl received two quotes for a John Deere Z997R Diesel W72 lawn mower. The quotes were as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C & B Operations, LLC
\$17,900.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kibble Equipment
\$18,000.00 |
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Schlapkohl's recommendation is to accept the Kibble quote due to it being within Lincoln County. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the purchase of a John Deere Z997R Diesel W72 lawn mower from Kibble Equipment in the amount of \$18,000.00 plus corresponding fees. All voted in favor.

Schlapkohl informed the Board that he is looking at new Park rates. He would also like to add some additional rules. Schlapkohl is looking at various sources and will bring this back at the meeting on March 17th. Information only.

Vince Robinson, Executive Director of Lincoln Enterprise Development Corp., presented the Park and Trail Legacy Grant Program MNDNR Application. The legislature has approved the funds but the DNR needs an application to allocate the funds. Robinson presented a work plan for the project. We applied and received a National Park Service Technical Assistance grant. These funds will pay for designs and surveys for the project. We will not enter into the implementation of the project until the land swap issue is resolved. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the submittal of the Trail Legacy Grant Program MNDNR Application to the DNR as submitted to the Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission and approved by the MN Legislature. All voted in favor.

Robinson requested approval of the DNR Grant Administration Service Agreement. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve the DNR Grant Administrative Service Agreement at a total cost of \$6,800.00. All voted in favor.

The Annual 2020 Road and Bridge Hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's room.

Wilson covered the following items.

- Purpose of the meeting
- 2019 construction projects
- Overview of Lincoln County Systems
- Bridge status update
- Road status update
- 5 year tentative construction plan
- Spring load restrictions
- MnDOT's 10 year construction plan

The Road and Bridge Hearing ended at 10:45 a.m.

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

- Getting close to final corrections on the Hwy 7 Widening project and bridge plans.

Wilson requested approval to advertise for bids for bridge projects. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to approve the advertisement for this year's highway project bids. All voted in favor.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Crack filling will start soon.
- Starting on blading of gravel roads as staffing and weather permits.

Wilson informed the Board that they have a 3 point hitch weight box that has not been as useful as they thought it would be and Wilson requested to designate it as surplus. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to declare the 3 point hitch weight box as surplus to be sold on Minnbid. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the Township Association meeting would be held on March 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT
 Hamer – None
 Sik – SWHHS Finance Meeting, Plum Creek Library, HRA
 VanDeVere – SWHHS, Western Mental Health, United Community Action
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Vizecky, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #12328 - #12381 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$345,424.66, Road & Bridge - \$14,003.66, and LID - \$263.01. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, 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: Guardian Fleet Supply - \$12,328.16, Independent Emergency Services - \$12,320.00, Interstate Telecommunications Coop, Inc. - \$222,248.11, Nebraska Salt & Grain Co. - \$2,619.63, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$21,559.26, Stonebrooke Engineering Inc. - \$3,240.00, Tenvoorde Ford, Inc. - \$67,028.80, Yellow Medicine Cty Hwy Dept. - \$2,490.10 and 46 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$15,857.27.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval to pass Resolution 13-2020 to call a public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Abatement for the purpose of issuing Tax Abatement Bonds. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to pass Resolution 13-2020 Calling for a Public Hearing to be held April 7, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. on Proposed Property Tax Abatements for the Purpose of Issuing Tax Abatement Bonds. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2020

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY
TAX ABATEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING TAX ABATEMENT BONDS
Public Hearing to be held on April 7, 2020 at 9:05 a.m.
(Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Fiber Optic Broadband Project)

WHEREAS, *Minnesota Statutes*, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, both inclusive (the "Act"), authorize the County of Lincoln, Minnesota (the "County"), upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the County on certain property; and

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore adopted Resolution No. 26-2018 (the "Abatement Resolution") approving certain property tax abatements (as further defined the Abatement Resolution, the "Abatement") derived from the properties identified on attached Exhibit A to the Abatement Resolution (the "Abatement Properties"); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to supplement the Abatement to, among other things, add additional parcels in order to decrease the maximum term to 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the County to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of the County of Lincoln, Minnesota, as follows:

i) Abatement Hearing. A public hearing on the consideration of authorizing adding additional parcels to the Abatement Properties in connection with the issuance of tax abatement bonds will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

ii) Notice. The County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** to be given one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County more than 10 days but less than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general circulation, interest and readership in the County, and must be published at least once per week.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Sik and, upon a vote being taken thereon after full discussion thereof, the following voted in favor thereof: Joe Drietz, Rick Hamer, Corey Sik, Mic VanDeVere and Jack 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

Motion by Sik, seconded by Vizecky to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer