

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 5, 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 Rick Hamer, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky via conference call. Commissioner Sik was absent. Also present was Lincoln County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, Kristina Richmond and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from April 21, 2020 and the agenda for May 5, 2020. All (4) voted in favor.

Lisa Graphenteen, Development Services Inc., requested approval of the Service Agreement for Hole in the Mountain Park. Graphenteen reviewed different components of the agreement. Three main components were the user research piece to find out what people desire about the park, the request for proposals that would be done by architectural firms so we have an idea of the cost of improvements and determining if these improvements will increase the cost to operate the park. After all of these items are determined, the Master Plan will be updated. A question for the County Board is who will review proposals. Would this be the County, a committee or DSI. The grant agreement has been approved and fully executed and the work can begin but the County cannot get reimbursements for expenses until the land issue is resolved. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve the Service Agreement for Hole in the Mountain Park. All (4) voted in favor.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Park Manager, requested approval to use Picnic Point for essential workers and possibly move the Picnic Point seasonal campers to Norwegian Creek. Schlapkohl stated that once the Governor decides what will happen with parks, we can then decide what to do with the seasonal campers. Schlapkohl thought we should just have seasonal campers and essential workers in the park this year and no weekend campers. Commissioner Hamer read a letter from one of the Picnic Point seasonal campers that stated they do not want the Commissioners to keep them from their seasonal spots at Picnic Point if the Governor and Commissioners open the park. Discussion was held with the Commissioners, and other members of the public via teleconference about Picnic Point and the seasonal camping spots. The Commissioners will take all opinions into consideration and if the Governor opens the parks, a decision will be made at a future meeting. Information only.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management, gave an update on the following items:

- COVID-19 Committee meetings are held weekly with discussions on the following topics
  - Campgrounds and what the plan is on opening them.
  - A 4 week plan on getting back to normal hours for the employees at the County.
- Had a meeting with Mortenson on what they are doing with their construction workers and COVID-19
- Have been working with Public Health to put together care packages for the daycares and the schools.
- Delivered hand sanitizer to the cities.
- EMS schedules have been hard to fill.
- Public Health and Scholten have been working on putting an informational article about COVID-19 in the paper.

Information only.

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

- Working towards getting ready for this year's construction projects which includes seal coating and a widening project on County Highway 7.
- Paving is still planned for July.
- Box Culvert Projects that were let last year will be starting in the next couple weeks as long as the weather remains dry.
- Minor grading on County Highway 10 that was left over from last year will be completed soon.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Continue to blade and gravel where it is needed.
- Roads will need to firm up before we do the May gravel maintenance.
- Continue to work on the shoulders of paved roads.
- Will do some culvert projects once the frost comes out of the ground and the water level goes down.
- Continuing to clean up the Guida pit with the dozer.

Information only.

Community North Repower Road Use Agreement is still being worked on. Information only.

Wilson requested approval of the Multi Year Plan for repairs and improvements on County Highways. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve the Multi Year Plan for repairs and improvements to County Highways for the years of 2020 – 2024. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson requested approval of the 2019 Road and Bridge Annual Report. Motion by Hamer, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the 2019 Road and Bridge Annual Report. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson would like to know how to do the bidding process with the current situation. If the courthouse is still closed, the contractors can join by teleconference for the opening of the bids. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, informed the Board that they have been out seeding buffers. There is still quite a bit to be done. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that they have purchased additional dumpsters for the cities. Information only.

Olsen did receive an estimate from the Ivanhoe Lumber Company for the cold storage shed. A materials bid was received but no labor bid. The cold storage shed project will be put on hold for now. Information only.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance, requested approval to spray foam the maintenance shed. Drietz received 5 quotes. The quotes were as follows:

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| • Jeremy/Toronto | \$8,700.00  | • Rick’s Roofing and Spray Foam |
|                  |             | \$8,600.00                      |
| • KRT Foaming    | \$10,465.00 | • Evans Insulation              |
|                  |             | \$10,250.00                     |
| • Mark Timmerman | \$11,187.00 |                                 |

Drietz recommended going with Rick’s Roofing out of Toronto for \$8,600.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve the quote from Rick’s Roofing out of Toronto for \$8,600.00 to spray foam the maintenance shed. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer, and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Committee Reports were given:  
Drietz – CPT, COVID-19  
Hamer – None  
Sik – absent  
VanDeVere – United Community Action, Hole in the Mountain Legacy Grant meeting, Solid Waste Recycling Commission, COVID-19, Supporting Hands  
Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #12709 - #12746 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$55,960.14, Road & Bridge - \$7,918.22, and Ditch - \$6,926.91. 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: A.C.E. of A & C Excavating LLC - \$2,707.00, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$5,663.40, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$3,015.14, Mactek Systems Inc. - \$20,123.00, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$14,372.84, Thomas Electric Inc. - \$8,275.00, Mike Thooft - \$3,964.95 and 31 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$12,683.94.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by VanDeVere to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer