

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 20, 2021
Courthouse Commissioners Room-Zoom
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Mic VanDeVere, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Sik was absent. Also present were Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from April 6, 2021, and the agenda for April 20, 2021. All (4) voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, reviewed the list of disposals that were approved at the last meeting. The revolver in question was seized and forfeited and Meester is working with the County Attorney to have it disposed of properly. Information only.

Meester presented a \$200.00 donation from a Lincoln County resident that preferred to stay anonymous. Meester informed the Board that he had sent a thank you letter to the donor. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to accept the \$200.00, anonymous, donation to the Sheriff's office. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, presented the annual SCORE report. Olsen reviewed the financial section, the recycling tonnage, the benefit of recycling metal, appliances coming into the landfill, and clothing that is administered by the Veterans. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to approve the annual 2020 SCORE report. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval to declare a Dewalt Level Laser as surplus and placed on the Minnbid site for auction. Motion by Drietz seconded by Nielsen to approve declaring the Dewalt Level Laser as surplus and put on the Minnbid site. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that after looking at the benefits for CD#14, he feels these benefits should be redetermined. Olsen would like to send a letter to all benefitted land owners regarding redetermining this ditch. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to send a letter to the landowners that are benefitted by CD #14 to let them know the Board is considering a redetermination and allowing comments from the landowners. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that CD #14 has a tile crossing on the railroad. The County has had a request to replace this tile. Olsen has contacted Bolten and Menk Inc. to put a plan together for the railroad to request a permit for this replacement. The cost is estimated to be \$2,000 for Bolten and Menk Inc.'s services. Information only.

Jeff Petersen was present to discuss the possibility of getting a memorial sign for Herman Petersen. Herman Petersen was a life-long resident of Lincoln County and Jeff would like a sign placed at the beginning and ending of the property that Herman owned and farmed. The sign would be located on County Highway 15 at 130th Avenue and 170th Avenue. Joe Wilson said there is nothing that says we cannot do it. Some of the other Counties are looking into it as well. The requester would have to pay for the labor and materials. We would need to have an application process and come up with criteria that would have to be met. The request was tabled for now and Wilson will look into what type of application process we should have and what kind of criteria we should put in place. Information only.

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

- Will be advertising bids for County Highway 7 Widening Project. Some minor ROW issues have come up.
- Continue to work with the townships on bridges that can be done this year.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Disking shoulders and blading gravel roads
- Started removing snow equipment.
- Spring load restrictions are still on. Wilson feels they will be removed by April 29th.

Wilson informed the Board that Bids were opened for Box Culverts on April 12th. The bids were as follows:

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| • R & G Construction | \$612,098.38 | • Riley Bros Construction, Inc | \$667,927.38 |
| • A & C Excavation, LLC | \$673,271.38 | • Midwest Contracting, LLC | \$693,025.00 |

Wilson stated that the low bid was adjusted since the reading of the bid due to a calculation error. Wilson's recommendation is to go with the R & G Construction's bid. Motion by Drietz, seconded by

Nielsen to award the bid for contract 01-2021 to R & G Construction in the amount of \$612,098.38 (low bidder) which was 8.34% below the Engineer's Estimate. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that they have received one internal applicant for the open highway position. Wilson will tentatively schedule the interview for next week. Information only.

Wilson requested approval of Resolution 16-2021 Detour Agreement for MnDOT MN Highway 271 Project. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 16-2021 MnDOT Detour Agreement which also authorizes the Engineer and the Board Chair to execute and approve amendments to the agreement. All (4) voted in favor.

**LINCOLN COUNTY
RESOLUTION #16-2021
Mn/Dot Detour Agreement No. 1046457**

IT IS RESOLVED that Lincoln County enter in MnDOT Agreement No. 1046457 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of County road used for detour, County State Aid Highway No. 17, as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 271 from Junction of Trunk Highway No. 19 to Minnesota/South Dakota border under State Project No. 4110-14 (T.H. 271=271)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board Chair and the Lincoln County Engineer are authorized to execute the agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson would like to start summer hours for the Highway Department starting April 26th. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Highway Department summer hours starting April 26th. All (4) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan, Missouri River Watershed
- Hauswedell – None
- Nielsen – None
- Sik – Absent
- VanDeVere –Transportation Meeting for District 8

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Nielsen seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #15335 - #15388 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$33,393.39, Road & Bridge - \$9,950.90, Ditch - \$389.60 and LID - \$290.39. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, and VanDeVere 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 - \$4,027.53, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,476.00, Dacotah Paper Co. \$3,007.01, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$2,125.40, Mactek Systems Inc. - \$4,907.00, Pomp's Tire and Service - \$4,820.00 and 48 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$19,661.34.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer