

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 3, 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 was 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 July 20, 2021, and the agenda for August 3, 2021. All (4) voted in favor.

Bids were opened for approximately 15 acres of hay land west of Ivanhoe in the SW ¼ of Section 34 of Royal Township. The Bids were as follows:

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| • Robert Olsen \$1,650.00 | • Jay Blegen \$480.00 |
| • Kyle Kulla \$1,350.00 | |

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Drietz, to approve awarding the hay land bid for approximately 15 acres West of Ivanhoe in the SW ¼ of Section 34 of Royal Township to Robert Olsen at a bid of \$1,650.00 per year. All (4) voted in favor.

Dennis Klingbile and Shad Lipinski, from the Ivanhoe EDA, were present to discuss a land purchase proposal. The proposal was to purchase 5 acres of parcel #13-0182-005 at \$6,500.00 per acre at a total price of \$32,500.00. The EDA would like to pay \$2,500.00 down with \$3,000.00 owed each year for 10 years. Attorney Peterson will look at statutes to determine if the County can sell to the EDA without going out for bids, if the County is allowed to forego interest, and how many years the County is allowed to do a contract for deed for. Discussion was also held on who will pay for the certified survey. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the purchase of 5 acres, at \$6,500.00 per acre, from Lincoln County to the Ivanhoe EDA upon research and approval of the County Attorney and with the Ivanhoe EDA paying for the certified survey. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, requested approval to hire Matt Marczak as a full-time Environmental Technician. Commissioner Nielsen would like to see Olsen's letter of retirement prior to approving the hire. Olsen will get a retirement letter to the Board by September 1, 2021. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz, to approve hiring Matt Marczak as a full time Environmental Technician with a start date of 9/1/2021. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen has some policy suggestions for the Joint County Ditches. These suggestions are as follows:

- Each Ditch Inspector from the respective counties can spend up to \$10,000.00 on a project within their county.
- Each County Board can approve from \$10,000.00 - \$25,000.00 on a project with their county.
- If a project is over \$25,000.00, the JCD Board will need to meet and approve.
- The JCD Board will meet once per year to review all expenses.

Information only.

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

- Paving projects on County Highway 1 and 8 are mostly finished.
- The County Highway 7 Widening Project will tentatively begin at the end of August and the Box Culvert Projects on County Highway 15 and 19 will tentatively begin in September. A pre-construction meeting will be held on August 4th to decide some of these details.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Started the second round of mowing.
- Almost complete with gravel hauling.
- Will look at repairing and replacing some culverts.
- The back hoe is being repaired.
- The county is looking at different rent options for an excavator.

Information only.

Wilson gave an update on the projects that need to be closed out from last year. They were as follows:

- 3 Township Box Culvert Projects – Need final contractor information
- County Sealcoat Project – Need final contractor information
- Community Wind North Re-Power Road Use Agreement – Finished
- Courthouse and Highway Parking Lot Project – Need final contractor information.

Information only.

Wilson requested approval to purchase a ¾ ton pickup to replace unit #36 2005 F250 Pickup. Wilson budgeted \$44,000.00 and received one quote from Midway Commercial (state bid) in the amount of

\$36,011.01. A quote was also requested from Chevy with no response. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the purchase of a ¾ ton 2022 F250 4x4 Super Cab with an 8 foot box in the amount of \$36,011.01 plus corresponding fees. All (4) voted in favor.

Tami Nelson, Lincoln County Financial Accountant, presented the appropriations and noted which ones have increased and entities where we received no response. The preliminary budget will be presented at the meeting on 8/17/21 and will need to be approved by September 30, 2021. Information only.

Discussion was held on the MN Rural Counties. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve becoming members of the MN Rural Counties starting January 1, 2022. All (4) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – None
- Hauswedell – SWHHS, Western Mental Health
- Nielsen – None
- Sik – Absent
- VanDeVere – Solid Waste Recycling Commission, Rural MN Energy Board, Supporting Hands

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #16130 - #16179 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$40,113.67, Road & Bridge - \$45,672.55, Ditch - \$1,091.00 and Solid Waste - \$450.00. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$13,406.83, Country Side Nursery - \$2,490.83, CRCN, Inc. - \$3,286.00, Hancock Concrete Prod Co. LLC - \$16,001.10, MN Dept. of Transportation – St Paul - \$2,820.97, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$22,262.50, W.W. Tire Service Inc. - \$2,846.30 and 43 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$24,212.69.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval of an Amended Veteran’s Service Resolution No. 23-2021. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve Amended Veteran’s Service Resolution No. 23-2021. All (4) voted in favor.

**AMENDED
RESOLUTION NO. 23-2021
RESOLUTION OF LINCOLN COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED by *Lincoln County* that the County enter into the attached Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter12, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by *Lincoln County* that *John Hovland*, the *County Veterans Service Officer*, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a *regular meeting of the County Board Chair* this *third day of August, 2021*.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to transfer money from Capital Improvement for the intersection signs in the amount of \$51,107.90. All (4) voted in favor.

Vierhuf informed the Board that the Legacy Park Grant application has been completed and sent. Information only.

Discussion was held on the forfeited properties and a resolution will be approved at an upcoming meeting. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer