

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

November 16, 2021
Courthouse Commissioner 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, Mic VanDeVere, Dean Nielsen, and Corey Sik. 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 Sik to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from November 2, 2021, the agenda for November 16, 2021 and the FY 2022 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement. All voted in favor.

At 9:05 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding liquor applications for the Hendricks Golf Club Association and the Knotty Pine Supper Club. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the intoxicating on-sale liquor licenses for the Hendricks Golf Club Association and the Knotty Pine Supper Club for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. All voted in favor.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management, presented a quote for 16 portable radios for the Highway Department in the amount of \$38,316.68. Scholten stated that the portable radios will save money on equipment and the labor of putting the radios in new vehicles. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve purchasing 16 portable radios for the Highway Department in the amount of \$38,316.68 from Alpha Wireless. All voted in favor.

Scholten informed the Board that a presentation would be given after the meeting for a Statewide Shared 911 system. Information only.

Scholten informed the Board that she has had some conversations with Ann Jensen from SW EMS regarding county wide ambulance. Scholten will be meeting with Jensen to discuss different options. Information only.

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

- The contractor is almost complete with work on Co. Hwy 7 Widening Project. A few cleanup items remain.
- Box culverts, on Co Hwy 15 is finished and the Box Culvert on Co Hwy 19 is close to finished.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Snow equipment is ready to go.
- Sand and salt mix is ready.
- Will do tree removal as weather permits.
- Temporary Signing to do.
- Received some cement aprons for projects started in September.

Information only.

Wilson presented Resolution 34-2021 Final Payment for Contract 01-2020 to Allied Blacktop Company. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution 34-2022 Final Payment for Contract 01-2020 to Allied Blacktop Company. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, the construction of Contract 01-2020 (Sealcoating and Striping on various County and City roads) has in all things been completed by Allied Blacktop Company, the final contract costs are as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$ 807,985.09
Contract Changes	\$ -59,601.05
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 748,384.04
Final Contract Amount	\$ 733,942.59
Final Payment Amount	\$ 7,339.44

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Lincoln and authorize final payment as specified above.

ADOPTED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 16th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson introduced the new Highway Technician, Kari Meyer-Thovson. Information only.

Wilson presented a quote for the snow plow equipment from Towmaster in the amount of \$123,508.00. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve purchasing the snow plow equipment from Towmaster in the amount of \$123,508.00. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the annual meeting regarding sharing the MnDOT building will be at 1:00 today. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, proposed increasing the Solid Waste Assessment from \$55.00 to \$65.00 per qualifying parcel. This assessment pays for curbside recycling, maintains rural drop off sites, and pays 50% of the commercial recycling. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve increasing the Solid Waste Assessment to \$65.00, for payable 2022, per qualifying parcel. All voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that he has been getting additional quotes for the demolition of the Lake Benton and Arco forfeited houses. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that we can decrease our cost to remove the cement at the Ivanhoe forfeited site by dumping that cement at our Highway Department site and using our side dump along with the contractor's equipment for hauling. Information only.

A conference call with the Lyon County Joint Ditch Board was held. Lyon County Commissioners present were Graupmann, Crowley, Ritter, Sanow, and Anderson. Lincoln County Commissioners present were Drietz, Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik and VanDeVere.

The meeting was turned over to Commissioner Anderson. E.J. Moberg, Lyon County Auditor-Treasurer, informed the Boards that the final step was not completed 5 years ago to consolidate CD 24 and JD 31 and to do this, we will need to hold a public hearing. Moberg proposed that we hold the public hearing December 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the Lyon County Commissioner's room. The Lincoln County Commissioners to attend will be Hauswedell, VanDeVere, and Drietz as a quorum of the Lincoln County Board.

The public hearing to consolidate CD 24 and JD 31 was set by Commissioner Anderson for December 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the Lyon County Commissioner's room.

Jason Wisniewski, a Lincoln County Resident, would like the Board to hold off on the demolition of the Ivanhoe Creamery. The Creamery is identified in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan as the only remaining property in Ivanhoe eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The building is a beautiful rainbow

brick building. Wisniewski feels that keeping historic buildings makes a community more interesting and appealing. Wisniewski would like the Commissioners to hold off on demolition of this building and see if someone from the public would be interested in purchasing the building. The Commissioners felt if there was interest from the community, they were in favor of selling the building during the forfeited auction along with the other forfeited properties. Information only.

Jason Kloss, Environmental Health Manager with SWHHS, informed the Board that the Public Health Ordinances have been reviewed and need some revisions. A revision needed to be done due to the MN Department of Health food code changes and some statute numbers that have changed. A public hearing will need to be set to review and approve these changes. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve setting a public hearing for the Public Health Ordinance changes on December 9th at 4:05 p.m. All voted in favor.

Lisa Graphenteen, Director of Housing and Economic Development, informed the Board that there is a Noxious Weed Grant available that we could use for our parks and trails. This grant amount requires matching funds but can be used for our mower purchase. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve having DSI apply for the Noxious Weed Grant to be used for our parks and trails. All voted in favor.

Graphenteen gave an update on the status of our Parks and Trails Grant application which included the following items:

- A recommendation will be received soon from Parks and Trails Commission, but will still need to go to Legislature for a final decision on money we will receive.
- A large number of high quality applications have been received by the Parks and Trails Commission.
- We may not have all three components of the grant funded this first round.
- We will be listed on the MN Great Outdoors website within a few months.

Information only.

Tami Nelson, Lincoln County Financial Accountant, reviewed the budget with the Board. The Board would like to see the following changes:

- An additional \$20,000 to go to SWCD which they will use to go towards Pictometry.
- An additional \$3,000 to go to the Ag Association appropriation as a separate line item to go towards their lawn mower fund.
- Remove \$2,000 from Explore SW MN until they present to the Board what that money is used for.

Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – LacQuiParle Watershed, RCRCA and Area II
 Hauswedell – Prime West
 Nielsen – Personnel, ACE, LCEDC
 Sik – None
 VanDeVere – Personnel, Prime West,

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #16891-#16946 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$30,860.01, Road & Bridge - \$29,190.27, Debt Service - \$17,300.00, Ditch - \$19,234.48 and County Agency - \$7,971.10. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Black Strap Inc. - \$2,130.81, Bolton & Menk - \$5,281.00, Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$6,656.80, Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$13,953.48, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,376.00, Hancock Concrete Prod Co LLC - \$2,592.74, Lyon County Landfill - \$7,971.10, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$14,735.88, Tolk Graveling LLC - \$2,013.97, Tyler Body Shop LLC - \$2,520.00, Victor Construction Inc. - \$17,300.00, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$9,751.62 and 44 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$14,272.46

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval of the Quadient Lease for the postage machine in the amount of \$376.16 per month for 63 months. The previous lease was \$454.00 per month. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the lease with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. for the postage machine for \$376.16 per month for 63 months. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf present Resolution 33-2021 Resolution for MRC (MN Rural Counties) Membership. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 33-2021 Resolution for MRC (MN Rural Counties) Membership. All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 33-2021
Resolution for MRC (MN Rural Counties) Membership

- Whereas: The culture and economy of rural Minnesota are critical to the fabric and fortunes of the entire state, and;
- Whereas: Comprehension of the importance the rural culture and economy bring to the overall success of the state is eroding, and
- Whereas: Rural counties need a strong, cohesive membership organization to promote and defend the rural culture and economy, and
- Whereas: Minnesota Rural Counties is the only membership organization to advocate specifically for rural county concerns, and
- Whereas: Minnesota Rural Counties represents rural county interests within the legislature and at AMC;

Therefore be it resolved that Lincoln County, by means of this resolution, hereby supports the efforts of MRC, and joins its ranks as a member in good standing.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf requested approval to change the next Board meeting date due to the AMC conference. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Sik to approve changing the date and time for the first Board Meeting in December to Thursday, December 9th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with the Truth and Taxation meeting at 6:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf informed the Board that we will no longer receive the free zoom account. The cost is about \$20.00 per month. The Board was in consensus with continuing the zoom account at a cost of about \$20.00 per month. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn the Board of Commissioner's meeting at 11:03 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer