

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2021  
Courthouse Commissioner Room - zoom  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Vice Chair Joe Drietz, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, and Corey Sik. Commissioner VanDeVere 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 Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from September 21, 2021, and the agenda for October 5, 2021. All (4) voted in favor.

The bid opening was held for the 1988 1 ton GMC 4-Wheel Drive Truck. Two bids were received. The bids were as follows:

- Wayne Pearson    \$281.00
- Gene Johnson    \$800.00

After discussion was held, the Board tabled this. The Board would like to advertise the 1988 1 ton GMC 4-Wheel Drive Truck on Minnbid with a minimum bid. If no bids are received, they will consider the bids received. Information only.

Tiffany Barnard, Philanthropy Manger of South West Initiative, gave a presentation on the Southwest Initiative Foundation. This organization's 2022 request is \$2,340.00. This figure is based on population. Since the organization's inception, nearly \$1.1 million has been deployed in Lincoln County through loan programs. During the last fiscal year, \$904,323 was distributed to Lincoln County businesses in grant dollars. The Board will consider the 2022 request. Information only.

Kristina Richmond, Lincoln County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval to use some of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars for a water issue. There is water that drains toward the building in the area between the Sheriff's link and the Assembly Room. The ARP funds can be used for water issues. One quote was received from Lakeside Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$15,678.53. Other businesses were contacted for a quote, but no one else chose to submit a quote. Motion by Sik, seconded by Drietz to approve the landscaping-water issue quote from Lakeside Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$15,678.53. All (4) voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, requested approval of a one year contract with the City of Hendricks for law enforcement. The contract will be reviewed again next year. This will get the City of Hendricks and the City of Lake Benton on the same schedule for law enforcement contract renewals. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the City of Hendricks and Lincoln County Contract for Law Enforcement Services for the year of 2022. All (4) voted in favor.

Meester requested approval of Resolution No. 29-2021 Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the County of Lincoln on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff. This Joint Powers Agreement has been approved in the past and this is a renewal. The agreement will be in force for 5 years. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution No. 29-2021 Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the County of Lincoln on Behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff. All (4) voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-2021  
RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN ON BEHALF OF ITS COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the County is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provide the County with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems and tools over the five year life of the agreement and obligates the County to pay the costs for the network connection.

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

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Lincoln on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff are hereby approved.
2. That the Sheriff, Chad Meester, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Sheriff. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
3. That the County Attorney, Glen Petersen, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the County Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any

subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

4. That Michael "Mic" VanDeVere, the Chair of the County of Lincoln, and Deborah Vierhuf, the County Auditor-Treasurer, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.

Passed and Adopted by the Council on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Attest:

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Mic VanDeVere, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

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

- The contractor continues to work on Co. Hwy 7 Widening Project. Expect to be finished in 1-2 weeks.
- Box culverts, on Co Hwy 15 and 19, are planned to begin mid to late October.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Maintenance striping was finished September 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Started fall mowing.
- Stock piling of gravel.
- Expecting a salt delivery and will start getting the winter mix ready once received.
- Getting the Guida Pit ready for the gravel crushing next year.
- More Ditch cleaning will be done as crops are harvested.

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he is still working on closing and finalizing projects from last year. The Buffalo Ridge Wind Tower project is moving forward. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the railroad crossing no longer qualifies for funding so it will not be done this year. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the weed spraying contractor will not be able to come due to an employee shortage. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that MN 271 is no longer detoured and will be complete by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that an application was received for the technician position and he will be interviewing today. Information only.

Wilson presented some buying options for a cold planer that would attach to our current skid loader. This would allow the highway department to mill out areas in the roads that need to be patched. In the past, if we have needed a cold planer, we have borrowed or tried to lease one. This is getting more difficult to do. We would order the planer this year and receive it in 2022. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve purchasing an 18" cold planer from Titan Machinery in the amount of \$18,803.70 plus corresponding fees. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, informed the Board that parcel #14-0132-000 is in the process of being cleaned up and will be complete in about a week. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that at the JD #29 Ditch Hearing, the JD #29 Redetermination was approved. Olsen had the order ready for signature and would like to get the roll call vote to add to the order. Roll call vote was as follows: Drietz – Yay, Hauswedell – Yay, Sik – Yay, Nielsen – Yay, VanDeVere – Absent.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT  
Hauswedell – Western Mental Health  
Nielsen – ACE, Personnel  
Sik – SWHHMS, Plum Creek  
VanDeVere – Absent

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #16582-#16624 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$84,523.54, Road & Bridge - \$17,934.81, Ditch - \$7,324.15 and County Agency - \$1,600.00. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, and Sik voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service bill. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota - \$3,781.25, Tom Barber - \$6,942.00, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$36,750.00, Frontier Precision Inc. - \$13,670.77, Good Septic & Excavating - \$9,456.93, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$15,051.20, TrueNorth Steel Inc. - \$9,729.03, Vollan Oil - \$2,875.00 and 35 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$13,126.32.

HRA had emailed a Resolution Appointing John Lichtsinn as a new commissioner to the HRA board. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution No. 30-2021 Resolution Appointing Certain Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Lincoln County, Minnesota. All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 30-2021  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.428, Subdivision 1, authorizes the governing body of a county to appoint Commissioners of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA);

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

1. John Lichtsinn is hereby appointed as a Commissioner of the Lincoln County HRA for a term of office ending July 11, 2026.
2. The Board finds that the terms of office of the other HRA Commissioners are scheduled to end as follows:

Julie Hogie of Hendricks, From and for County Commissioner District 3.	July 11, 2022
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John Lichtsinn of Lake Benton From and for County Commissioner District 1.	July 11, 2026
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Amanda Engels of Minneota From and for County Commissioner District 5.	July 11, 2023
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Jaime McKenzie of Ivanhoe, From and for County Commissioner District 4.	July 11, 2025
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Jennifer Nordmeyer of Lake Benton From and for County Commissioner District 1 (Commissioner District with Greatest number of public housing units)	July 11, 2023
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Marilyn Powell of Lake Benton From and for County Commissioner District 1 as an At-Large Board Member	July 11, 2022
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Attest:

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Mic VanDeVere, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to adjourn the Board of Commissioner's meeting at 10:32 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:  
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Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer