

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 2, 2022
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Corey Sik, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. 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 July 19, 2022, and the agenda for August 2, 2022. All voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, requested approval to hire. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve hiring Karter DeSmet as a Lincoln County deputy. All voted in favor.

Meester informed the Board that he has appointed the Drug Task Force Deputy. Information only.

Meester informed the Board that Midwest Medical Examiners held training on the new process for coroner services. The training was offered to the ambulance and hospital personnel plus the Lincoln County deputies. Meester feels the transition will go smoothly. Information only.

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

- A public meeting has been scheduled for August 10th at the Tyler Fire Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to share information with landowners along the County Highway 7 widening project from 1 mile North of Tyler to Arco.
- Continue to work on projects for next year
- Bridge safety inspections
- Yellow Medicine County is short on bridge inspectors this year. They have requested our assistance. We will help them out with Yellow Medicine County reimbursing us for our time and equipment usage.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- The asphalt patching is complete.
- Continue to haul gravel.
- 2 of our 6 trucks are currently running. 2 our due to exhaust manifolds being rusted out. Will hopefully have more of them running soon.
- Have been blading gravel roads.
- Would like to start culvert replacement soon.

Wilson continues to work on finalizing and closing out projects from previous years. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that most of the MPCA items have been cleared up. There is one item left that will require some minor updates to our system. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he is planning to request quotes for hydraulic analysis for upcoming culvert and bridge projects. There are currently 4 culverts on the list and 3 to 4 will be added. Information only.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that they are working on adding gravel and sod to the Verdi garbage site and will be putting up the fence soon. A well was discovered on the site and Dustin is looking into getting it sealed. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that TE Underground has started on the CD #14 Railroad Crossing project. Information only.

Hauschild requested approval to purchase the pipe for the tile installation on CD #14. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to purchase pipe for the tile installation on CD #14. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Lake Shaokatan Lake Improvement District has requested that the County contribute \$5,000.00 towards the weed spraying in the lake if it is approved. Currently Lake Shaokatan is below the threshold of 85% which is required for the permit to be approved. The Commissioner's feel it is important to assist with the upkeep of the Lincoln County Lakes. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Sik to approve contributing \$5,000.00 towards the spraying of Lake Shaokatan in 2022 if it is approved. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that soil borings need to be done by the outlet on Lake Shaokatan. Soil Technologies has been hired to do the borings and the analysis of the soil. Lincoln County will be billed \$6,937.50 plus possible added contingencies. Area II is doing the design for replacing the dam. Hauschild will check into if buffer funds can be used for these expenses. Information only.

Hauschild inquired as to if there should be any adjustment to the permit fees. The Commissioners feel the current permitting process is fair and no change is needed. Information only.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance, has received a quote from Bisbee Plumbing for the Heating/Cooling project. Rick will need them to add some additional items, but will have a quote at the next meeting. Information only.

Rick Drietz presented a quote from Midwest Alarm to install key card access for the courthouse and the Sheriff's Office. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the quote from Midwest Alarm to install key card access for the courthouse and the Sheriff's Office plus the access control color card printer credentials and a ProWatch server in the amount of \$148,560.06 plus corresponding fees out of the capital improvement fund. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, DSI President, presented the Memorandum of Understanding between Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc., the City of Ivanhoe and Lincoln County. There will be a couple of changes made to the memorandum that was sent out in the Commissioner packets. ITC has signed off on the changes. The first edit was in section 1 regarding the download and upload speeds. The second edit was in section 2 there was a change made to run fiber to each business or residence, if requested, even if they do not initially sign up. The third edit was in Section 3 where the terms between the City and the County for payback of the \$100,000.00 - it was changed to a manner that was agreed upon by the City and the County. Robinson will make these changes and bring a clean copy back for signature. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc., the City of Ivanhoe, and Lincoln County where each will contribute respective amounts for the construction of a fiber optic communications network in the Ivanhoe City service area. All voted in favor.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Parks Manager, requested approval to purchase a 2022 John Deere Z997R lawn mower. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve purchasing a 2022 John Deere Z997R Mower in the amount of \$18,399.38 less the trade-in of \$13,440.00 for a net amount of \$4,959.38. All voted in favor.

Schlapkohl informed the Board that the pickup that was ordered in 2021 will not be received until 2023. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – SWCD, CPT
 Hauswedell – SWHHS, Western Mental Health
 Nielsen – None
 Sik – HRA, Labor Management
 VanDeVere – Rural MN Energy Board, Supporting Hands

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #18755 - #18800 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$13,730.74, and Road & Bridge - \$73,473.43. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$5,070.14, Duininck Incorporated - \$27,271.30, Fidlal Companies - \$3,529.91, Team Laboratory Chemical Corp - \$34,375.00 and 42 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$16,957.82

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor – Treasurer, presented Joint Powers Agreement #216188 which is the recount agreement for the Primary Election. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement #216188 which allows the Lincoln County Auditor's office to act as the recount official for the Primary Election. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented Joint Powers Agreement #216190 which is the recount agreement for the General Election. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement #216190 which allows the Lincoln County Auditor's office to act as the recount official for the General Election. All voted in favor.

Amber Scholten, Lincoln County Emergency Management, had a discussion with the Board about the Armer Radios. There are possibly 43 mobile radios and 108 portable radios that will need to be replaced across the county. Scholten will facilitate the cities in applying for fire grants to replace these radios. Information only.

The Board was presented with a list of the appropriations for the 2022 budget to review. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer