

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

December 20, 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 Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from December 6, 2022, and the agenda for December 20, 2022. All voted in favor.

Lisa Graphenteen, Director of Housing and Economic Development, informed the Board that in the initial findings of the environmental review for the Hole in the Mountain project, it was determined that we would need to have an archeological study. Graphenteen had sent out requests for proposals to three different firms for the Archeological Study. We received one proposal. The proposal received was from 106 Group. Since the exact location of some of the improvements have not been identified, the quote was structured into two parts. The first part is research and office work and the second part is field work. There is a wide range of cost for the field work because the exact scope of the project has not been identified. There are a couple options for the Board to consider. Option one would be to move ahead with the research and office work and when it comes time to do the field work, have them hold off until the engineer has done some of his design work and we have the locations identified. Option two would be to reject this proposal and get proposals after the engineer has done the design work. After discussion, the Board was in consensus with waiting and going out for proposals at a later date. Once WSB determines the location of the project, Graphenteen will go out for proposals again and then bring the proposals back to the Board. Information only.

Amber Scholten informed the Board that Lincoln County has been declared a disaster due to the December 13<sup>th</sup> winter storm and requested approval of Resolution No. 38-2022 Declaring a State of Emergency. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution No. 38-2022 Declaring a State of Emergency for the December 13, 2022 Winter Storm. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No.  
38-2022  
Declaring a State of Emergency**

WHEREAS the winter storm event caused by ice, snow and winds starting December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 impacted the population of Lincoln County and its cities: and

WHEREAS the winter storm event starting Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln County Department of Emergency Management requests the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to declare Lincoln County in the STATE OF EMERGENCY for the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners declares Lincoln County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the winter storm event starting December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Curt Madsen was present to give an update on the Lincoln County Fair. His update included the following:

- The fair went very well in 2022.
- The open class exhibits increased and the 4-H numbers stayed stable.
- There was a balance left after the fair was complete.
- The excess \$3,000 that the county contributes for the mower is kept in a separate account so it will not get spent on anything else.
- Grants were received for the entertainment and for improving the horse barns.
- A new caretaker is maintaining the grounds and is doing a good job.

Information only.

Mike Budd and Andy Stetter, US Fish and Wildlife Service, were present to introduce themselves. They are actively looking for property and feel it is nice to visit with the Board prior to bringing a purchase to the Board.

Commissioner VanDeVere commented that he does want the US Fish and Wildlife to look at land carefully so that productive land is not taken out of production. Budd agreed and stated that they are more interested in hay and pasture land that can continue to be grazed. Commissioner Hauswedell questioned why tree removal is done on some of the US Fish and Wildlife land. Budd said they manage the grasslands to restore them back to prairie land. Information only.

Karen Lichtsinn, Lincoln County Historical Society Board Member, inquired as to if Lincoln County plans to do anything for the 150-year anniversary of Lincoln County in 2023. Some of the things the Historical Society will be doing are as follows:

- They will enhance their float and have it in every Lincoln County parade this summer.
- They will be ordering commemorative medallions to be handed out at the parades.
- They will have a booth at the Lincoln County Fair.
- They will reach out to the newspapers to see if a historical section could be put in the paper with items and pictures from the last 50 years.

Lichtsinn also mentioned that it would be nice to get some funding to help pay for some of these items. Commissioner Sik mentioned that they should reach out to the Travel SW MN group or the SW Tourism group to see if something could be done through these organizations. Information only.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, presented an agreement between Linda and Steven Polkow, Joseph and Judy Weber and Weber Farms Inc. Currently Linda and Steven Polkow are land locked and they would like a recorded easement through the Weber property and the County property. A transfer of land to the Polkow's, in recognition of the historic line on the property, is also within the agreement. Petersen stated that there could be additional changes to the agreement, but wanted to have a consensus on if the Board was in favor of this. Commissioner VanDeVere wants to be sure that there are no issues going through the County Park. Commissioner Drietz does not feel any land owner should be land locked. Petersen could add language to limit the easement for farm use only. Commissioner Hauswedell feels there should be some kind of gate so the public does not think this easement is for ATV vehicles. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Petersen moving forward and working with the landowners to have the easement agreement between Polkow's, Weber's and Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, presented a quote for a new Sheriff's server. Lincoln County recently had a security audit and one of the items that needs to be addressed is having the Sheriff's office on their own server. Chris Cauwels attended via zoom and stated that this is a recommendation from the BCA to increase security. Two quotes were received and are as follows:

- The Computer Man Inc. \$15,793.00
- Morris Electronics \$23,196.67

Cauwels recommendation is to go with the quote from The Computer Man Inc. Meester stated that his 2022 budget has money available and if 911 funds are able to be accessed, he will use those funds as well. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the Sheriff's server quote from The Computer Man Inc. in the amount of \$15,793.00. All voted in favor.

Meester wanted to thank the maintenance department for all of the snow removal and other items that they do for the County. Information only.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that Lincoln County was recommended for the funding from the MN West Lidar 3DEP. An agreement will be forth coming for the \$20,000.00 we obligated to the Lidar Project. Lincoln County Soil and Water obligated \$3,000.00. Information only.

Hauschild presented the 2023 AIS Prevention Plan for approval. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen, to approve the 2023 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan which allows us to receive our AIS funding in the estimated amount of \$63,611.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild requested approval of the East River Easement that was presented for review at the last Meeting. Attorney Petersen stated that he reviewed the agreement and it is fine to approve. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve the East River Easement which will affect the Lincoln County Landfill property. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that he would like to amend the motion from October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Ground Works quote to repair CD #37, which ended up higher due to additional 24" tile. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to amend the motion from October 4<sup>th</sup>, as follows – to hire Ground Works to replace 1,970 feet of tile on BR 2 Fork 1 and 205' of tile on Br 2 of CD #37 with the cost not to exceed ~~\$6,800.00~~ \$9,000.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the AMC Drainage Conference will be held February 8 – 9 at Arrowwood in Alexandria, MN. Hauschild plans to attend and any Commissioners that would like to attend are welcome. Information only.

Hauschild presented Resolution 37-2022 for approval. This resolution will loan money to the ditch account for CD #14's repair. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 37-2022 Ditch System One Year Loan. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-2022  
RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY DITCH SYSTEM  
FOR ONE-YEAR LOAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners, acting Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following ditch transfers are herewith adopted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County General Fund loan to the following ditch system in the total sum of \$131,000.00 for the duration of one (1) year with interest at the rate of 4%.

The following individual ditch systems will have a deficit cash balance. Minn. Stat. 103E.655, subd. 2 allows for loans to be made from the General Fund to a ditch system with insufficient cash to pay expenditures. If the County Board transfers money from another fund to a drainage system account, the money must be reimbursed from the proceeds of the drainage system that received the transfer.

<u>DITCH FUND</u>	<u>Amount</u>
40-705 CD 14	\$ 131,000.00

Consider the approval of the transferring monies in the amount of \$131,000.00 as of December 31, 2022 from the General Fund to the individual ditch system with deficit cash balance at 2022-year-end. The monies transferred will be reimbursed effective December, 2023.

**WHEREUPON** the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of December, 2022

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild requested approval of Resolution 36-2022 2023 Ditch Assessments which will build the ditch maintenance accounts. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 36-2022 2023 Ditch Assessments. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 36-2022  
Resolution of the Lincoln County Ditch System Assessments for 2023**

**Be it Revolved** by the Lincoln Board of Commissioners, acting as the County Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following assessments are herewith adopted; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that the following assessments are adopted to maintain an appropriate balance in each of the following Ditch Repair Funds:

<u>DITCH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
County Ditch 14	140,000.00
County Ditch 35	50,000.00
County Ditch 36	5,000.00
County Ditch 37	50,000.00
County Ditch 38	2,500.00
County Ditch 39	1,500.00
County Ditch 40	5,000.00
Judicial Ditch 11	2,500.00
Judicial Ditch 12	2,500.00
Judicial Ditch 19	5,000.00
Judicial Ditch 21	1,500.00
Judicial Ditch 22	2,500.00
Judicial Ditch 28	2,000.00
Judicial Ditch 30	8,000.00
Judicial Ditch 31	2,500.00
Judicial Ditch 32	2,500.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned assessments are due and payable to the Ditch Repair Funds in 2023.

**WHEREUPON** the above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance, informed the Board that the Historical Society has approved the HVAC replacement and now the Engineer from Bisbee has signed off on the project. We received an updated quote due to the added Engineer's cost. The cost would now be \$102,734.00 for the first floor. After discussion, the Board would like to hold off on this approval until we have a better idea of what the additional Electrical and construction cost would be. Information only.

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

- Need to advertise for the Bridge Replacement Projects soon.
- ADA Pedestrian Ramps Project
- Paving and Seal Coat Plans for 2023
- Will be looking over the 2022 Bridge Inspection report

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Snow and ice removal
- Some truck issues
- Equipment maintenance to get ready for the next storm

Information only.

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

Wilson informed the Board that he is looking at adding a salt brine tank to the next snow plow truck so we could apply salt brine to the roads to assist with keeping the roads clear of ice. This would add a cost of about \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00. The Board was in consensus with adding a salt brine tank to the next snow plow truck. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he did receive a contracted price of \$3.05 per gallon for 20,000 gallons of fuel from Ag Plus. Wilson feels this is a cost savings for the county. The Board was in consensus with contracting 20,000 gallons of fuel at \$3.05 per gallon. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that Boyer Truck has added two different surcharges to the Lincoln County invoice. The surcharges were added through the State Bid Contract. The new price is \$129,031.00. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the new State Bid Contract amount for the new plow truck from Boyer Truck in the amount of \$129,031.00 which was an increase of \$8,050.00 in additional surcharges from the original approved amount of \$120,981.00. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the 2005 F250 is being auctioned on Purple Wave. The current bid is \$2,000.00. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that we will be receiving \$4,666.89 for the damage to the Lake Benton shop. Once the repairs are complete if completed by 6/30/2024, we will receive an additional \$3,058.60. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that a MN Dot contract for Federal Projects will be brought to the Board for approval at the next Board Meeting. Information only.

Tami Nelson, Lincoln County Financial Accountant reviewed the final budget. The budget is still at a 3% increase. Discussion was held on whether to leave the certified levy at a 3% increase or to move less money into capital improvement and approve a 0% increase. Resolution 39-2022 2023 Certified Levy will need to be approved. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 39-2022 2023 Certified Levy which states that the levy increase is at 3%. Commissioner Drietz and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioners Hauswedell, Nielsen, and Sik voted in opposition. Motion failed.

Further discussion was held regarding a compromise between the 0% and 3%. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution No. 39-2022 2023 Certified Levy which states that the levy increase is at 1.5%. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen and Sik voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz and VanDeVere voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

**Resolution No. 39-2022  
2023 Certified Levy**

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor of Lincoln County, Minnesota, has made and submitted her estimate of expenses and revenues of said County for the year 2023, as required by law, and the County Board of said county have duly examined and considered the same,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the debt service does not need to be budgeted at 5% above the required payments and if a larger payment is required than the budget, this amount will come from reserves.

**WHEREAS**, the Taxable General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds Series 2020A Bond Payment will be paid from other sources of Revenue and will not increase the tax levy.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that there is hereby approved, the following certified levy, be ordered extended against the taxable property of said County of Lincoln for the year 2023. The detail of the County Budget is on file in the County Auditor’s Office, Lincoln County Courthouse, Ivanhoe, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

**2023 Budget Revenues/Expenditures**

Revenue	3,010,597
Regional Library	69,162
Road & Bridge	1,429,662
<b>Human Services</b>	<b>1,064,094</b>
Debt Service	417,671
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,991,186</b>
Plus, Lake Benton LID	60,000
Plus, Lake Shaokatan LID	-
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>6,051,186</b>

Fund 01 - General Government	2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
	Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
1 Board of Commissioners	-	184,900	(184,900)	-	184,550
5 Administration	3,239,502	1,350,177	1,889,325	6,411,520	1,746,042
12 Court Administrator	200	25,100	(24,900)	250	27,100
14 Capital Outlay and Improvements	399,629	681,915	(282,286)	831,000	831,000
41 County Auditor/Treasurer	2,100	479,228	(477,128)	2,200	458,378
42 Driver’s License	49,200	40,000	9,200	36,900	30,000
<del>43 County Treasurer</del>	-	-	-	-	-
44 Safety Officer/Coordinator	-	20,860	(20,860)	-	20,358
61 Elections	-	13,150	(13,150)	-	38,700
70 Data Processing	-	110,000	(110,000)	-	105,000
74 Technology / Equipment	-	81,500	(81,500)	20,000	37,800
74 Compliance Fund	15,500	26,400	(10,900)	15,000	26,400
91 County Attorney	-	214,045	(214,045)	-	198,560
101 County Recorder	67,000	311,530	(244,530)	64,000	299,313
101 County Recorder Equipment Fund	14,000	18,750	(4,750)	14,000	17,000
103 County Assessor	10,000	281,542	(271,542)	10,000	255,408
111 Courthouse Operations	-	247,450	(247,450)	-	230,850
112 Jail Building	-	36,700	(36,700)	-	33,500
121 Veterans Service Officer	7,500	40,214	(32,714)	7,500	39,102
131 Transportation Department	-	45,000	(45,000)	-	45,000
142 BC/BS Employee Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>General Government Totals</b>	<b>3,804,631</b>	<b>4,208,461</b>	<b>(403,830)</b>	<b>7,412,370</b>	<b>4,624,061</b>

Fund 01 - Public Safety	2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
	Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
201 County Sheriff	185,000	1,835,575	(1,650,575)	145,500	1,884,716
205 Boat & Water Safety Enforcement	4,500	6,866	(2,366)	4,500	6,866
205.6810 Aeration Systems	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	3,000
212 ARMER	-	97,000	(97,000)	-	85,500
213 911 Enhancement Program	-	-	-	-	-

222	County Coroner	126,000	126,000		86,000	235,000
		-	24,000	(24,000)	-	19,000
251	Probation Officer	10,846	54,500	(43,654)	11,486	51,217
252	Adult Probation Programming	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
281	Emergency Management	-	123,630	(123,630)	16,000	121,220
<b>Public Safety Totals</b>		<b>327,846</b>	<b>2,271,571</b>	<b>(1,943,725)</b>	<b>264,986</b>	<b>2,406,519</b>

<b>Fund 01 - Public Works/Sanitation</b>		<b>2023 Budget</b>			<b>2022 Budget</b>	
		<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
392	Landfill/Solid Waste	440,500	440,500	-	430,500	404,817
<b>Public Works Totals</b>		<b>440,500</b>	<b>440,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430,500</b>	<b>404,817</b>

<b>Fund 01 - Public Health</b>		<b>2023 Budget</b>			<b>2022 Budget</b>	
		<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
431	Public Health	-	80,370	(80,370)	-	84,018
<b>Public Health Totals</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>80,370</b>	<b>(80,370)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,018</b>

<b>Fund 01 - Culture &amp; Recreation</b>		<b>2023 Budget</b>			<b>2022 Budget</b>	
		<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
512	Regional Library - Plum Creek Library	-	69,162	(69,162)	64,850	64,850
521	County Parks	228,000	348,717	(120,717)	222,000	367,317
549.6861	Historical Society	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
549.6862	SMAHC (Arts)	-	500	(500)	-	500
608	Trails Grant - Snowmobile	28,000	28,000	-	28,000	28,000
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Totals</b>		<b>256,000</b>	<b>456,379</b>	<b>(200,379)</b>	<b>314,850</b>	<b>470,667</b>

<b>Fund 01 - Conservation/Natural Resources</b>		<b>2023 Budget</b>			<b>2022 Budget</b>	
		<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
605.605	Environmental Office	-	-	-	-	-
605.606	Planning & Zoning (Env)	32,597	32,597	-	32,837	32,767
605.607	Street Sign Addressing (Env)	10,058	10,058	-	18,840	18,903
605.608	Ag riculture Inspector	8,028	8,028	-	7,664	7,664
605.610	Buffer Enforcement	105,271	105,271	-	105,271	105,381
605.624	Feedlot (Env)	77,650	77,650	-	77,650	77,495
605.651	Aquatic Invasive Species (Env)	63,611	63,611	-	63,915	63,907
611	County Extension	-	136,234	(136,234)	-	130,376
625	ISTS (Env)	34,924	34,924	-	34,700	34,871
625	ISTS Loan Payments (Sp. Assess)	122,010	122,010	-	110,235	110,235
631	Water MGMT Task Force (SWCD)	15,488	18,843	(3,355)	15,488	18,843
635	BWSR Grant (SWCD)	8,778	8,778	-	8,778	8,778
649.6863	Agri Society (Fair)	-	43,174	(43,174)	-	41,174
649.6864	Soil Conservation SWCD	-	160,595	(160,595)	-	153,900
649.6865	Are II MN River Basin	-	5,027	(5,027)	-	5,027
649.6866	RC-RCA (Red-Cott)	-	5,520	(5,520)	-	5,520
<b>Conservation/Natural Resources Totals</b>		<b>478,415</b>	<b>832,320</b>	<b>(353,905)</b>	<b>475,378</b>	<b>814,841</b>

		<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
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OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
798-6859	Highway 23 Coalition	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	1,000
798-6860	MN Rural Counties	-	2,200	(2,200)	-	2,200
798-6868	Explore SW MN	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
798-6869	SW MN Tourism Association	-	282	(282)	-	300
798-6871	SW Initiative Foundation	-	2,340	(2,340)	-	2,340
798-6872	Enterprise Development Corp (LCEDC)	-	66,190	(66,190)	-	64,260
798-6873	Rural MN Energy Board	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	2,500
798-6874	A C E of SW MN (RSVP)	-	16,558	(16,558)	-	15,186
798-6876	Legion / VFW (MSA 375-35)	-	1,400	(1,400)	-	1,300
798-6877	SW MN Workforce Council	-	2,080	(2,080)	-	2,080
798-6878	County Council on Aging	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	2,000
<b>Other Economic Development Totals</b>		-	<b>97,550</b>	<b>(97,550)</b>	-	<b>93,166</b>

<b>Fund 1 Totals</b>		<b>5,307,392</b>	<b>8,387,151</b>	<b>(3,079,759)</b>	<b>8,898,084</b>	<b>8,898,089</b>
<b>Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance</b>				<b>(3,079,759)</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Spend Down)</b>				-		
<b>General Revenue Levy</b>				<b>(3,079,759)</b>		

Fund 03 - Road and Bridge Fund		2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
		Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
300	Revenues	10,537,341	-	10,537,341	9,352,434	-
301	Administration	-	791,910	(791,910)	-	611,193
302	Engineering	-	271,054	(271,054)	-	219,720
303	Authorized Work	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
311	Highway Maintenance	-	1,303,587	(1,303,587)	-	1,309,016
321	Construction	-	8,349,191	(8,349,191)	-	6,212,763
331	Equipment Maintenance	-	1,072,262	(1,072,262)	-	847,010
341	Shop Maintenance	-	160,379	(160,379)	-	141,732
361	Accounts Receivable	-	14,620	(14,620)	-	11,000
<b>Fund 3 Totals</b>		<b>10,537,341</b>	<b>11,967,003</b>	<b>(1,429,662)</b>	<b>9,352,434</b>	<b>9,352,434</b>
<b>Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance</b>				<b>(1,429,662)</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Spend Down)</b>				-		
<b>R&amp;B Levy</b>				<b>(1,429,662)</b>		

Fund 05 - Human Services Fund		2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
		Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
5	Human Services	-	1,064,094	(1,064,094)	1,028,642	1,028,642
<b>Fund 5 Totals</b>		-	<b>1,064,094</b>	<b>(1,064,094)</b>	<b>1,028,642</b>	<b>1,028,642</b>
<b>Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance</b>				<b>(1,064,094)</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Spend Down)</b>				-		
<b>Human Services Levy</b>				<b>(1,064,094)</b>		

Fund 31 - Debt Service		2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
		Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
381	2011A G O Bond	-	-	-	-	-

382	2020A BroadBand	741,320	741,320	-	742,729	742,729
385	2012A R & B Reconst Rev Bond	2,579	420,250	(417,671)	417,650	417,650
<b>Fund 31 Totals</b>		<b>743,899</b>	<b>1,161,570</b>	<b>(417,671)</b>	<b>1,160,379</b>	<b>1,160,379</b>
<b>Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance</b>				<b>(417,671)</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Spend Down)</b>				<b>-</b>		
<b>Debt Service Levy</b>				<b>(417,671)</b>		

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,588,632</b>	<b>22,579,818</b>	<b>(5,991,186)</b>	<b>20,439,539</b>	<b>20,439,544</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>5,991,186</b>			<b>5,902,646</b>	<b>(2022 Tax Levy)</b>
<b>LBLID ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>60,000</b>		<b>LBLID &amp; LSLID ASSESSMENTS</b>		
<b>LSLID ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>-</b>			<b>-</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>22,639,818</b>	<b>22,579,818</b>		<b>20,439,539</b>	<b>20,439,544</b>
<b>AMOUNT PROPERTY TAX CHANGE</b>	<b>\$ (88,540)</b>				
<b>PERCENT CHANGE</b>	<b>1.50%</b>				

County Wide Summary		2022
Total County Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance		5,991,186
Desired Surplus/(Spend Down)		-
Total LBLID Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance		60,000
Total LSLID Levy and Aid Necessary to Balance		-
<b>Total Resulting Levy</b>		<b>6,051,186</b>

Fund 40 - Ditch Fund	2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
	Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
40 Ditches			-	370,364	370,364
<b>Fund 40 Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>370,364</b>	<b>370,364</b>
<b>Levy and/or Aid Necessary to Balance</b>			<b>-</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Spend Down)</b>			<b>-</b>		
<b>Ditch Levy</b>			<b>-</b>		

Fund 91 - Solid Waste Task Force	2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
	Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
832 Joint Powers Solid Waste	30,300	13,936	16,364	300	13,785
<b>Fund 91 Totals</b>	<b>30,300</b>	<b>13,936</b>	<b>16,364</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>13,785</b>
<b>Levy and/or Aid Necessary to Balance</b>			<b>16,364</b>		
<b>Surplus/ (Spend Down)</b>			<b>-</b>		
<b>Solid Waste Levy</b>			<b>16,364</b>		

Fund 92 - Lake Benton Lake Improvement District	2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
	Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures
816 LB Lake Imp Dist	80,500	155,000	(74,500)	85,500	155,500
<b>Fund 92 Totals</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>(74,500)</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>155,500</b>
<b>Levy and/or Aid Necessary to Balance</b>			<b>(74,500)</b>		
<b>Surplus/ (Spend Down)</b>			<b>-</b>		
<b>Debt Service Levy</b>			<b>50,000</b>		

Fund 93 - Lake Shaokatan Lake Improvement District	2023 Budget			2022 Budget	
	Revenues	Expenditures	Net	Revenues	Expenditures



813	LS Lake Imp Dist.	2,920	60,000	(57,080)	1,420	60,000
<b>Fund 93 Totals</b>		<b>2,920</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>(57,080)</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>60,000</b>
Levy and/or Aid Necessary to Balance						
Surplus/ (Spend Down) -						
Debt Service Levy -						

ADOPTED by majority vote, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz - LQP Watershed, Lincoln County Enterprise Development,
- Hauswedell – Western Mental Health
- Nielsen – Personnel
- Sik – Radio Board Discussion
- VanDeVere – Transit, SW Reg Development

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19714 - #19770 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$45,788.16, Road & Bridge - \$8,115.47, and Ditch \$13,348.71. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik, and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to a payment for Ivanhoe Service Center. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Access - \$5,429.35, Bolton & Menk - \$2,190.00, Marco, Inc. - \$3,514.02, MN Counties Intergov. Trust-St. Paul - \$4,302.00, Regents of The University of Minnesota - \$15,389.80, Saber Shred Solutions, Inc. - \$4,786.30, TE Underground LLC - \$9,600.00, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$3,374.64 and 49 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$18,666.23.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer informed the Board that Purple Wave would not list the old park truck because of its condition. Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Parks Manger, will do some checking into salvage yards to see what they would give us for it. Information only.

Vierhuf requested approval to declare some of the Election Equipment as surplus since we have replaced with updated equipment. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve declaring the Election Auto Mark equipment as surplus to be recycled. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented Resolution 40-2022 Resolution Supporting Supervision Workgroup, New Funding Formula for Probation. This request came from AMC. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution 40-2022 Resolution Supporting Supervision Workgroup, New Funding Formula for Probation. All voted in favor.

**Resolution 40-2022  
Resolution Supporting Community Supervision Workgroup,  
New Funding Formula for Probation**

Endorsing the efforts of the Community Supervision Work Group and urging the legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

WHEREAS, community supervision is a fundamental part of the criminal justice system in Minnesota and funding sufficient to ensure effective services is vital to public safety in all communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, community supervision includes services such as probation, supervised release, and intensive supervised release; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s counties provide essential community supervision services both as mandated by M.S. Chapter 244.19 and also as delegated by the Department of Corrections under M.S. Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, when the Legislature decided that community supervision was best delivered through a state-county partnership, it stated a clear intent that the state would provide significant funding to the counties for the operation of local programs; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, Minnesota has become the state with the lowest level of corrections funding in the nation because the Legislature has not upheld its promise to provide adequate state resources to support community supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's failure to adequately fund community supervision has increased local property taxes on residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, a revised community supervision funding formula is necessary to ensure that all communities in Minnesota have enough state funding to provide a consistent standard for effective, evidence-based community supervision services, regardless of local capacity to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the Community Supervision Work Group including county leaders and experts in community supervision from all three supervision delivery systems to study the needs of community supervision departments statewide and develop a single funding formula that is transparent, needs based, and equitable among county and state supervision providers; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Supervision Workgroup has taken up its charge to convene stakeholders across the three probation delivery systems to oversee a study to create a unified recommendation for an equitable and adequate funding formula and appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support a new funding formula that provides counties with the resources needed to keep communities safe; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners endorses the efforts of the Community Supervision Work Group and urges the Legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf presented Resolution 41-2022 2023 County Commissioner Compensation which gives the Commissioners a 3% increase. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution No. 41-2022 2023 County Commissioner Compensation. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, and Sik voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz and VanDeVere voted in apposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

**Resolution No. 41-2021  
2023 County Commissioner Compensation**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Commissioner Salary for the year 2023 for Lincoln County, Minnesota, be set at \$17,500.00 per annum, per commissioner, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board Chair shall receive an additional \$1,000 per year, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the per diem payment schedule be set at \$75.00 for a Half-day meeting and \$100 for a Full-day (two or more non-consecutive meetings or one meeting lasting all day), for authorized meetings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said per diem payments be authorized when required by law, MSA 375.055 and 375.06, and other applicable statutes, for services by individual county commissioners on any board, committee, or commission of county government including committees of the board, or for the performance of services by individual county commissioners when required by law, and for commissioner's attendance at the following meetings:

18 County Adult Mental Health	Lincoln County Board of Appeals
5th District Public Defender	Lincoln County H R A
ACE of SW MN Board	Lincoln County Library Board
Affirmative Action Officer	Lincoln SWCD Board Representative
AMC Committees	LSLID
AMC Voting Delegates	MCIT
Area II Water	MN Rural Counties
ARPA	Negotiating Committee/Personnel - HIGHWAY -
Audit	COURTHOUSE
Building/Capital Improvement	Negotiating Committee/Personnel - SHERIFF
Broad Band Task Force	Nutrition Council
Community Awareness & Emergency Response	Missouri River Watershed Policy Committee
(CARE)	Plum Creek Library Board
County Council on Aging	Prairieland Economic Development
County Park Board	Prime West
Counties Providing Technology	RCRCA
Daytime Activity Center	Regional Advisory Board (RAC)
Dead Coon Lake Issues	Road & Bridge Committee
Emergency Communications Board	Road Inspection Committee
Explore SW Minnesota/Travel SW MN	Rural MN Energy Board
Extension Committee	Solid Waste Recycling Commissioner
Health/Safety	Southern MN Tourism Assoc. (State/per-capita)
Supporting Hands (SWHHS)	Step II Grievance

Highway Round Table  
 Hwy 68 Coalition  
 Insurance Committee  
 J.C.D #12 Drainage (Lyon)  
 J.C.D. #31 branch 24 Drainage (Lyon)  
 J.C.D. #16 Drainage (Pipestone)  
 Juvenile Detention Center  
 Labor Management  
 LacQuiParle Watershed Advisory  
 LacQuiParle Yellowbank Partnership  
 Land Use/Zoning  
 Law Library  
 LBLID  
 Legacy Park Committee  
 Lincoln Co Enterprise Dev

Step III Grievance  
 SW Emergency Med. Services  
 SW Environmental Task Force  
 SW MN PIC Council/SW MN Workforce Development  
 Council  
 SW Regional Development  
 SWMHHS Health  
 SWMHHS Human Services  
 Transit Representative  
 Water Management Task Force(C&VC)  
 United Community Action  
 Western Mental Health  
 Western Mental Health Dev. Selection  
 Wind Power Committee/Meetings  
 Yellow Medicine Watershed Advisory  
 Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Federal Rate** be reimbursed to county board members, and county employees, for mileage expenses incurred while using their own vehicles on county business.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sum of **\$40.00 per day** be allowed for meal reimbursement,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all expenses (meals, mileage, lodging, per diems), must be submitted within 90 days of the date of the expense to be reimbursable.

**ADOPTED** by majority vote, this 20th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

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 Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

The Department Head increases were presented. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Department Head salaries per handout. All voted in favor.

Salaries are posted below:

Assessor	\$74,890.00	Highway Engineer	\$109,650.00
Attorney	64,200.00	Maintenance Supervisor	\$61,694.00
Auditor-Treasurer	84,959.00	Parks Manager	\$63,880.00
EM/Safety	\$63,000.00	Recorder	\$71,221.00
Environmental	\$73,482.00	Sheriff	\$85,054.00

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the non-union cost of living wage increase at .70 which includes the positions of Financial Accountant, Confidential Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, Highway Accountant and Engineer’s Assistant. All voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere requested a motion moving \$500,000.00 from the 2022 capital improvement account to be put towards bridges. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to move \$500,000.00 from the 2022 Capital Improvement account to be put towards Lincoln County Bridges – entry to be made in 2023. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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 Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer