

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

February 1, 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 VanDeVere to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from January 18, 2022, and the agenda for February 1, 2022. All voted in favor.

Jean Nelson, Lincoln County Assessor, requested approval of the Board of Equalization Meeting. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve setting the Board of Equalization Meeting for June 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, requested approval of Resolution 12-2022 Support for SCORE Funding. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 12-2022 Support for SCORE Funding. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION 12-2022
County Board Support Affirming Lincoln County's Support
for Fully Funding SCORE Grants to Counties**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes requires counties manage MSW according to an established hierarchy; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties have made investments in waste prevention and recycling systems; and,

WHEREAS, counties with innovative ideas should be provided the requisite opportunity and flexibility to successfully implement those ideas so as to best serve their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties have continued to invest in waste reduction and recycling by imposing local taxes and/or fees; and,

WHEREAS, the revenues the State is collecting via the solid waste management taxes have continued to grow while amounts sent to the counties have not increased proportionally; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties face significant market trends that will require innovative approaches to manage materials separated from solid wastes in order to adequately meet the growing and changing needs of citizens and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota has an opportunity to improve its waste reduction and recycling system through funding the counties investments in infrastructure and expanded operations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Lincoln County supports the state funding, by increased SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) grants, in amounts which fully utilize the solid waste management tax revenues for solid waste reduction, management activities, and improving our environment.

Passed by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 1st day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild informed the Board that there will be a meeting on February 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the Arco Community Center to discuss the Lake Stay Treatment plan. Hauschild will need to modify the AIS work plan to include that we are using some of the money for noxious weed treatments. After this is done, the County will be able to contribute to the treatment with the AIS funds. The Arco Sportsman Club will be applying for a grant that will help fund the treatment. Hauschild has been assisting them with the grant. Information only.

Hauschild discussed hiring Boulton & Menk to prepare CD 14 Railroad Crossing Contracts. Hauschild feels this would be for the protection of the County and the Ditch System. The cost would be from \$3,500.00 - \$5,000.00. Commissioner Drietz mentioned checking with Area II to see if they would be able to assist with this. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve hiring Boulton & Menk to

prepare CD #14 Railroad Crossing Contracts at a cost of up to \$5,000.00 once Area II has been contacted to see if they would be able to assist. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Perch Lake Outlet project is on hold. The plan was going to be to use One Watershed One Plan funds. This project does not qualify for these funds so we will look for another source of funding. Information only.

Hauschild distributed the Annual Ditch Drainage Report. Information only.

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

- Continue to prepare for 2022 projects
- Working on finalizing bridge inspection reports from last summer.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Moving Snow
- The Lake Benton Plow truck has been down for a few days.
- Continue to work on equipment maintenance.
- Continue with Township Intersection signs as time and weather permits.
- Our surplus equipment has been posted on Purple Wave.

Wilson informed the Board that he continues to work on finalizing and closing out projects from 2020 and 2021. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he is planning to have the Road and Bridge Hearing on March 1st at 10:00 a.m. Information only.

Wilson reviewed the State Aid for Road and Bridge maintenance and construction. Lincoln County's aid is up 20% and the Townships aid is up 50% for 2022. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he may be looking into getting a temporary/seasonal person to help with summer projects and maintenance mowing if needed. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT
 Hauswedell – CD #24/#31 Ditch meeting
 Nielsen – Personnel, ACE
 Sik – Personnel, CD #24/#31 Ditch meeting, SW Emergency Med. Services, HRA, Highway Labor Management, SWHHS
 VanDeVere – Prime West, SW Regional Development, CD #24/#31 Ditch Meeting, Transit, Solid Waste Recycling Commission, Rural MN Energy Board, Prime West Emergency Meeting, United Community Action

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #17482 - #17529 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$99,526.88, Road & Bridge - \$48,931.99, Debt Service - \$9,629.58, Ditch - \$8,064.00, and Agency - \$40.98.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$7,140.00, Dean Brandt's Heating & Air Conditioning - \$2,800.00, Development Services Inc. - \$4,500.00, Ryan Haberman - \$9,629.58, Ivanhoe Public Library - \$7,700.00, Lake Benton Library - \$7,700.00, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$3,038.85, Lyon-Lincoln Electric Co-op - \$40,747.49, Ron Madsen - \$8,064.00, MN Dept. of Corrections - \$20,725.58, Siverson Public Library - \$7,700.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$23,288.50, Tyler Public Library - \$7,700.00, Vollan Oil - \$2,923.50 and 34 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$12,535.93.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer presented the final Courthouse and Highway Union Contracts to be approved and signed. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the final Courthouse and Highway Union Contracts for signature. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the updated Personnel Policy Code 116 Catastrophic Leave Bank for approval. A paragraph was added where employees could request leave donations under extreme situations without using all sick/vacation leave. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the updated Personnel Policy Code 116 Catastrophic Leave Bank. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the reviewed clothing allowance Memorandum of Agreement for approval. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Drietz to approve renewing the Memorandum of Agreement for the Highway Department regarding the Highway Clothing Allowance. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the census numbers for 2020 with a comparison to 2010 for all cities and townships within Lincoln County. Lincoln County has lost 256 in population over the last 10 years. A formula was also presented that shows Lincoln County will not be required to redistrict the Commissioner Districts. Vierhuf will present a resolution at a later date that represents this data. Information only

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer