

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 4, 2022
Courthouse Commissioner Room
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, 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.

Commissioner VanDeVere called for nominations three times for the 2022 Board Chair. Commissioner Drietz nominated Commissioner Sik as 2022 Board Chair. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Corey Sik as the 2022 Board Chair. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Sik called for nominations three times for the 2022 Vice Board Chair. Commissioner VanDeVere nominated Commissioner Nielsen as the 2022 Vice Board Chair. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dean Nielsen as the 2022 Vice Board Chair. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from December 21, 2021, and the agenda for January 4, 2022. All voted in favor.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution No. 01-2022 (Mileage Rate and Meal Reimbursement). All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 01-2022
2022 Lincoln County Mileage and Meal Reimbursements**

BE IT 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, providing receipts and/or reimbursement forms are submitted with request for payment.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to approve Resolution No. 02-2022 (Setting Time/Days). All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION 02-2022
Setting Time/Days for 2022 Regular Meetings
(MSA 375.07)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the first and third Tuesdays of each month for the year 2022, be set as the official days for regular meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hours for said meetings be fixed at: 9:00 a.m. for January 18, 2022, and the months of February 2022, through January 3, 2023, all in accordance with M.S.A. 375.07 with the exception of the second meeting in June (Board of Equalization) and the first meeting in December (TNT) which will be held at 4:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said county Board meetings be held in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse, Ivanhoe, MN, 319 North Rebecca Street, in the City of Ivanhoe, State of Minnesota.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 4th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve Resolution No. 03-2022 (Pre-Authorization for Payments). All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION No. 03-2022
Pre-Authorized Payments by Auditor's Warrant(s)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue her warrant(s), drawn on the proper fund, for the following expenditures:

All utilities, (water, sewer, electrical, heating fuel, phone, etc.), incidentals, postage, payroll activity, insurance, board approved contracts, monthly lease payments, maintenance contracts, court ordered expenses, permit fees, dues, registrations, employee travel expenses, miscellaneous taxes, tax distributions and refunds, inter fund billings, expenditures subject to finance charges, bank charges, payments to other political subdivisions, lost-duplicate-cancelled warrants of \$1,000.00 or less, motor vehicle registration expenses, employee reimbursement for departmental supplies under \$200.00, County Board Approved purchases, all ACH's/EFT's and County Attorney and County Sheriff contingency claims.

Said claims to be paid upon proper presentation of claims during the year 2022.

All claims following the last Commissioner meeting of the year until December 31, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make fund transfers from time to time to maintain non-deficient fund balances or to issue warrants in payment of obligations of the County.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 4th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution No. 04-2022(Soil Water Payments). All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION No. 04-2022
2022 Soil & Water Conservation District Appropriation/Payments

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors of the Lincoln County Soil & Water Conservation District has submitted a budget and made application to the Board of County Commissioners for aid in meeting expenses for soil and water conservation purposes in Lincoln County, Minnesota, for the year beginning January 1, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Lincoln, Minnesota, hereby appropriates the sum of \$133,900.00 for Soil Conservation purposes, an additional allocation of \$20,000.00 and an additional allocation of \$3,355.00 for the local match for 2022, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, all in accordance with M.S.A 103C.331, Subd.16.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appropriation be paid as follows:

- \$51,300.00 payment on January 21, 2022
- \$51,300.00 payment on June 24, 2022
- \$51,300.00 payment on October 21, 2022
- \$3,355.00 Local match payment on October 21, 2022

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue her warrant for said amounts/payments as scheduled above (Revenue Fund/SWCD Account).

ADOPTED by majority vote this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve Resolution No. 05-2022 appointing Dustin Hauschild as Ag Inspector. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION No. 05-2022
(Agriculture Inspector Appointment)

WHEREAS, provision is made in M.S.A 18.80, Subd. 1, for the appointment of a County Agricultural Inspector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental Office, PO Box 66, Ivanhoe, MN 56142 and telephone number is (507)-694-1344, is hereby appointed as Lincoln County's Agricultural Inspector, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Agricultural Inspector and/or his Assistant, may attend the Annual Short Course and other Regional or District Conferences held during the year 2022.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to approve Resolution No. 06-2022 (Designation of Depositories). All voted in favor.

**Resolution 06-2022
2022 Depository Designations**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 118A.02, subdivision 1 (a) states “The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions.”

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 118A.02, subdivision 1 (b) allows the governing body to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer or chief financial officer to make investments of funds under Minnesota Statute 118A.01 to 118A.06 or other applicable law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, designates as depositories the following financial institutions and designates the following as brokers and authorized investment holders:

- Wells Fargo
- MBS (Multi Bank Securities)
- US Bank
- Bank of the West
- Canby Co-op Credit Union
- First Security Bank, Hendricks
- First Security Bank-Canby/Lake Benton Branch
- First Independent Bank of Russell

All banks and financial institutions that our brokerage firms deposit in and the said Board of Commissioners of said County having designated said banks and brokerage firms to act as depositories of the public funds of said County.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, that the proposals, the securities therein specified and the assignments thereof of each said institutions be and the same are hereby approved this 4th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution 07-2022 – Personnel Committee Authorization. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION No. 07-2022
Personnel Committee**

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is made up of the Board Chair, the Board Vice Chair, Commissioner Steve Hauswedell as an alternate, and the Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer and is involved in the interviewing of County positions. Upon a recommendation by the Department Head and the Personnel Committee, hires are approved by the full Board.

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to allow the Personnel Committee to approve posting and advertising to fill positions currently held as employees leave. All new positions will need to go through the full Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Personnel Committee is authorized to approve posting and advertising to fill current positions as employees leave.

ADOPTED by majority vote this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution 08-2022 – County Printing Bid. All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 08-2022

County Printing Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Editorial Association was awarded said County Printing Bid for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to be the Official County Paper, to print all said matters as specified in said bid proposal, as required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate for said services be as submitted in said bid, and that claims for county printing to include a signed certificate of measurement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lincoln County designates the Lincoln County Web site for the publication of transportation projects.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 4th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented Resolution 09-2022 Minimum Salaries for Terms Beginning January 3, 2023. This resolution is passed on election years where the county elected officials file for office. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 09-2022 Minimum Salaries for Terms Beginning January 3, 2023. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 09-2022
Minimum Salaries
for Terms Beginning January 3, 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Lincoln County, Minnesota, that the minimum salaries to be paid the following elected county officials for the term beginning on January 3, 2023, are hereby set as follows, to-wit:

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| County Auditor/Treasurer | \$24,000 | MSA 384.151 (Subd. 1-2) |
| County Recorder | \$24,000 | MSA 386.015 (Subd. 1-2) |
| County Sheriff | \$24,000 | MSA 387.20 (Subd. 1-2) |
| County Attorney | \$16,000 | MSA 388.18 (Subd 1-2) |

ADOPTED by unanimous voted, this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz, to approve the 2022 corporate authorization signatures related to Bank of the West of Ivanhoe, MN for the county banking procedures and administration to be Corey R Sik, 2022 Board Chair, Deborah M Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer and Jodette M Otto, Lincoln County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere, to approve the reviewed Out-of-State Travel Policy. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to set aside up to 20% of the remaining balance in the county's forfeited tax sale fund for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas as defined in M.S. 398.31 and 398.36 (M.S. 282.08). All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on Committee Appointments for 2022. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the 2022 committee appointments/Re-appointments. All voted in favor.

Lincoln County Commissioner Committee Appointments – 2022

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| 18 County Adult Mental Health | Nielsen (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| 5 th District Public Defender | Sik (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| ACE of SW MN Board | Nielsen (Alternate Drietz) |
| Affirmative Action Officer | Sik (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| AMC Committees | All Commissioners |
| AMC Voting Delegates | VanDeVere (Alternate Drietz) |
| Area II Water | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| Audit | Sik & Nielsen |
| Building/Capital Improvement | VanDeVere/Hauswedell |
| Broad Band Task Force | VanDeVere & Drietz (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CARE) | VanDeVere |

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| County Council on Aging | Nielsen |
| County Park Board | VanDeVere (Alternate Sik) |
| Counties Providing Technology | Drietz (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| Daytime Activity Center | VanDeVere |
| Dead Coon Lake Issues | VanDeVere & Hauswedell (both as delegates) |
| Emergency Communications Board | Sik (Alternate Drietz) |
| Explore SW Minnesota/Travel SW MN | Sik (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Extension Committee | Nielsen (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Health/Safety | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| Supporting Hands (SWHHS) | VanDeVere (Alternate Sik) |
| Highway Round Table | All Commissioners |
| Hwy 68 Coalition | Hauswedell |
| Insurance Committee | Drietz |
| J.C.D #12 Drainage (Lyon) | Hauswedell, VanDeVere, Sik (Anderson/Crowley) |
| J.C.D. #31 branch 24 Drainage (Lyon) | VanDeVere/Hauswedell (Anderson/Crowley/Sanow) |
| J.C.D. #16 Drainage (Pipestone) | VanDeVere, Sik, Drietz, Hauswedell |
| Juvenile Detention Center | Sik |
| Labor Management | Sik (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| LacQuiParle Watershed Advisory | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| LacQuiParle Yellow bank Partnership | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| Land Use/Zoning | All Commissioners |
| Law Library | Sik |
| LBLID | Sub Committee – Sik & VanDeVere (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Legacy Park Committee | VanDeVere/Sik (Alternate Drietz) |
| Lincoln Co Enterprise Dev | Nielsen (Alternate Drietz) |
| Lincoln County Board of Appeals | All Commissioners |
| Lincoln County H R A | Sik (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Lincoln County Library Board | Sik |
| Lincoln SWCD Board Representative | Drietz & all Commissioners as alternates |
| LSLID | Nielsen (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| MCIT | All Commissioners per Board Approval |
| MN Rural Counties | Nielsen (Alternate Drietz, Hauswedell, Sik, VanDeVere) |
| Negotiating Committee/Personnel - HIGHWAY - COURTHOUSE | Sik/Nielsen (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Negotiating Committee/Personnel - SHERIFF | Sik/Nielsen (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Nutrition Council | VanDeVere |
| Missouri River Watershed Policy Committee | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| Plum Creek Library Board | Sik (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| Prairieland Economic Development | Nielsen |
| Prime West | VanDeVere (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| RCRCA | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| Regional Advisory Board (RAC) | Sik, Amber Scholten Voting member(Alternate Chad Me... |
| Road & Bridge Committee | Drietz/VanDeVere |
| Road Inspection Committee | All County Board Members |
| Rural MN Energy Board | VanDeVere (Alternate Drietz) |
| Solid Waste Recycling Comm. | VanDeVere & Nielsen (Alternate Sik) |
| Southern MN Tourism Assoc.(State/per-capita) | Sik |
| Step II Grievance | Nielsen & VanDeVere (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Step III Grievance | All Commissioners |
| SW Emergency Med. Services | Sik (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| SW Environmental Task Force | Sik |
| SW MN PIC Council/SW MN Workforce Development Council | Sik (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| SW Regional Development | VanDeVere |
| SWMHHS Health | Nielsen (Alternate Sik) |
| SWMHHS Human Services | Sik (Alternate Nielsen) |
| Transit Representative | VanDeVere |
| Water Management Task Force(C&VC) | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| United Community Action | VanDeVere (Alternate Hauswedell) |
| Western Mental Health | Hauswedell (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| Western Mental Health Dev. Selection | Hauswedell (Alternate VanDeVere) |
| Wind Power Committee/Mtgs. | All Commissioners |
| Yellow Medicine Watershed Advisory | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |
| Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan | Drietz (Alternate Sik) |

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, asked for approval of the AMC Committees for 2022. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the 2022 AMC Committees as follows:

- Environment & Natural Res. Policy Committee – Commissioner Hauswedell
- General Government Policy Committee – Commissioner Drietz
- Health & Human Services Policy Committee – Commissioner Sik
- Public Safety Policy Committee – Commissioner Nielsen
- Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee – Commissioner VanDeVere

And to appoint the following individuals as AMC voting delegates.

- Commissioner Drietz
- Commissioner Hauswedell
- Commissioner Nielsen
- Commissioner Sik
- Commissioner VanDeVere
- Auditor-Treasurer Deb Vierhuf
- Emergency Management Director Amber Scholten

All voted in favor.

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

- Continue to prepare for 2022 projects

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Putting up intersection signs – finished with 6 of the 15 townships
- Brought in the 1963 Osh Kosh truck to prepare for auction
- Planning to put the 2008 Ford ¾ ton pickup and the 2011 Lorenz 3 point blower on auction
- Have done snow and ice removal
- Will be doing annual maintenance on the dozer and other equipment as needed.

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

Wilson requested approval on declaring the 2000 Rosko self-propelled Rubber Tire Roller as surplus. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz, to declare the 2000 Rosko self-propelled Rubber Tire Roller as surplus to be sold through an auction site. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that there is some Ivanhoe building maintenance that needs to be done. One of the furnaces needed to be replaced. Information only.

MnDOT is planning to do a steel roof on their portion of the building. The Lincoln County portion of the roof is in good shape so we won't be doing the Lincoln County portion. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that we sell quite a bit of pipe to townships and other customers. The current price is at \$1.00 per foot. Wilson would like to increase the cost to \$2.00 to cover our cost. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to increase the selling price of Highway pipe from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per foot. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, presented updates on the property cleanups. The updates were as follows:

- Work has been completed on the Ivanhoe Lumberyard site. We are still waiting for the bill from Ground Works.
- The cleanup on the Arco house is complete. The bill for initial cleanup was \$5,600.00, but we are still waiting for the landfill disposal fees.
- The Environmental office removed some household hazardous waste from the Lake Benton house. A&C will get this torn down in the next few weeks.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Ivanhoe Creamery building will need to have the tires and oil removed from the building and inquired on whether other testing such as asbestos testing should be done. Hauschild also inquired on a timeline for proposals and securing the building. Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, informed the Board that we could reach out to the interested parties to see what their proposal is, but they will still need to come to the forfeited auction to purchase that property. The minimum bid price will need to be decided for all of the forfeited properties and be set by a Resolution. The Auction date also needs to be set by Resolution. Once all of the clean-ups are complete, we can move forward with these resolutions. The Board would like the building secured and Vierhuf and Hauschild will keep in contact as things progress. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that two individuals need to be re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. The individuals for appointment are Bill Behnke and Ron Bunjer. Hauschild stated that these individuals are in favor of being re-appointed. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to approve the following appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board:

Bill Behnke – District 5 Representative – 3-Year term

Ron Bunjer – At Large – 2-year term

All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None
 Hauswedell – None
 Nielsen – None
 Sik – None
 VanDeVere – Rural MN Energy Board

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #17318 - #17338 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$31,103.34, Road & Bridge - \$15,646.14, Debt Service - \$448,002.76, Solid Waste - \$2,189.00 and LID - \$2,899.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Access - \$3,388.35, American Solutions for Business - \$2,031.42, Bolton & Menk - \$2,901.50, Bueltel Moseng Land Surveying Inc. - \$6,000.00, Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$2,278.96, C & K Construction - \$13,705.90, Vladimir Dolejs - \$2,520.00, Driscoll Land & Equipment - \$14,896.00, Ground Works, LLC - \$6,140.00, MN Dept. of Transportation – St. Paul - \$2,294.10, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$45,375.00, R & G Construction Co. Inc. - \$12,412.00, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$15,051.20, Roggenbuck Tree Service - \$5,000.00, Thomas Electric Inc. - \$7,107.92, Vollan Oil - \$2,755.32 and 38 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$17,271.24.

Michelle Facile, Lincoln County Recorder presented her statement of Recording Compliance for the calendar year of 2021. Facile stated that they have a maximum of 10 days to get paper documents filed and returned to the customers and a maximum of 5 days for electronic filings. The Recorders Office had all documents for 2021 filed and returned in a timely manner. Information only.

Facile presented a letter of intent to file for the office of Recorder - term starting in 2023 per statute 375a.1205 Subd. 2. Information only.

Vierhuf presented Resolution 10-2022 Authorizing County Staff to execute all necessary documents for the Opioid Multistate Settlements. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve Resolution 10-2022 Authorizing County Staff to execute all necessary documents for the Opioid Multistate Settlements. All voted in favor.

A RESOLUTION 10-2022

Authorizing county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements relating to opioid distributors and manufacturers, and in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, and declaring support for an amendment to Minn. Stat. § 256.043, Subd. 3(d).

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, as well as opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of January 2, 2022, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, during negotiations of the State-Subdivision Agreement, representatives of Minnesota's counties prioritized flexibility in how local governments may use settlement funds for opioids abatement and remediation and advocated for counties to receive settlement allocations directly rather than using the distribution mechanism detailed in Minn. Stat. § 256.043, Subd. 3(d); and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goals of flexibility and direct allocation, Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), must be amended to remove a provision which would otherwise appropriate approximately 50 percent of the state’s settlement allocation to county social service agencies for statutorily-prescribed use(s); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Lincoln County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lincoln County supports and opts in to the multistate settlements with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and with Johnson & Johnson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lincoln County authorizes county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lincoln County, supports the amending of Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), to remove a provision which would appropriate approximately 50 percent of the state’s settlement allocation to county social service agencies via the existing Opiate Epidemic Response Fund distribution mechanism for statutorily-prescribed use(s).

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf informed the Board that Lakeside Landscaping sent an additional bill for the South side of the Courthouse which wasn’t included in their original quote. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the Lakeside Landscaping bill for the South side of the Courthouse in the amount of \$5,788.33. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented a letter of intent to file for the office of Auditor-Treasurer - term beginning in 2023 per statute 375a.1205 Subd. 2. Information only.

Vierhuf informed the Board that the new IRS mileage rate for 2022 is \$.58.5. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 9:58 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer