

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 19, 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 Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from July 5, 2022, and the agenda for July 19, 2022. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, President of DSI, presented information regarding Broadband in the city of Ivanhoe. Lincoln County previously did boarder to boarder broadband in Lincoln County. Ivanhoe was excluded at that time due to already having a provider. The city of Ivanhoe would now like to have ITC as a provider. ITC would like a commitment of \$200,000.00 and the City of Ivanhoe would be able to contribute \$50,000.00 and would like the County to pay \$150,000 of this initial commitment. An amount of \$300,000.00 will need to be paid in 2023. The City would like the County to pay this amount and would pay \$100,000.00 back to the County over a few years. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve a commitment amount of \$150,000.00 in 2022 and \$300,000.00 in 2023 with the city reimbursing the County \$100,000.00 over time. A contract with ITC will be brought back to a future meeting. All voted in favor.

Robinson informed the Board that he has talked to all of the city EDA's and all of them would be interested in participating in discussions regarding a Housing Trust Fund. The Board is still considering this idea. Information only.

Amber Scholten, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, brought additional information to the Board on purchasing a drone. Alex Peterson from the City of Marshall was present to give additional information on the 30T Matrice Drone. One of the benefits of getting the 30T Matrice drone, is that it is water proof and it can search with thermal imagery. Footage was shown of a rescue of some children that were lost in 80 acres of trees. They were found within three minutes due to the thermal imagery. Another benefit of the Matrice 30T Drone is that it can pin point hot spots in fires. This would be a huge benefit for the Lincoln County Fire Departments. Scholten stated that their will be a user group and that there are seven people on this user group that would become certified to operate the drone. The cost to become certified would be from \$400.00 - \$550.00 per person. Commissioner Sik will also attend this initial user group. The quote presented is good through the end of the month. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the purchase of a 30T Matrice Drone plus 8 batteries from Frontier Precision in the amount of \$16,360.99 plus corresponding fees. All voted in favor.

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

- A public meeting has been scheduled for August 10th to share information with landowners along the County Highway 7 widening project from 1 mile North of Tyler to Arco.
- Bridge inspections
- Getting ready for 2022 projects this year and working on plans for 2023 projects.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Waiting on parts for two of our plow trucks for longer than usual.
- Started and continue with patching.
- Hauling gravel.
- Spot mowing for thistles.
- Spraying weeds.

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

Wilson presented the Gravel Crushing and Seal Coating bids that were opened on 7/18/22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners room. Gravel Crushing bids received were as follows:

• Central Specialties	\$195,250.00	• Crow River Construction	\$162,550.00
• Ferguson Aggregate & Crushing, Inc	\$192,700.00	• Rogge Excavating, Inc.	\$157,750.00
• Sterzinger Crushing	\$230,450.00	• Timm's Trucking Inc.	\$180,799.75
• WM D Scepaniak, Inc.	\$162,700.00		

Wilson's recommendation is to accept the Rogge Excavating, Inc. bid. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Gravel Crushing bid from Rogge Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$157,750.00, which is 12.68% over the engineer's estimate of \$140,000.00. All voted in favor.

Seal Coating bids received were as follows:

- Astech Asphalt Corp \$1,425,249.10 • Pearson Bros. Inc. \$1,455,232.13

After discussion, the Board inquired about waiting a year to do the seal coating. Wilson was in agreement and will look at rebidding later in the year or early next year. The Board was in consensus with this. Information only.

Wilson requested approval to purchase Base One for the paving project. Base One provides additional strength to the base under the pavement without using additional gravel. The cost of Base One will be submitted for reimbursement through State Aid Funding. Wilson presented a quote of \$34,375.00 which will stabilize the center 24 feet and go 6.5 feet deep for 3 miles. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the quote from Base One in the amount of \$34,375.00 plus corresponding fees to strengthen and stabilize the center 24 feet and go 6.5 feet deep for 3 miles of the paving project. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that MPCA has performed their 3-year inspection and we will be receiving some citations for not having our inspections done in time. We are in contact with our inspection company to them done. We have also received some new contacts from MPCA for other inspections companies if needed. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – RCRC and Area II, CPT, ITC Broadband Meeting
 Hauswedell – Personnel
 Nielsen – Personnel, Lincoln County Enterprise Development, Lake Shaokatan Improvement District
 Sik – ITC Broadband Meeting
 VanDeVere – Prime West, SW Regional Development, Transit

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #18646 - #18721 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$152,683.80, Road & Bridge - \$32,699.85, and Ditch - \$9,649.61. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E of Southwest Minnesota - \$3,796.50, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$26,627.88, Andrzejek Cherp Excav Inc. - \$4,213.49, Christensen Broadcasting - \$6,000.00, Counties providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Jim's Stucco - \$15,000.00, Linc. Co Enterprise Dev. Corp - \$32,130.00, Linc Soil-Water Conservation Dist. - \$24,266.00, Gayle Rasmussen - \$2,217.08, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$15,389.80, SeaChange - \$4,345.80, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$22,055.00, Mike Thooft - \$3,219.04, and 63 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$30,258.67.

Resolution 25-2022 was presented for approval. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 25-2022 Objection of Lincoln County's 2023 Minnesota Department of Human Services Selection of Participating Health Plans. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION
25-2022**

**OBJECTION OF LINCOLN COUNTY'S 2023 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING HEALTH PLANS**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County board of Commissioners objects to the Minnesota Department of Human Services' selection of participating health plans for Lincoln County, and;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners objects to the Department's decision to reject South Country Health Alliance's proposal to provide healthcare services to eligible recipients of Families and Children and MinnesotaCare in Lincoln County, and;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners objects to the Department's decision to reject South Country Health Alliance's proposal to provide healthcare services to eligible recipients of Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) in Lincoln County, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the submission of a request for mediation with the Department pursuant to Minn. Stat. §256B.69, Subd. 3a (d), both on behalf of Lincoln County individually and through South Country Health Alliance.

Dated this 19th day of July 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Resolution 26-2022 was presented for approval. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 26-2022 Objection to 2023 Minnesota Department of Human Services Selection of Participating Health Plans and to authorize retaining Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to represent the county in mediation with the department. All voted in favor.

**Resolution
26-2022
OBJECTION TO 2023 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SELECTION OF
PARTICIPATING HEALTH PLANS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners objects to the Minnesota Department of Human Services' ("the Department") selection of participating health plans for Lincoln County;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners objects to the Department's decision to disregard the County's decision to provide healthcare services under Minn. Stat. § 256B.69 and Minn. Stat. § 256B.692 to eligible recipients of the Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+), Special Needs Basic Care, and Families and Children Medical Assistance Programs within the County;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners previously authorized the County to request mediation under Minn. Stat. § 256B.69, subd. 3a to challenge the Department's procurement decision;

WHEREAS, the PrimeWest Health Joint Powers Board of Directors comprising county commissioners from each of the legally established participating PrimeWest Health Joint Powers counties has authorized PrimeWest Health as a single entity representing a group of counties, including Lincoln County, to seek mediation with the Department;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Board of Commissioners seeks to retain the law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to represent the County in challenging the Department's procurement determinations in mediation or, as necessary, in other legal action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the County to retain Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to represent the County in mediation with the Department pursuant to Minn. Stat. §256B.69, subd. 3a(d), both on behalf of the County individually and through PrimeWest Health as the single entity representing a group of county boards.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

The Board reviewed the EDA Development letter regarding part of parcel number #13-0182-005. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve signing the deed conveying part of parcel #13-0182-005 to Lincoln County HRA. All voted in favor.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer informed the Board that Robert Olsen would like to till and reseed 7 acres of County hay land that he is leasing. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to allow Robert Olsen to till and reseed the 7 acres of County Land by the Highway shop. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer