

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 5, 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 Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Drietz was absent. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from June 21, 2022, and the agenda for July 5, 2022. All (4) voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental gave an update on the garbage sites. The fence at the Arco site is complete. The recycle dumpsters are filling up quickly. We may need to look at getting additional containers or having the recycle materials picked up more often. Hauschild would like to change the way the dumpsters sit in Verdi and adding a fence to that site. Some gravel may need to be added. Information only.

Hauschild informed the board that some spoils with stumps need to be leveled along JD #29. Hauschild estimates that it would cost less than \$5,000.00, but wanted to notify the Board that the expense may be coming up. There should be enough dollars in the maintenance account to cover this. Information only.

Hauschild informed the board that Poison Hemlock was found by Dead Coon Lake. Hauschild will continue to monitor the county for this noxious weed. The weed is a white flowery bushy weed. The Environmental office sent a letter to all land owners within four sections of where the weed was found and stated that they should be mindful if they see the weed while mowing road ditches. The landowners were also informed that the weed is on the eradicated weed list and to contact the Environmental office if it is spotted. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he has followed up on the thistle complaint on DNR land near Hole in the Mountain Park. The DNR had contacted a local farmer to mow the land and it was mowed by the following week. Information only.

Hauschild has received some complaints on nuisance properties in Verdi, Wilno and Lake Shaokatan. Hauschild has sent out letters to the landowners to get the properties cleaned up. Information only.

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

- Continue to work on 2023 project plans.
- The Paving is still scheduled to begin in mid to late August.
- Will be opening bids for gravel crushing and seal coating on July 18th.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Continue to haul gravel for road maintenance.
- Finished the first round of shoulder mowing.
- Fixed a soft spot on County Road 123.
- Culvert repairs.
- Spraying trees in the Right of Way.

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

Wilson informed the Board that the widening part of the MnDOT Trunk Highway 68 Project may be starting soon. This would be between Minneota and Marshall. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he has been getting some fuel quotes and will bring additional information back at a future meeting. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Absent
Hauswedell – Personnel, Western Mental Health
Nielsen – ACE, Personnel
Sik – ITC/Broadband Meeting,
VanDeVere – United Community Action, Area Transportation,

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hauswedell seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #18550 - #18598 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$45,943.71, Road & Bridge - \$15,580.03, Debt - \$77,052.65, and Ditch - \$1,205.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Bond Trust Services Corporation - \$68,956.25, Hendricks Farmers Lumber Co. - \$16,148.66, Jim's Stucco - \$15,000.00, Kibble Equipment - \$4,038.31, Ramsey County - \$3,400.00, TE Underground LLC - \$8096.40, Vollan Oil - \$5,045.00, and 40 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$19,096.77.

Commissioner Sik acknowledged a thank you letter from the city of Lake Benton to Sheriff Meester and the deputies for the quality job that was done during Saddle Horse Holiday. Information only.

Commissioner Nielsen brought some pictures that were shot with a \$500.00 drone. Nielsen would like to know what the difference is between this drone and the drone that the County is looking at purchasing. This will be discussed when the drone purchase is brought to the Board for approval. Information only.

A summary of negotiating items was presented to the Board. The recommendation from the Negotiating Committee would be to approve moving forward with having a contract drawn up. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the LELS Summary of Negotiations (Law Enforcement Contract) for the contract year of 2022, 2023, and 2024. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Sik abstained. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer