

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

June 21, 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. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from June 7, 2022, and the agenda for June 21, 2022. All voted in favor.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance, introduced Brad Johnson from Access Controls to talk about a key-card system for the courthouse and the outlying buildings and shops. Johnson stated that they have a system called Pro-Watch and went through the benefits of the system. Each key card would be designated to an employee. If someone was in after hours, you would know that through this system. A keycard can be deactivated at any time. Rick will bring some per building costs to a future meeting. Information only.

Rick Drietz would like to get Heating and Cooling quotes per floor. If the projects are smaller, we may attract some local contractors. It would also help contain construction to one floor at a time. The Board was in consensus with obtaining quotes per floor for the Heating and Cooling projects. Information only.

Lisa Graphenteen, Informed the Board that the application is well under way for Phase II of the Hole in the Mountain park project which includes the campground items. Graphenteen presented the Phase II GMRPTC Budget which includes some increased costs. The total project is estimated to be \$1,063,608.00. The County match should be approved at about 10%. Graphenteen informed the Board that all environmental reports have been submitted on Phase I, but we have not heard a response yet. Information only.

Graphenteen requested approval of Resolution No. 22-2022 and the matching funds amount of \$110,000.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution No. 22-2022 approving a Greater Minnesota Legacy Grant application to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Hole in the Mountain Park Campground project with a matching amount of \$110,000.00. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 22-2022  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION - LEGACY**

Resolution approving a Greater Minnesota Legacy Grant application to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Hole in the Mountain Park Campground project.

WHEREAS, Lincoln County (Applicant) has the right and authority to sponsor a grant funding request to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC).

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has a right and authority to act as Legal Sponsor for the State Grant Application (the "Application") and will work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"), in developing a Grant Agreement relating to the funding which may be awarded by the GMRPTC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Applicant certifies it has read and understands the Office of Grants Management Conflict of Interest Policy 08-01, will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and monitor and report any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest to the GMRPTC and DNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant confirms all of the information in its Application and further confirms that it has no expectation of, or entitlement to, reimbursement of costs incurred prior to grant agreement execution date and, if applicable, it has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire property described in its Application if grant funds are to be used for the purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has or will acquire a fee interest ownership or permanent easement over the land described in the Application for regional parks and regional special feature parks as applicable. The applicant has or will acquire a fee interest, permanent or perpetual easement or minimum twenty (20) year lease over the land described in the Application for regional trails or regional special feature parks, as applicable and approved, before the project proceeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant agrees that it will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and requirements as stated in the Grant Agreement with the DNR, including dedicating the park property for uses consistent with the grant agreement into perpetuity or for trails, committing to

maintain the trails for a period of not less than twenty (20) years, and dedicating all land acquired under the project for uses consistent with the grant agreement into perpetuity.

BE IT FURTHER UNDERSTOOD that the GMRPTC will confirm at such time that it has made the award of funds authorizing a Grant Agreement to be developed between the DNR and the Applicant.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Jason Overby, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water General Manager, presented the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System 2021 Audit Report. Also present were LPRW board members Frank Engels, Janice Moen, and Joe Weber. The Audit came back with a clean opinion. Overby also reviewed the following updates:

- 84 customers have been added in 2021. 79 are residential, 1 was a winery, and 4 were livestock confinements. 12 of the new customers were in Lincoln County. Lincoln County currently has 1,074 rural water accounts.
- New pumps were put in at the Lincoln County pump station.
- 12.5 miles of new line has been added in the Tyler area.
- LPRW has secured 25 acres west of Boyd to put a water facility on.
- A new LPRW shop and office complex will be put up in the City of Lake Benton.
- Have been working on connecting the city of Rushmore.
- Working on getting additional water from Osceola and Louis and Clark.

Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, reviewed the Boat and Water activity for 2021. There were 2,669 lake checks and 24 incidents in 2021, compared to 2,099 lake checks and 18 incidents in 2020. The more activity we have, the higher grant amount we receive. Information only.

Meester presented the 2022 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract Agreement. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the 2022 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract Agreement in the amount of \$5,575.00. All voted in favor.

Meester presented Resolution No. 23-2022 for approval. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution No. 23-2022 to appoint Dr. Quinn Strobl as the Lincoln County Medical Examiner for the period of August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. All voted in favor.

Board of Commissioners

Lincoln County, Minnesota

Date June 21, 2022

Resolution No. 23 – 2022

Motion by Commissioner VanDeVere

Seconded by Commissioner Nielsen

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln has entered into a Contractual Agreement with the County of Anoka to provide medical examiner services as set forth in Minn. Stat. 390; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of said Agreement, the County of Wright must appoint a Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn Strobl is a doctor of medicine licensed in the State of Minnesota and is a forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Dr. Quinn Strobl, Lincoln County Medical Examiner for the period of August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Drietz	<u>X</u> Yes	___ No
Commissioner Hauswedell	<u>X</u> Yes	___ No
Commissioner Nielsen	<u>X</u> Yes	___ No
Commissioner Sik	<u>X</u> Yes	___ No
Commissioner VanDeVere	<u>X</u> Yes	___ No

Attest:

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Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, Auditor-Treasurer

Meester presented the Medical Examiner Contract for services between Anoka County and Lincoln County. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the contract for Medical Examiner Services between Anoka County, MN and Lincoln County, MN commencing on August 1, 2022 and will terminate on December 31, 2023. All voted in favor.

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

- Advertising for bids on the Gravel Crushing and Seal Coating contract for 2022 with the bid opening taking place on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Have been finishing up widening project items.
- The Paving Contract has been let and will begin in mid to late August.
- Continue to work on 2023 project plans.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have been mowing shoulders.
- Have been blading and hauling gravel.
- Working on maintaining roads
- Doing some sign repair
- Receiving some dirt from city of Lake Benton for maintaining the slopes.
- The Lake Benton shop had some damage from the last storm. The transformer behind the building blew.

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

Wilson requested approval of the 2021 Annual Highway Finance Report. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve the 2021 Annual Highway Finance Report. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the MnDOT Trunk Highway 68 Project is still delayed. Information only.

Wilson presented a quote from Frontier Precision for replacement of the survey equipment. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the quote from Frontier Precision in the amount of \$27,132.90 to be used for the replacement of the survey equipment. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that Lake Stay Curly Leaf Pond Weed looks like it is under control. The weeds are still growing in Lake Shaokatan. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he met with the DNR regarding getting a new structure at the outlet on Lake Shaokatan and they thought it would be good to start looking at a design structure. Area II would be able to do that design. An estimate of the cost would be \$70,000.00 - \$80,000.00. The Board was in consensus with moving forward. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the fence has been started at the Arco garbage site. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he had estimated the length of the 15" dual wall pipe for CD #37 incorrectly at the last meeting. This would increase the length from 670 to 970. Hauschild would like to amend the motion for the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to amend the motion from the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as follows: to authorize the repair on CD #37 in section 29 of Royal Township at an estimated amount of ~~\$25,000.00~~ \$28,000.00 and authorize Hauschild to get quotes to replace said area with dual wall of the same size in the same location. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that another repair may be needed on CD #37 further north. Information only.

Hauschild met with the Railroad again regarding the jack and bore permit on CD #14. Hauschild notified the Railroad on the contractor we would be using and this may have to go through an Engineer. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he would like to look into digitizing the ditch files sometime in the future. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the new FEMA Flood Plain preliminary maps have been released. Hauschild is concerned about a few spots on these maps. There will be a 45 day notice published in the paper and then the maps will be adopted. The DNR will try to get word out to the townships so they review these maps closely. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that Poison Hemlock has been spotted in Lincoln County. Round-up will kill this weed. Hauschild would like the public to notify him if it's been seen. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he has been contacted about thistles on land owned by the DNR by Hole in the Mountain Park. The DNR is working on planting grasses that will choke out the thistles. Hauschild has some concerns about this since the thistles will seed out prior to this. Information only.

Amber Scholten, Lincoln County Emergency Management, requested approval to purchase a drone. 3 different size drone models were presented and Scholten feels the middle sized one would fit Lincoln

County's needs. The Commissioners would like to see a list of individuals that would be interested in being certified to fly the drone. This was tabled at this time.

Scholten requested approval to pay the 2022 Alpha Wireless yearly maintenance bill as an auditor warrant. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve paying the 2022 Alpha Wireless yearly maintenance bill in the amount of \$20,208.00 as an auditor warrant. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on if the County could budget money for emergency services such as ambulance or fire departments. In order to spend money, statutory authority for the expenditure must be stated or implied as necessary to do what an express power authorizes. The County will not be able to set up a budget for these types of expenditures. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT, Lincoln County Enterprise Dev.  
 Hauswedell – AMC, SWHHS, Personnel  
 Nielsen – AMC, Personnel  
 Sik – AMC, SWHHS  
 VanDeVere – AMC, Personnel, Rural Transportation Coalition

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #18465 - #18513 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$44,817.61, Road & Bridge - \$20,648.30, and Ditch - \$1,647.92. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Christensen Broadcasting - \$4,420.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc. - \$2,427.00, Hendricks Farmers Lumber Co. - \$11,579.33, MN Dept. of Transportation – St. Paul - \$2,756.98, Pictometry International Corporation - \$8,285.00, Tyler Oil Co - \$2,470.60, West Shore Services, Inc. - \$4,300.00, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$9,827.99, and 40 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$15,532.93.

Deb Vierhuf presented Resolution 24-2022. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution 24-2022 Establishment of Lincoln County Absentee and UOCAVA Ballot Board. All voted in favor.

**LINCOLN COUNTY  
 RESOLUTION NO. 24-2022  
 ESTABLISHMENT OF LINCOLN COUNTY ABSENTEE and UOCAVA BALLOT  
 BOARD**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 203B.121 authorizes Lincoln County to establish an absentee ballot board by resolution to process regular absentee ballots; and Minnesota Statute 203B.23 authorizes the County Auditor-Treasurer to establish the UOCAVA ballot board

WHEREAS, the absentee/UOCAVA ballot board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee/UOCAVA ballots in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Ballot Board would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in Minnesota Statutes Sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy county auditor-Treasurers trained in the processing and counting of absentee ballots;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners establish that Election Judges and staff of the Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer's office serve as the Absentee Ballot Board with the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes 203B.121, for the 2022 Primary and General elections.

AND, THEREFORE ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County Auditor-Treasurer shall appoint Election Judges and staff of the Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer's office serve as the UOCAVA Ballot Board according to Minnesota Statute 203B.23 for the 2022 Primary and General elections.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

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 Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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 Deb Vierhuf, Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf requested approval to void check #18335 due to a duplicate payment. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve voiding check #18335 issued to MN Department of Corrections in the amount of \$18,605.35. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. All voted in favor.

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer