

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 15, 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 Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from March 1, 2022, and the agenda for March 15, 2022. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, presented the new septic grant application. The new application has the 2022 adjusted gross income limits. An additional grant option through BWSR was also added. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the updated 2022 Septic Grant Application. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the forfeited house (parcel #19-0435-000) in Lake Benton has been torn down. There is a shallow well on the property that needs to be sealed. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that Sterzinger Construction will need to do some additional work on the forfeited lumberyard site (parcel #18-0126-000) in Ivanhoe. Some of the cement was left to be removed during warmer weather. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he attended the Annual Township Association meeting. One of the items discussed was the noxious weed procedure. Hauschild will be putting a written procedure together and will bring it to the Board at a future meeting. Information only.

Commissioner Drietz stated that Alta Vista would like a larger dumpster. Hauschild will check with Waste Management and see if a larger dumpster can be brought to the Alta Vista garbage site. Information only.

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

- Continue to prepare for 2022 projects – will be advertising for bids on those projects soon.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- One of Ivanhoe's plow trucks was down for repairs due to the front PTO breaking. It has been repaired.
- Serviced two of the blades and the plow truck last week.
- Have started on crack filling.

Wilson informed the Board that he continues to work on closing out projects from last year. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he is planning to get quotes for pavement patching on County Highway 19 ahead of other paving projects so it is complete prior to the start of construction and detour for Trunk Highway 68. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that spring load restrictions started on March 14th. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that they are planning to have the Highway Round Table meeting on either April 5th or April 19th. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that informational meetings on the city Pedestrian Ramp Projects will be held in Hendricks(City Hall) on March 21st, in Lake Benton(Event Center) on March 22nd, in Ivanhoe(Highway Building) on March 23rd, and in Tyler(Fire Hall) on March 24th. All meetings will be held from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, introduced members of the drug task force, who were present to give information on the Drug Task Force. The Drug Task Force members in attendance were Mike Hamonn, Pipestone County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy and Task Force Board Member and Chris Lewis, Murray County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant and Task Force Commander. Pipestone Commissioner Les Nath was also present. Some of the stats on the Drug Task Force cases were given. If Lincoln County would become a member, a deputy would be assigned to the task force. This is a great way to network across county lines. If Lincoln County has a case where the drug task force is needed, other deputies from the task force will come to Lincoln County to assist. The task force receives grant money from the Department of Justice and this money is given to each of the member counties to apply to salaries. There is a per capita contribution by the member counties, but that would not be required of Lincoln County until 2024. If Lincoln County would become an associate member, there would not be any money exchanged and the deputy assigned would attend informational meetings. If Lincoln County becomes a member, the deputy assigned would spend an estimated 1,000 hours per year doing task

force duties. Training that pertains to the task force is paid for by the task force. A phone is supplied to the assigned deputy and is paid for by the task force. The approval of becoming an associate member or member of the Drug Task Force was tabled and will be voted on at a future meeting. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – LQP Watershed, RCRC and Area II, Township meetings in Alta Vista, Marble, and Royal, Missouri River Watershed
- Hauswedell – Extension
- Nielsen – MN Rural Counties, LCEDC, Extension, Hansonville, Township meetings in Hansonville, Hendricks, and Shaokatan
- Sik – Explore SW MN, SW Reg. Dev.
- VanDeVere – Area Transportation (APT)

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #17782 - #17852 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$132,260.18, Road & Bridge - \$15,180.23, Ditch - \$606.00 and LID - \$695.50. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$9,806.59, Alpha Wireless Communications Co. - \$3,690.25, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$2,625.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Green and Clean Recycling LLC - \$4,787.90, Lincoln Soil-Water Conserv. Dist. - \$51,300.00, MN Dept. of Agriculture - \$51,724.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$2,416.50 and 63 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$16,877.67.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented the 2022 fee schedule for approval. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the 2022 fee schedule. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented Resolution No. 15-2022 which states the departments that have petty cash and the amount. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 15-2022 Petty Cash. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 15-2022
Petty Cash**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lincoln County needs various petty cash accounts to do departmental business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we have petty cash balances as follows:

- Auditor/Treasurers Office \$500.00
- Sheriff's Office \$50.00
- Environmental Office \$50.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board approves the petty cash balances in the Auditor/Treasurer's office, the Sheriff's office and the Environmental office.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 15th day of March 2022.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor/Treasurer

Vierhuf informed the Board that we need to appoint a new Extension Committee member. Amber Dwire was presented to be added to the Extension Committee. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve appointing Amber Dwire as the new Extension Committee member. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the Extension Committee per diems for the Commissioners. Other counties run those per diems through the Commissioner budget instead of having Extension pay for them. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Sik to pay the Extension Committee Commissioner per diems through the Commissioners budget. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer