

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 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 Hauswedell, seconded by Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from April 19, 2022, the agenda for May 3, 2022 and the 1 Day Temporary "On-Sale" Liquor and Gambling License for the St. John Cantius Catholic Church – 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that Lake Stay has been treated. The Environmental staff thought they could see, from the discoloration of the water, that the treatment was working, but will get additional samples today. The Lake Benton Lake was checked as well and will continue to be monitored. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that TE Underground has submitted a quote of \$3,760.00 to fix the soft spot at the Tyler garbage site. Upon authorization, the soft spot was fixed. Hauschild has found a person to do the clean-up at that site. Information only.

Hauschild presented the Annual Feedlot Report. The annual review was completed with MPCA and they determined that 13.5 of the 16 goals have been met. This gave us an 84.378% and the threshold is 85%. Hauschild is appealing this result. Hauschild feels we were deducted in full on two of the points and should not have been. Our funding would decrease due to losing the performance credits. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that on Judicial Ditch 11, a property owner was questioning his benefits. The owner had previously sold part of a parcel, but the benefits all stayed with the original parcel. Hauschild and Vierhuf reviewed the split and felt with looking at how the ditch flows through those properties, the two parcels that were split off should have some benefits. This will be corrected. Hauschild would like to give a refund of \$165.09 for the assessment that was incorrectly charged in 2022. A check would be issued in the amount of \$165.09 for parcel #11-0027-000 to Joseph & Marlys Kontz. The Board was in consensus with issuing the refund. Information only.

Hauschild presented the CD #14 Railroad Crossing Bids which were opened on April 28, 2022. The bids were as follows:

- Noomen Excavating, LLC    \$324,750.50
- TE Underground, LLC    \$109,600.00

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to award TE Underground the CD #14 Railroad Crossing bid in the amount of \$109,600.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the omnibus bill which included the new drainage language of posting all ditch repairs for thirty days prior to doing any maintenance has passed the House and is now in the Senate. Hauschild will continue to watch this bill. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Environmental Office will be working with Goodwill to recycle resident's computer parts thru a program by Dell. This program will allow the County to collect computer equipment at no cost while the program lasts. Information only.

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:

- Crack filling continues as weather permits.
- Continue to disk and blade shoulders.
- Maintain gravel roads.
- Cleaning corn husks out of culverts.
- Preparing equipment for summer maintenance.

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

Wilson informed the Board that the spring road restrictions will come off on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the MnDOT Trunk Highway 68 project is planned to start May 9<sup>th</sup> and the detour is expected to start on County Highway 20 on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that minor work on Buffalos Ridge Wind project is planned to start on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Wilson has received the letter of credit which will be filed in the Auditor-Treasurers office. Information only.

Wilson presented the Engineers 4 year contract for approval. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the 4 year Engineers Contract. All voted in favor.

Wilson presented the Master Agreement with MnDOT for review to be approved at the next meeting. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that Alta Vista Township will be doing a water retention project. Information only.

Elizabeth Hoffman, Plum Creek Library Director, was present to give an update on the Plum Creek Library. The Plum Creek Libraries offer interlibrary loan & delivery, digital resources, advocacy & training, technical support, integrated library catalog, and legacy programming. Sue Vizecky, Ivanhoe Library Director, was present to give an update on the different activities that are held at the Ivanhoe Library. Vizecky did many extra things for the residents during COVID. The libraries in Lincoln County stayed open and offered many options throughout the pandemic. Vizecky also thanked the County for their financial support. Information only.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance, presented a quote to repair the retaining wall by the Sheriff's office from Action Landscaped and Design in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the quote from Action Landscape and Design in the amount of \$7,500.00 to paid out of the capital improvement fund. All voted in favor.

Drietz presented two options for the siding on the Jail and Highway buildings. Option #1 is to do metal siding with a quote from Sussner Construction of Marshall, MN in the amount of \$419,700.00. Option #2 is to pressure wash, scrape, patch bad spots and spray the whole building with 2 concrete coatings of stucco in the amount of \$70,000.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the quotes from Jim's Stucco in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Stucco repair on the Highway shop and the Sheriff's Office building to be paid out of the capital improvement fund. All voted in favor.

Drietz presented a quote from Fuller Paving of Pipestone in the amount of \$12,350.00 for the Jail Parking Lot fix. Commissioner Hauswedell would like to see a quote for 6" concrete to see what the price

difference would be. Drietz will look into a concrete bid and bring it forward at the next meeting. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff and Michael Hamann, Pipestone County Chief Deputy were present for further discussion on the Drug Task Force. Discussions included the following items:

- Funds are available for a part-time or full-time membership. The funds are significantly less for a part-time membership. These funds are to help cover the hours the assigned deputy works for the Drug Task Force.
- The assigned deputy would be in Lincoln County most of the time and would still cover regular Lincoln County duties.
- The Sheriff is still in control of the assigned deputy's hours.
- The Lincoln County grant funds to be received would be approximately \$31,000.00 per year for 2022 and 2023. Funds will need to be reapplied for in future years.
- Lincoln County would not have to contribute a per capita amount until 2024.
- If a case is in Lincoln County, the other Lincoln County deputies would be involved.
- There will be a JPA with a 90 day notification if the County no longer wants to participate.
- If Lincoln becomes a full-time member, a Lincoln County Commissioner would sit on the Drug Task Force Board.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to become a full-time member of the Drug Task Force. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Amber Scholten, Lincoln County Emergency Management, was present to discuss some radio issues. The Lincoln County Deputies tested global and mobile signals in different spots in the County for thirty days. The vehicle repeaters are not a good fit for Lincoln County. The city of Tyler is one of the worst areas. We may need to consider a tower in that area. We would need to purchase a tower to be near a building with heat and power for a generator. Scholten is looking into different options and possible grant funding. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – 3 CPT meetings, LacQuiParle Watershed Planning Committee  
 Hauswedell – Personnel  
 Nielsen – ACE, Personnel, Highway Round Table  
 Sik – Labor Management, Drug Task Force meeting  
 VanDeVere – Highway Round Table, PACE, Rural MN Energy Board Special Meeting, United Community Action, Supporting Hands

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #18092-#18128 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$53,106.13, Road & Bridge - \$30,063.81, Ditch - \$2,300.00 and Agency – 775.00. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center bill. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$22,711.12, BioAg Energy Cooperative - \$2,046.25, Lyon Co. Auditor-Treasurer - \$3,701.79, Lyon Co Environmental Office - \$3,181.12, Mid-American Research Chem. Cor. - \$2,300.52, PLM Lake & Land Management - \$10,231.40, Rick's Welding Inc. - \$4,800.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$24,137.50, TE Underground LLC - \$2,300.00, and 28 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$10,835.24.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. All voted in favor.

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer