

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 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 Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from November 1, 2022, and the agenda for November 15, 2022 with the addition for the TNT meeting time change. All voted in favor.

At 9:05 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding liquor applications for the Hendricks Golf Club Association and the Knotty Pine Supper Club. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the intoxicating on-sale liquor licenses for the Hendricks Golf Club Association and the Knotty Pine Supper Club for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that he is working on getting the MPCA Greater MN Recycling and Composting Grant completed. Hauschild limited the project to the concrete and the construction cost for two buildings along with a ½ staff employee. The total of the grant request is between \$153,000.00 and \$154,000.00 with a County match of \$38,500.00 bringing the total to a little over \$192,000.00. Information only.

Hauschild gave the following ditch updates:

- CD #14 – TE Underground should start this week. The Gopher call was on Friday.
- JD #29 – A & C has completed their work. County staff picked up the rocks and debris so it would not end up in the landowner's field and the seeding of the buffer was completed last week.
- CD #37 – Bill Sterzinger Construction will be starting this project soon.

Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he sat in on the webinar for the Digester Facility. There will be follow-up with all counties. There are certain qualifications that need to be met for the site. Information only.

Commissioner Hauswedell inquired about the Lake Stay grant. The Arco Sportsman Club will be applying for that grant and recently received the notice that it is open. The grant covers all invasive species so we do qualify. Information only.

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

- All projects are finished.
- Continue to work on plans for Township Box culverts.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Sanding was done due to some slippery areas.
- Finished some repairs on Snow Equipment.
- Hoping to get some tree removal done yet this year.
- Some dozer work to be done at some of the pits.
- Corn stock burning needs to be done.

Information only.

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

Wilson requested approval of Resolution No. 34-2022. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 34-2022 Final Payment to Rogge Excavating Inc. for Contract 03-2022. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION  
34 - 2022**

WHEREAS, the construction of Contract 03-2022 Gravel Crushing has in all things been completed by Rogge Excavating Inc., the final contract costs are as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$	157,750.00
Contract Changes	\$	0.00
Revised Contract Amount	\$	157,750.00
Final Contract Amount	\$	144,838.50
Final Payment Amount	\$	144,838.50

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Lincoln and authorize final payment as specified above.

ADOPTED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson informed the Board that it is time to renew the computer drafting software. Wilson is looking at renewing for 3 years instead of 1. There would be some savings by doing 3 years at once. A one year is at a cost of \$3,697.00 and for a 3 year contract, it would be \$10,543.50. The Commissioners were in consensus with locking the computer drafting software in for three years. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that it is not cost effective for the County to use the Skogen building. Information only.

Discussion was held on how many Township Box Culverts are being worked on and how many are left to go. The average cost per box culvert is \$100,000.00. Information only.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented Resolution 35-2022 Appointing Jean Nelson as the Lincoln County Assessor. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution No. 35-2022 Appointing Jean Nelson as the Lincoln County Assessor for the Term Dated January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2024 with review of annual wage to follow. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022  
APPOINTING JEAN NELSON AS THE LINCOLN COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR THE TERM DATED  
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, According to M.S. 273.052 and M.S. 273061 the County Board of Commissioners shall appoint, by resolution, a county assessor and:

**WHEREAS**, Jean Nelson, has the necessary knowledge, training, and accreditation in the field of property taxation to qualify her for the position of County Assessor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Jean Nelson as Lincoln County Assessor effective January 1, 2023, for the remainder of the four year term, set to expire December 31, 2024, in accordance with Minnesota Statute 273.061 with review of annual wage to follow.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recommend to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue that she approve the appointment of Jean Nelson as the Lincoln County Assessor in accordance with Minnesota statute 273.061

**ADOPTED** by unanimous vote this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Tami Nelson, Lincoln County Financial Accountant, was present for budget discussion. Commissioner VanDeVere would like to increase all of the sportsman clubs to an appropriation of \$1,000.00 to help pay for the electricity for the lake aerators. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to increase all of the sportsman club's appropriations to \$1,000.00. All voted in favor.

Nelson presented a handout of all recent changes. The budget increase is at 3%. The Board will continue to consider the budget increase for 2023. Information only.

Monica Monterrosa, Director of International Development at Invenergy, was present to give an update on Invenergy – Purple Skies. Invenergy has wind, solar, storage, and natural gas projects. Invenergy is interested in this area due to the wind resource and the new connectivity opportunity to the Xcel Energy transmission line. The Purple Skies plan is to sign land in 2022 and 2023, start wind measurement and environmental studies in 2023, create layout and begin permitting in 2024 and 2025, prepare for and start construction in 2026 and start operations in 2027. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None  
Hauswedell – None  
Nielsen – Lincoln County Enterprise Development, MN Rural Counties  
Sik – RCRCA and Area II

VanDeVere – PrimeWest, Rural MN Energy Board, SW Regional Development

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19435 - #19492 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$34,258.50, Road & Bridge - \$26,040.25, Debt Service - \$14,449.68 and Ditch - \$4,949.80. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A & C Excavating LLC - \$4,575.00, Bauer Built Inc - \$4866.68, Bucks Parking Lines and Signs LLC - \$2,435.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Matt Pederson Concrete Construction, LLC - \$8,400.00, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$4,816.09, Quarnstrom & Doering PA - \$2,128.50, Schaeffer Mfg. Co - \$2,001.71, Thomas Plumbing Inc. - \$14,449.68, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$6,378.75, and 48 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$24,132.82.

Vierhuf presented the PrimeWest Promissory Note. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the Promissory Note to pay PrimeWest \$183,864.00. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the WSB & Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the WSB & Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement which includes a fee of \$13,500.00 for the HITM Basemap Topographical Survey. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf requested a motion to move the December 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to 4:30 p.m. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to move the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to 4:30 p.m. with the TNT meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere stated that the County had previously restricted \$450,000.00 as the entry fee to get into PrimeWest. The cost will end up considerably less. VanDeVere would like to see these excess dollars go towards Armor Radios. Amber Scholten will put together some total cost figures on what is needed for radios. Information only.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen, to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer