

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 20, 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 Hauswedell, seconded by Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from September 6, 2022, and the agenda for September 20, 2022. All voted in favor.

Doug Host, CliftonLarsonAllen Audit Principal, presented the 2021 Audit. The audit went very well and the staff was great to work with and were well prepared. Lincoln County was issued a "clean" opinion on the financial statements for 2021. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to accept the 2021 Audit Report as presented. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that the garbage sites have had more garbage put in the recycling dumpsters instead of the garbage dumpsters. Cameras have been placed at some of the sites to try to monitor this. Additional signs will also be placed at the dumpsters. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Regional Construction and Development Grant is being worked on by the region. The data, which is being accumulated for this grant, will also be useful when work begins on the Regional Solid Waste Plan. Information only.

Hauschild gave ditch updates as follows:

- Quotes will be presented at the next meeting for the CD #37 tile install.
- The CD #14 railroad crossing work is complete.
- Quotes will be presented at the next meeting for the CD #14 tile install.

Information only.

Hauschild presented estimates for the Perch Lake Outlet. Perch Lake is 3-4 feet over the ordinary high water level that was established in the 90's. The township road, 190<sup>th</sup> Ave, keeps washing out due to this high water level. When meeting with the DNR about repairing the road, there was discussion of installing a drain tile to control the water level at the established OHWL while metering flow from large rain events. Area II has done the engineering on this project. \$274,000.00 is the quote for running the water under the road. Hauschild is presenting the information for future discussion if we decide to proceed. Outside funds will be looked into, but it is unknown at this time whether we will be able to get outside funds or not. Information only.

Hauschild presented the cost of some additional signs and supplies for the Intersection Sign Project to be paid out of capital improvement. The additional amount would be \$8,255.37. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the additional amount of \$8,255.37 to be paid out of the capital improvement account for the Intersection Sign Project. All voted in favor.

Hauschild presented information on the MN LIDAR Plan. Meetings have been attended by Brad Leibfried, Lincoln County GIS, Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Engineer and Hauschild. Funds are being requested from the 10 county region of those counties that choose to participate in the plan. The goal is to get to a LIDAR quality level 1. If there is better participation, there is a greater chance to be awarded a grant. Hauschild will bring a letter of support to the Board at a future meeting requesting a commitment of \$20,000.00. Information only.

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

- The 2022 Paving Project has started with milling in Hendricks and Ivanhoe.
- Work has started on a reclaimer on County Road 7.
- Work will start tentatively on County road 8 and 13 tomorrow.
- Gravel crushing is planned to start next week.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Looking into rotating graders every 5 years. Joe will look into the cost of leasing.
- Blading on gravel roads.
- Re-gravelling to do yet.
- Ditch cleaning to be done yet.
- Have started replacing the culvert on County Road 123

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

Wilson presented Resolution No. 30-2022 Final Payment for Construction Project SAP 041-600-003. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 30-2022 Final Payment for Construction Project SAP 041-600-003. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION No. 30 – 2022  
Final Payment for Project SAP 041-600-003**

WHEREAS, the construction of Project SAP 041-600-003 (Lake Benton State Park Road Account) has in all things been completed by Duininck, Inc., the final contract costs are as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$	109,259.84
Contract Changes	\$	-490.42
Revised Contract Amount	\$	108,769.42
Final Contract Amount	\$	106,532.77
Final Payment Amount	\$	5,326.64

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 20th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson presented information on the right of way payments for easements. In Resolution 15-2015 it states that the right of way be paid at 130% of the Assessor’s estimated market value. Wilson would like to increase these payments to \$3,800 per acre which would follow this rule. The Board was in consensus with raising the right of way payment according to current market value. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he would like to extend the summer hours another week into October. The Board was in consensus with extending the summer hours. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he has not received a quote for the concrete gutter in the highway parking lot yet. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that 3 engineering computers are being replaced and the bills are in the commissioner warrants today. Information only.

Tami Nelson, Lincoln County Financial Accountant, presented Resolution 29-2022 Preliminary Budget to the Board. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 29-2022 Preliminary Budget which is at a 3% increase. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 29 – 2022  
2023 Proposed Levy**

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor-Treasurer of Lincoln County, Minnesota, has made and submitted her estimate of expenses and revenues of said county for the year 2023, as required by law, and the county board of said county having duly examined and considered the same,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that there is hereby approved, the following proposed levy, against the taxable property of said county of Lincoln for the year 2023.

**2023 PROPOSED Levy  
\$6,139,449**

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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Corey Sik, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – Lincoln Co Enterprise Development
- Hauswedell – Western Mental Health
- Nielsen – None
- Sik – None
- VanDeVere – SW Regional Development, ACE Appreciation for the Volunteers

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hauswedell seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19064 - #19116 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$83,397.22, Road & Bridge - \$70,416.09 and Debt Service - \$3,722.23. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Action Company LLC - \$7,500.00, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$13,060.25, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$34,419.00, The Computer Man Inc. - \$13,065.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Good Septic and Excavating - \$18,722.23, Hancock Concrete Prod Co LLC - \$33,579.30, Ivanhoe Electric Inc. - \$5,218.60, Lyon Co Environmental Office - \$2,050.96, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$2,836.50, Volan Oil - \$4,445.00 and 41 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$17,124.70.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented an easement to be recorded for land in Lake Benton Township. The document was reviewed by County Attorney Petersen. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the Ottertail Electric Line Easement in Lake Benton Township Government Lot 3, Section 8, Township 109 North, Range 45 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf Informed the Board that the Heating/Cooling project has been approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:20 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