

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

September 6, 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 August 16, 2022, and the agenda for September 6, 2022. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that they will be moving the dumpsters in Verdi. The site will be monitored for snow issues prior to putting up the fence at that site. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he toured the Waste Energy Plant in Mankato. This plant burns 200 tons of garbage per day. 80% of the garbage comes from the Metro area. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the JD #31 Br #24 final hearing date will be set today via conference call with Lyon County. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the CD #14 Railroad crossing will be tentatively finished in the next couple of weeks. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that a notice has been put in the paper for spraying trees in the buffer strips. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he has had some calls of concern regarding pumping water out of the Lake Benton Lake for dust control during the wind tower project. Hauschild did check with the DNR to see what the permit is allowing for water usage. According to the hydrologist, the water that is used from the lake for this project should not have a large impact on the Lake. Information only.

The conference call between the Lincoln County and Lyon County Ditch Authorities was held at 9:15 a.m. Present for the conference call were Lincoln County Commissioners Drietz, Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik, VanDeVere, Deb Vierhuf and Dustin Hauschild. Lyon County Commissioners were Graupmann, Crowley, Ritter, Anderson, and Sanow. Lyon County Attorney Maes and Lyon County Administrator Stomberg were also present.

The Final Closure Hearing date for the Improvement of JD #31 Br #24 was set for October 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the Lyon County Government Center Commissioners Room.

The Conference call was adjourned.

Tami Nelson, Lincoln County Financial Accountant reviewed the preliminary budget with the Board. The percent of levy increase is at 3% for the preliminary budget. Information only.

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

- The 2022 Paving Project has not started yet. They are planning to start around 9/19.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Doing some seeding and ditch cleaning projects.
- Hauling gravel to maintain the gravel roads.
- Looking for an excavator for the pipe hauling.

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

Wilson presented the Consultant Hydraulic Quotes. Quotes received were as follows:

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| • WSB \$22,362.00 | • SEH \$16,500.00 |
| • Stonebrooke \$16,750.00 | • Erickson \$22,000.00 |

Wilson's recommendation is to go with SEH. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Hydraulic Quote from SEH in the amount of \$16,500.00. All voted in favor.

Wilson requested approval to replace the concrete gutter between the highway building and the new storage building. The curb also needs to be removed. Wilson will have some more final numbers at the next Board meeting. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve removing the curb and replacing the gutter between the Highway shop and the new shed with the cost coming out of the capital

improvement account and to have Wilson contact Commissioner Sik with the quote once it is received. All voted in favor.

Wilson presented a state bid for a replacement of unit #20 plow truck. Even if we order now, the truck may not be received until 2024. The cost of the truck from Boyer would be \$138,979.11 and the plow package from Towmaster would be an additional \$145,864.00 for a total cost of \$284,843.11 plus an additional \$3,500.00 for a second transmission cooler. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Sik to approve purchasing the truck from Boyer in the amount of \$138,979.11 plus the plow package from Towmaster in the amount of \$145,864.00 for a total cost of \$284,843.11 plus an additional \$3,500 for a second transmission cooler plus any other corresponding fees. All voted in favor.

Wilson would like to order a replacement motor grader for 2024 in the amount of \$444,040.00 which includes the walk and roll option. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve a replacement motor grader in the amount of \$444,040.00 (state bid) which includes \$30,220.00 for the walk and roll option to be paid to Ziegler CAT plus corresponding fees. All voted in favor.

Wilson would like to declare the maintenance pickup that was replaced by a 2021 pickup as surplus. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to declare the maintenance pickup that was replaced with a 2021 pickup as surplus All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on a resolution that was approved in 2015. The resolution listed amounts to be paid for right of way, slope easements and fencing installation and removal. Wilson would like to update the payments. An updated resolution will be brought back at a future meeting. Information only.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance Supervisor, requested approval to purchase a heat and air conditioning unit for the 1st floor. Drietz received quotes per floor from Bisbee Plumbing and Heating and Chappell Central, Inc. Bisbee's quote per floor is \$100,350 and Chappell Central, Inc.'s quote averages out to \$103,742.00 per floor. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the HVAC upgrade for the Courthouse 1st floor plus \$15,000 for a furnace and a/c unit for the basement for a total amount of \$115,350.00 to be paid to Bisbee Plumbing and Heating pending the review from the Historical Society. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None
 Hauswedell – Western Mental Health,
 Nielsen – ACE, LCEDC
 Sik – SWHHS
 VanDeVere – United Community Action, Prime West, Transit meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #18945 - #19022 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$360,827.91, Road & Bridge - \$73,268.54 and Ditch - \$4,268.77. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$21,279.59, Dean Brandt's Heating & Air Conditioning - \$5,800.00, Development Services Inc. - \$5,337.35, Interstate Telecommunications Coop, Inc. - \$150,000.00, Jim's Stucco - \$5,000.00, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$2,390.01, MEI Total Elevator Solutions - \$32,630.06, Mid- American Research Chem Cor - \$2,071.75, Midway Ford Company - \$36,011.01, MN Dept. of Agriculture - \$48,869.12, North Central International Inc. - \$8,410.06, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$74,168.00, Kari Rupp - \$2,478.79, Rybinski Farms Inc. - \$15,000.00 and 64 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$28,919.48.

Commissioner Sik brought up concerns on how reservations are made for the county parks. Commissioner VanDeVere stated that this will be discussed at the next park meeting as well. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:
 (SEAL)

 Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer