

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

August 15, 2023  
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 Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes from August 1, 2023 and the agenda for August 15, 2023. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, LCEDC President, presented a new proposal for the At Home in Lincoln County site. The proposal showed the County paying ½ of the expense in the amount of \$16,170.00. The balance would come from the 4 cities of Hendricks, Ivanhoe, Lake Benton, and Tyler. Each city would contribute \$4,500.00. Robinson would like the counties commitment prior to requesting dollars from the cities. Robinson's recommendation is to have a 5-person advisory committee and that LCEDC would not be tied to the oversight of the site. Commissioner Sik asked how it was decided to start this site. Robinson stated that the site was started through a grant from the Blandin Foundation. Public meetings were held and an advisory board was put together. Surveys were sent out to determine what was wanted by the public. The hope was that after the site was up and running and the value was shown, the continued funding would come from the County. Commissioner Nielsen asked if one of the cities does not want to fund the site, what is plan B? Robinson stated that at that time, they would have to come back to the Board. Commissioner VanDeVere stated that he likes the shared cost better than having the County fund the whole cost. VanDeVere also commented that if the Board decides it is not of value in the future, they can decide not to fund. Commissioner Hauswedell commented that with many grant projects, once the grant funding is complete, someone else has to take on the cost of the project. Commissioner Drietz commented that we still don't know if the cities will contribute. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to provide \$16,170.00 to fund the At Home in Lincoln County site in 2024 and the \$3,100.00 for the balance of 2023 contingent on the cities agreeing to pay their portion. Commissioners Nielsen and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioners Drietz, Hauswedell, and Sik voted in opposition. Motion failed.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental Administrator, presented the Solid Waste Management Agreement. This agreement was previously emailed to the Commissioners for review. The only change was at the top of page 5 where it states based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index/Urban-All users. The cost increase per year will be no more than 5% or based on the CPI whichever is lower. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the Lincoln County Recycling and Solid Waste Program Contract with Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. All voted in favor.

Hauschild gave an update on the transfer site progress. Concrete has been poured at the transfer site and cold storage facility. Once we get the roller from the Highway Department, we will be able to get the gravel in place, and use the inside of the transfer site. The construction on the building side will begin the first of September. Information only.

Hauschild presented Resolution 26-2023 for the Floodplain and Shoreland Ordinance. The ordinance was approved at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, but the resolution also needs approval. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution 26-2023 for the Floodplain and Shoreland Ordinance. All voted in favor.

**Resolution 26-2023  
ORDINANCE NO. 42  
LINCOLN COUNTY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 42 AMENDING  
LINCOLN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE NO. 41.**

**WHEREAS**, The County Commissioners of Lincoln County have determined the publication of the title and summary of Ordinance No. 42; an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 41 and Pertaining to the Comprehensive Land Development of Lincoln County, Minnesota and replacing it with Ordinance No. 42 would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance No 42; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 375.51 Subd. 3 and Minnesota Statutes 331A.01, Subd. 10, the Commissioners may direct that only the title of the Ordinance and a summary be published with notice that printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular business hours at the office of the County Auditor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Prior to publication of the Title and Summary, the Commissioners have read and approved the text of the summary and determined that it clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** the publication shall read as follows:

On August 15th, 2023, the County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Minnesota approved Ordinance No. 42, entitled Lincoln County Comprehensive Development Ordinance.

The following is a summary of Ordinance No. 42. Ordinance 42, in its entirety is available for review and/or photocopying during regular office hours at the Office of the County Auditor 319 North Rebecca Street, Ivanhoe, Minnesota 56142 (507) 694-1529 or at the Lincoln County Environmental Office, Lincoln County Highway Department, Ivanhoe, MN 56142 (507) 694-1344.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2023 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild gave a county ditch update. The updates were as follows:

- CD #37 – Will need to replace a ditch crossing culvert in Section 34 of Royal Township. The culvert was put in place in 1981 and there is an area that is totally rusted out and the driveway has sunk.

Hauschild requested approval to purchase steel pipe from True North Steel plus installation cost estimated at about \$30,000.00 to repair the culvert on CD #37. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to purchase steel pipe from True North Steel plus installation cost not to exceed \$29,568.00 to repair the culvert on CD #37. All voted in favor.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, presented Ordinance No. 51 Cannabis Use in Public for approval. This ordinance states that Cannabis cannot be used in public spaces unless that space is permitted for use. The ordinance also covers the penalty for violating this ordinance. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Ordinance No 51 Cannabis Use in Public which states that cannabis of any kind cannot be used in public and covers the penalty for violating this ordinance. All voted in favor.

Petersen feels we should hold off on the ordinance for the selling of Cannabis until more information is received by the State. Information only.

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

- Continue to work on getting the 2023 County and Township Box Culverts, and Paving Plans out for bid.
- Working through permitting for County Highway 8 Bridge.
- The Chip Seal project is finished. We will do some more sweeping before the pavement marking comes in.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Blading on gravel roads.
- Finished the second round of shoulder mowing
- Gravel hauling for gravel road surfaces
- Have done some patching with the skid loader.
- Found some issues with a culvert on County Highway 8. We plan to fix it temporarily for this year and replace the culvert next year.
- Fuel key system is down. It is an outdated system that has not been supported for 15 years. For a temporary fix, we will move the keys to the working board. We will need to look into some different options. Wilson will check into Midwest Alarm to see if they would have a solution.

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he continues to work on finalizing and closing out projects from 2020, 2021, and 2022. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he is working on the final sign off on the Wind Tower Project. Information only.

Wilson requested approval on a quote for Maintenance Striping. We have received two quotes. The quotes were as follows:

- Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC    \$51,498.00
- Traffic Solutions Inc.    \$51,727.50

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to approve the Maintenance Striping quote from Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC in the amount of \$51,498.00. All voted in favor.

Wilson requested approval on a bid for the ADA Pedestrian Ramp Project. Two bids were received. The bids were as follows:

- Ti-Zack Concrete Inc. \$1,287,989.47
- Equity Builders & Const. \$2,174,504.25

Wilson's recommendation is Ti-Zack Concrete Inc. once the federal civil rights approval is received. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the ADA Pedestrian Ramp Project bid from Ti-Zack Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$1,287,989.47 once the federal civil rights approval is received. All voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere informed Wilson that the Mayor of Tyler is wondering how we can get County Road 8 by the RTR school designated as a school zone road so that the speed limit will be 20 mph during school hours. Wilson feels this will be covered under the Safe Routes to school grant, but will look into it. Information only.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance Supervisor, requested payment of an additional amount of \$1,350.00 to ARS for the installation of 4 downspouts on the Sheriff's Office building. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the additional amount of \$1,350.00 on the ARS bill for the installation of 4 downspouts on the Sheriff's Office building to be paid out of capital improvement. All voted in favor.

Drietz requested approval of an ARS bill in the amount of \$2,495.70 for additional installation items on the Highway building. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the ARS bill in the amount of \$2,495.70 for the installation of 4 downspouts and 4 collector boxes on the Highway building to be paid out of the capital improvement account. All voted in favor.

Drietz informed the Board that the heating and cooling bid is progressing. Information only.

Drietz informed the Board that he has received one quote for concrete at the Sheriff's Office parking lot. The quote that was received would be contingent on the Lincoln County Highway Department breaking up and hauling out the asphalt and hauling in the gravel. Drietz will continue to look for a second quote. Information only.

Drietz – CPT, Personnel  
 Hauswedell – None  
 Nielsen – DSI regarding the At Home in Lincoln County Site, Personnel  
 Sik – Personnel  
 VanDeVere – Park Board, Supporting Hands, PrimeWest, SWHHS

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #21401 - #21471 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$32,717.19, Road and Bridge - \$77,186.93, Debt Service - \$13,200.00, and Ditch - \$15,298.53. Commissioners Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center bill. Motion carried by a majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$19,509.84, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,652.00, Duinink Incorporated - \$37,667.52, Mark Enemark - \$2,917.00, Mark and Linda Hesse - \$4,167.00, Maxx Drainage LLC - \$13,200.00, North Central International Inc. - \$2,607.23, Pro-Vision Inc. - \$3,029.37, William & Michelle Tiede - \$6,667.00, Tyler Hardware Hank - \$2,000.71, Vollar Oil - \$3,875.00, WSB & Associates, Inc. - \$4,346.53, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$3,751.61 and 58 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$29,011.84.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented a donation of \$250.00 to be accepted. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to accept the donation of \$250.00 from Darrell and Bernice Oerter for the Sheriff's Office. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented Resolution 27-2023. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution No. 27-2023 Resolution Recommending that Mitch Kling and Bill Ufkin be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2023  
 RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT  
 MITCH KLING AND BILL UFKIN  
 BE APPOINTED TO THE  
 LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Mitch Kling's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Ufkin's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2023, the LPRW Board of Commissioner unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that Mitch Kling and Bill Ufkin be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners believes that Mitch Kling and Bill Ufkin are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board of Commissioners and are worthy of appointment.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2023 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf informed the Board that the TIF reports have been received from the City of Hendricks and Lake Benton. Information only.

Vierhuf requested clarification on the amount of abatement for Safe Place. The Commissioners clarified that the abatement was \$4,000.00. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. All voted in favor.

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Corey Sik, 2023 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer