

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 19, 2008
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair, Joan Jagt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joan Jagt, James Johansen, D. D. Sagmoe, Larry Hansen and Curtis Blumeyer. Also present were Auditor, Kathy Schreurs and County Attorney, Glen Petersen and Financial Accountant, Chuck DeBates.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2008 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Johansen, to approve agenda items. All voted in favor.

Shelly Eldridge, Ehlers & Associates, reported that three bids were received as a result of the sale of \$750,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A. Bids were received from First Independent Bank, Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC and U.S. Bank National Association. The range in bids was 4.15% to 4.91%. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to accept low bid from First Independent Bank, Russell, MN of 4.15% and approve Resolution No., 26-2008 Providing For the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$750,000.00 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A; Establishing the Terms and Form Thereof; Creating a Debt Service Account Therefore; and Awarding the Sale Thereof. All voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to accept Emergency Management Performance Grant for the amount of \$11,629.00. All voted in favor.

David Blees, Hendricks City Administrator, reported that the City of Hendricks is looking into options for law enforcement. Blees also reported that the county museum has requested a water hook-up. There is currently no water to any of the museum buildings and the cost of the hook-up is approximately \$2,500.00. The museum committee is currently looking for funding sources and may be approaching the Lincoln County Board for additional funding.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported on the progress of 2008 construction and maintenance projects.

Amundson reported that funding is being made available for the CR 13 Federal Paving Project. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Johansen, to accept federal funding for the CR 13 Road Project S.P 41-613-22;M.P. STPX 4109 (110), Agency Agreement No. 932246, and also approve Resolution No. 27-2008 (Federal Funding)

**RESOLUTION 27-2008
RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Lincoln County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 93246", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Attest:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Amundson reported that George Skorczewski has requested a permit to install a private tile line to a public ditch system. The installation of the tile would cross County Road 20 in Hansonville Township. Amundson stated that if the permit is granted he will require that the tile be installed by boring under the road. No action at this time.

Loretta Lundberg reported that the extended hours in the Recorder's Office have been utilized by 97 customers since April. The extended hours had been given a trial period from April 1, 2008 to September 1, 2008. Lundberg requested an extension for extended hours. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Johansen, to approve extended hours for the Recorder's Office to December 31, 2008. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported:

- A portion of broken drainage tile will be replaced in Judicial Ditch 28 in Hansonville Township
- 360 feet of drainage tile will be replaced in County Ditch 45
- Lake Stay Dam Project is expected to be completed by September 15, 2008
- Rural garbage and recycling and commercial recycling are continuing to increase

Liz Maiers and Joyce Dass, Southwest Initiative Foundation, reported on grants and loans that have benefited Lincoln County and the surrounding region.

Jeff Nelson, Baldrige & Nelson Architects and Engineers, Inc., reviewed window replacement plans for the courthouse. An advertisement for bids will be placed in the Ivanhoe Times, the County's official paper, for three weeks and at related trade sites. Bids will be opened on September 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. with a recommendation to the Board on September 16, 2008.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Representatives from MN/DOT reviewed information for the possible installation of a wind turbine at the shared State and County Highway shop/offices. More information will be available at future meetings.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #5229 – 5324 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$106,747.14, Ditch - \$5,574.00, and Road & Bridge - \$14,826.83 All voted in favor.

Commissioner committee reports and correspondence were reviewed. The AMC Redesign Project was presented for review at a future meeting

Auditor Schreurs requested approval for implementing a County Absentee Ballot Board as authorized by 203B.13. Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 28-2008 (Absentee Ballot Board).

Resolution No. 28-2008
Authorizing a County Absentee Ballot Board

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is permitted by Minnesota Statute 203B.13, Subd. 1 to authorize a County Absentee Ballot Board effective September 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this authorization will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee ballots to Lincoln County Elections that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22; and

WHEREAS, this will eliminate the need for election judges to perform this technical and time consuming task on election day wherein the county absentee ballot board can begin this process 30 days prior to an election; and

WHEREAS, this will speed the processing of accepted absentee ballots delivered to the precincts to be incorporated into the vote counts on election day; giving election judges more available time for the voters at the polls; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Lincoln County Auditor to implement a County Absentee Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 to perform the task.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 19th day of August, 2008.

ATTEST:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, Auditor

Chuck DeBates, Financial Accountant, presented the 2009 preliminary budget. The Board will review the budget requests prior to budget certification.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor