

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 22, 2008
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2008 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to approve agenda items. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve Annual Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement for \$2,143.00. All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 08-2008
Pull-Tab Premise Permit
Knotty Pine Supper Club**

The motion was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Blumeyer, to approve premise permit application from Henry Sollie Post #10, The American Legion, of Lake Benton, Minnesota, to sell pull-tabs in the Knotty Pine Supper Club Building located at 1014 County Highway 10, Lincoln County, Minnesota, Verdi Township, Section 13. Commissioners Blumeyer, Hansen, Sagmoe, and Johansen voted in favor. Commissioner Jagt was absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

James Johansen, 2008 Vice-Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported that he is still reviewing staffing issues within the Highway Department.

Amundson reported that the Highway Department is pursuing the purchase of a tractor through the state bidding process.

Amundson reported that he is currently working with Lyon and Redwood Counties on an outlet structure repair for Dead Coon Lake.

Amundson reported that CSAH 19 Project plans have been completed and the department is preparing to advertise.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that the draft copies of the updated Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Development Ordinance No. 40 have been completed. Copies were distributed to the Board for review. Olsen reported that the Plan and Ordinance were last updated in 2000. No action at this time.

Robert Olsen, Greg Peter, Sam Hedge, Betty Popkes and Dr. L. W. Klein, representing the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District, requested monetary assistance from Lincoln County to continue chemical treatments to control curly leaf pond weed in Lake Benton. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, that Lincoln County allocate up to \$60,000.00 to the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District for whole lake treatment of curly leaf pond weed in 2008. All (4) voted in favor.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, asked about the progress for the proposed purchase of additional park land in Section 34 of Diamond Lake Township from Joe Weber. There was discussion about the possible purchase, but no action was taken at this time.

Mark Leibfried, Treasurer/Safety Officer,

- presented the 2007 Drug & Alcohol Report
- invited Commissioners to participate in "on line defensive course"
- employee trainings scheduled for February 20, 2008 for First Aid, CPR, and AED
- asked for an alternate to be appointed to the Safety Committee
- employee safety trainings set for April 29, 30 and May 1, 2008
- safety committee has recommended a "pre" OSHA inspection
- reported purchase of space heaters for use by employees
- next safety meeting is March 19, 2008
- MN Safety Conference is May 14 – 16, 2008
- discussed personal protective equipment needed for the highway department

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to increase Safety Committee Secretary per diem to \$50.00 per meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

Don Kleven, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Realty Specialist, reported that the Fish and Wildlife Service had secured an easement for 94 acres for wildlife habitat protection from Todd F. Aarvig and Cassi C. Aarvig for property located in Section 12, Hendricks Township. This is a habitat easement protecting wetlands and upland while allowing grazing. Kleven asked the Board to certify the acquisition. There was no motion to approve certification for acquisition, therefore the property was not certified by the Board of Commissioners for acquisition.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to appoint Dave Koster to the Public Health Board. All (4) voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Southwest MN Housing Partnership (SWMHP). SWMHP will be writing an application for funding to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Murray County and the SWMHP would like to make this a regional application and include Lincoln County in meeting the needs of the income eligible homeowners. The application will request 20 units of rehabilitation. Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve Cooperative Agreement for Multi County Healthy Homes Project in Support of a Small Cities Development Program Application and to authorize Vice-Chair Johansen to sign said agreement. All (4) voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs, reported that the 2008 Pay Equity Implementation Report has been completed per M.S. 471.991-471.999 and Minnesota Chapter 3920. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve Pay Equity Implementation Report. All (4) voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported that the State Auditors will meet with the Audit Committee on February 4, 2008 for the 2006 Audit Exit. Schreurs invited members of the Board to also attend.

Commissioners Hansen and Sagmoe reported that they are still working with the Courthouse, Highway, and Sheriff Departments on union contract negotiations. Auditor Schreurs was directed to send letter to Jon Anderson, AFSCME Union Staff Representative, outlining the Boards approved contract items. No action at this time as Commissioner Jagt is not in attendance.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants # 3427 - 3500: Revenue - \$97,080.12, Road & Bridge - \$84,746.77, and LBLID - \$1,641.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to cancel Warrant 3360 – Quarnstrom & Doering PA - \$202.50. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

James Johansen, 2008 Board Vice-Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor