

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 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 July 1, 2008 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

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

Kate Johnson, 4-H Program Coordinator, introduced Amy Woeste who was recently hired as the 4-H Summer Intern. Johnson and Woeste reported on the successes of the Virginia exchange, day camps, summer camps, presentation day, etc. and a reminder that the Lincoln County Fair will be held July 30 – August 3, 2008.

Neva Vizecky, Field Operations Assistant for Experience Works, again requested county office space to be used as a satellite office for Experience Works. The Board reported that there is no space available at this time and asked that Vizecky consider an alternative location.

Commissioner committee reports and correspondence were reviewed.

Commissioner Jagt reported that a Public Hearing was held on July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to hear testimony on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan. Jagt reported that there were no objections to the Plan. Shelly Eldridge, Ehlers & Associates, reviewed the bond payment schedules for 10, 12, and 15-year bonds with an initial bond of \$750,000.00. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve Resolution No. 21-2008 (Capital Improvement Plan & 10 year authorized Sale)

**No. 21-2008 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, MINNESOTA APPROVING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BONDS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 373.40**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Lincoln County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

A. Under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "Act"), the Board has authorized preparation of a capital improvement plan for the years 2008 through 2012 (the "Plan").

B. As required by the Act, a public hearing was held on July 14, 2008 on the adoption of the Plan and on the intent of the County to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 (the "Bonds") to finance capital improvements at the County Courthouse as identified in the Plan consisting of the replacing of all windows for energy conservation, upgrading the air conditioning system by replacing the existing window air conditioners with an energy efficient system and the upgrading portions of the plumbing and electrical systems (the "Project").

C. All those in attendance at the public hearing on the Plan and the issuance of the Bonds wishing to speak were given an opportunity to do so.

Section 2. Approval of the Plan. The Plan is approved in substantially the form submitted to the Board.

Section 3. Issuance and Sale of Bonds.

A. The Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Board and the residents of the County to issue the Bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$750,000 to finance the Project.

B. The Board's administrative staff is hereby authorized and directed to work with Ehlers and Associates, Inc., independent financial advisor to the Board, and Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., bond counsel, to solicit bids and arrange for the sale of the Bonds on August 19, 2008 in substantial compliance with the terms of sale for the Bonds presented to the Board by Ehlers, which are approved.

C. The Board hereby designates Ehlers and Associates, Inc., as its agent to receive and open the bids at any place within or outside the corporate limits of the County, in the presence of any officer of the Board or the officer's designee.

D. The principal amount, terms, conditions, form, specifications, maturity schedule and provisions for repayment of the Boards shall be set forth in a subsequent resolution of this Board.

4. Condition Precedent. The sale of the Bonds is subject to compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, Subdivision 2(a) and (c).

Adopted July 15, 2008

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Jeff Nelson, Architect, reviewed the proposed window plan for the courthouse. Nelson will prepare the window specifications and request for bids advertisement. Bids are expected to be opened on September 16, 2008. A representative from Baldrige & Nelson will attend the August 5, 2008 Commissioner meeting to review replacement window products.

Robert Everson, Mechanical Engineer reported that bids for the air conditioning and exchange units should also be ready for opening on September 16, 2008.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer:

- Reported on the progress of 2008 construction projects, seal coating and mowing
- Reported he received low quotes from Overhead Door Company for replacing the overhead doors and Tyler Electric for installing a heating system at the Lake Benton shop. The project is expected to show a savings of approximately \$2,900.00 per year
- Reported that he will send a sample policy for county highway barricading and temporary street closures to the local cities for review. Adoption of a policy is scheduled for January 2009
- Letter sent to Rupp Construction regarding 2007 gravel crushing contract
- Reported on District 8 Mn/DOT meeting
- Reported on new agriculture weight limits effective August 1, 2008

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reviewed an addendum to the current recycling contract with Waste Management. Olsen reported that the county has added additional commercial dumpsters for collecting cardboard. The cost for the dumpsters is \$45.00 per month per dumpster. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve Recycling Addendum and authorize Robert Olsen to sign said addendum. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a letter from the attorneys of Lyle Sik regarding problems associated with the operation of County Ditch 28. The problems stated included a crushed tile, the location of the tile, and very wet conditions at the current tile location. Olsen reported that the Environmental office is investigating the problems.

Olsen reported that there appears to be improper procedures used by a landowner who has petitioned to the Yellow Medicine Watershed for a lateral that would drain water into Judicial Ditch 29. Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer to have County Attorney, Glen Petersen, write a letter to the Yellow Medicine Watershed regarding a lateral to Judicial Ditch 29. Commissioners Sagmoe, Blumeyer, Jagt, and Hansen voted in favor. Commissioner Johansen abstained. Motion carried.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that bathroom facilities at Picnic Point park were not completed in time for the July 4, 2008 weekend, however, they would be open for the July 18, 2008 weekend.

Schlapkohl reported that a family had requested a memorial plaque be placed at Norwegian Creek Park in honor of their father. The Board denied the request.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Johansen, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4931 – 5011 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$52,371.70 and Road & Bridge - \$375,044.73. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Johansen to approve Request for Farm Reconstitution – Tract No. 2329 from Weber Farms, Inc. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve Memorandum of Understanding between RSVP of Southwest Minnesota and Lincoln County to provide a one time allocation of \$2,250.15. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Hansen reported that there may be some interest in preserving all or a portion of the Arco School that is currently on the forfeited property tax list. Discussion only.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor