

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 6, 2008
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2008 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

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

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve 3.2 Malt Liquor License to Larry Olsen Music Fest for period of May 22 – 28, 2008. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to appoint Linda Nelson to the Extension Committee to replace Gail Kvernmo. All (4) voted in favor.

John Schuh, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray and Pipestone Public Health Director, gave an overview of services provided by Public Health. Schuh reported that a director of nursing and a health educator were recently hired.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, requested approval to apply for a "Burn Barrel" grant. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen to approve Burn Barrel grant application and Resolution No. 18-2008 (Burn Barrel). All (4) voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 18-2008
Resolution for Burn Barrel Reduction Campaign Grants**

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln has applied for a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under its Environmental Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln is committed to implementing the proposed project submitted as described, if MPCA funding is received; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln is committed to match a minimum of 25 percent of MPCA funding, as required by MPCA, and;

WHEREAS, MPCA requires that Lincoln County enter into a grant agreement with the MPCA to carry out the project specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the grant agreement and authorizes and directs Robert E. Olsen, Environmental Services Administrator to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

WHREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner this 6th day of May, 2008, at Ivanhoe, Minnesota.

Attest:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, Auditor

Olsen reported that additional cardboard dumpsters have been located in the cities of Tyler, Hendricks, Ivanhoe, and Lake Benton.

Olsen reported that the annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) pickups in Lincoln County are scheduled for May 13 and 14, 2008.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer to approve repairs to CD 37 at estimated cost of \$2,680.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve repairs to JD 29 at estimated cost of \$4,440.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve repairs to JD 19, at estimated cost of \$8,000.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen reported that the septic sewer design has been completed for Picnic Point County Park.

Olsen reported that there are three Individual Septic Treatment Systems (ISTS) that have minor problems due to the installation by Behnke Construction, which is no longer in business. Olsen stated that the Environmental Office may be able to assist in the repairs.

Olsen reported that Lake Benton Lake received curly leaf pondweed treatment on April 22, 2008. 59.34 gallons of treatment were used at a cost of \$107,332.43. A second treatment will be performed three weeks after the initial treatment at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00.

Olsen reported that Sterzinger Construction has requested partial payment of \$6,505.00 for materials used for the Lake Stay Dam Project. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve Auditor Warrant of \$6,505.00 from the Environmental "605" account to Sterzinger Construction for partial payment for the Lake Stay Dam Project. Project to be completed by October 1, 2008. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen reported that a Lincoln County homeowner (14-0234-000) has violated the Comprehensive ordinance by planting trees within the road right of way without a permit. An Administrative Notice of Violation was sent to the landowner requiring removal of the trees and if replanted to do so according to the Lincoln County Comprehensive Development Ordinance, abiding by all setbacks required.

Olsen reported that he had received a letter from Mark Leibfried stating that upon investigation, it was determined that non Lincoln County personnel were occasionally working at the landfill. Olsen stated that the issue has been corrected.

Olsen reported that the gopher population at the landfill has become unmanageable. Land near the landfill was seeded to alfalfa approximately five years ago. Olsen suggested that the land be planted to a row crop in order to help manage the gopher infestation. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to add addendum to lease for landfill land to allow for row crop farming. All (4) voted in favor.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported that the State of Minnesota is lifting the spring load restrictions on May 8, 2008. Amundson stated that he has not determined a date for lifting road weight restrictions in Lincoln County.

Amundson reported that Rupp Construction has requested an extension to May 15, 2008 for completing the 2007 aggregate crushing contract.

Amundson reported that Mn/DOT is planning an overlay of U.S. Highway 14 beginning in September 2008.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve Computer System and Software License Agreement between Fidlar Software and Lincoln County, Minnesota. All (4) voted in favor.

Loretta Lundberg, Recorder, reviewed a report of customers serviced as a result of the extended hours in the Recorders office.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to approve abatement of \$220.00 to Allen & Linda Dumke for property No. 17-0429-000 due to homestead status change. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve abatement of \$502.00 to Richard and Mary Midden for property No. 03-0263-000 due to special homestead classification for disabled homeowners. All (4) voted in favor.

Bruce Nielsen, acting assessor, reported that he continues to work towards his assessor certification.

Jack Vizecky, Sheriff, reported that he had been attending Regional Radio Board meetings. There are 13 counties and 2 cities represented on the Board. The Board has asked that a County Commissioner from each of the counties be appointed to also serve on the Board. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to appoint Commissioner Blumeyer to the Regional Radio Board with the remainder of the Commissioners serving as alternates. All (4) voted in favor.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioners Blumeyer, Hansen, and Jagt present. Commissioners Johansen and Sagmoe were absent.

Jeff Nelson, Baldrige & Nelson Architects and Robert Everson, Mechanical Engineer, reviewed cost estimates to replace Courthouse windows and install cooling units and air exchange. Bonding for these capital improvements was discussed. Auditor Schreurs will contact bonding companies to attend the next meeting.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reported that Elliot Sovell Cabinets has asked whether the Board has made a decision on purchasing new furniture for the Commissioner Room. Discussion was continued to the May 20, 2008 meeting.

The Board reviewed a resolution to support biobased products. No action at this time.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4259 - 4342: Revenue - \$40,853.00, Ditch - \$98.14 and Road & Bridge - \$39,399.30. All (3) voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. All (3) voted in favor.

Attest:

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, Auditor