

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 21, 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, D. D. Sagmoe, Larry Hansen, James Johansen and Curtis Blumeyer. Also present were Auditor, Kathy Schreurs and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2008 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

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

Randy Fordice, Great River Energy, reviewed the CapX 2020 Project. The CapX project has hosted more than 50 public meetings since September 2007 and quarterly newsletters have been sent to potentially impacted landowners. The project will provide transmission capacity to support renewable energy policies, including Minnesota's renewable energy mandate of 25% by the year 2025. The Brookings to the Twin Cities routing process is considering two options for Lincoln County. A North option would include County Road 134 or a South option would include County Road 15 and 115-kv line. The CapX 2020 Project will make application to the Public Utilities Commission in November/December 2008. The process takes 12-15 months with the final route to be determined by the Public Utilities Commission.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that he has received a request from Tom Barber for a private crossing to be installed on County Ditch 35. The original crossing had been demolished many years ago and Mr. Barber had been using a neighbor's driveway to access his land. The neighbors land has been sold and Mr. Barber is now land locked. Mr. Barber stated that the only way to access his land is to rebuild the crossing. The estimated cost of the crossing is \$6,000.00. Motion by Johansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve construction of private crossing in Ash Lake Township, Section 27 (E ½ of NW ¼) at 50% of cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 from County Ditch 35 Repair Fund. Upon completion of the Project any additional cost to be the responsibility of the landowner. All voted in favor.

Dave Trooien and Ken Schmitz, Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), reviewed cost estimates for a proposed 35 KW Wind Turbine for use by the Lincoln County Highway Department and the State of Minnesota. Schmitz reported that the Lincoln County landfill site appears to be the best site available for the turbine. The turbine is expected to be large enough to provide electrical power to the joint highway shed at 221 N. Wallace St., Ivanhoe, MN. Mn/DOT is requesting Lincoln County to participate as a partner in the Turbine Project. No action was taken this day.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported:

- on the progress of 2008 construction and maintenance projects
- still working to settle penalty issue with Rupp Construction 2007 gravel crushing
- Fall Road Tour will be October 22, 2008
- Public Hearing for Lake Benton Township Road Exchange for November 18, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room, Ivanhoe, MN
- Possible use of Arco School forfeited property by Highway Department

Curt Madsen, Lincoln County Fair Board, reported on the 2008 Lincoln County Fair. Madsen also presented the Annual Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements for review.

Robert Everson, Mechanical Engineer for Roby, Quintal & Everson, reported that bids for air conditioning of the Lincoln County Courthouse were publicly opened on October 16, 2006 in the Courthouse Commissioner Room, Ivanhoe, MN.

The following bids were received:

Doom & Cuyper, Inc	\$523,765.00
Clark Drew Construction, Inc.	\$580,000.00

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Hansen, to accept low bid of \$523,765.00 from Doom & Cuyper, Inc. for materials and labor to install air conditioning per specifications to the Lincoln County Courthouse, Ivanhoe, MN. All voted in favor.

Commissioner committee reports and correspondence were reviewed.

Blumeyer – SWCD, LCEDC
Hansen – SW Initiative
Johansen – RCRCA, SW Emergency Services
Jagt – LLMHS, Extension, AMC Redesign

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #5735 – 5820 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$72,620.69, Ditch - \$14,794.15, Forfeited Tax Sale – \$76.91, LBLID - \$2,093.74 and Road & Bridge – \$64,922.54. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to cancel Warrant #5636 to The Ivanhoe Clinic for \$227.25. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Hansen, to approve Architect Contract with Baldrige & Nelson and authorize Chair Jagt to sign said contract. All voted in favor.

Motion by Sagmoe, seconded by Johansen, to approve Construction Contract (Windows) with Doom & Cuyper, Inc. and to authorize Chair Jagt to sign said contract. All voted in favor.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Sagmoe, to approve Auditor Warrant to Baldrige & Nelson for \$35,798.65. All voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported that a Forfeited Property Auction was held on October 15, 2008. There were no bids received for Parcel 16-0101-00 (Arco School House). The base bid was \$600.00. Parcel 17-0142-000 (Fuller-Hendricks) was sold for \$2,200.00. The base bid was \$1,200.00.

The Commissioners reviewed a grievance from the Sheriff's Office. Commissioners Hansen and Sagmoe reported that they had met with Sheriff's Union members on October 15, 2008. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Johansen, to extend the date for employees to reimburse Lincoln County for their portion of the PERA Correctional contribution and imposing of an administrative fee, to June 30, 2009 if a written agreement is signed by each employee who has not paid their total PERA contribution by December 31, 2008. All voted in favor.

Commissioners Sagmoe and Hansen reported that they had met with the Courthouse, Highway and Sheriff's Union representatives on October 15, 2008.

Motion by Johansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2008 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor