

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 7, 2009
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, Curtis Blumeyer, Larry Hansen, Adam Gillund, and Don Evers. Also present were County Auditor, Kathy Schreurs and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Evers, to approve minutes from the March 17, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to approve agenda items and additions. All voted in favor.

Jeanine Antony, Western Community Action (WCA), reported that WCA will continue to be the grantee provider of family homelessness prevention and assistance funds and needs a letter of support from Lincoln County to apply for funding. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve Resolution No. 16-2009 (Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program). All voted in favor.

**16-2009
Resolution Authorizing Application for
Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency
Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Projects; and,

WHEREAS, Western Community Action has developed an application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Western Community Action has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Western Community Action is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program in the County of Lincoln, in Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at their session on the 7th day of April, 2009, and as appears on the minutes of their record of proceedings.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers to approve Certificate of Support for the Western Community Action, Inc. Project to purchase a facility in an attempt to better serve their clientele by combining more of their programs under one roof, thus lowering their monthly operating costs.

Jack Vizecky, Sheriff, requested approval to purchase additional recording equipment and licenses. This expense was not included in the 2009 budget. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to approve purchase of Recording equipment from MacTek Systems Inc at a cost of

\$5,171.00 plus tax and installation. Equipment to be purchased from the E-911 account. All voted in favor.

Fran VanKuelen, LLM Technology Coordinator, requested authorization to transfer ISC imaging system and 5 lapsed licenses from the Lincoln County Recorders Office to Lincoln Lyon Murray Human Services. The system is no longer used by Lincoln County. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to transfer the ISC imaging system and licenses to Lincoln Lyon Murray Human Services. All voted in favor.

Lee Amundson, County Engineer, reported that because the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources had purchased land on the north end of the CSAH 12 Project with Federal funds, an Archaeological inventory/study has been recommended for possible historic issues. Amundson reported that he had entered into an agreement with Westwood Professional Services to undertake the archaeological work, in order to minimize lost time and keep the project on schedule as much as possible. The cost of the study was estimated at \$10,700.00. After the report is complete and reviewed by the State Historic Office and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources an easement is expected to be signed.

Martin Ritter reported that he did not intend to sign an easement for the CSAH 12 Project and that he did not feel the County should have the right to obtain an easement to the property by using eminent domain. Martin Ritter and Glen Krog then asked the Board to consider an alternate route for the project by blacktopping two miles of County Road 121 instead of the one-half mile of 210th Avenue.

Amundson reported that the demolition of the Arco school should be completed in approximately one week.

Don Scholten, Highway Maintenance Foreman, reported that in 2010 new emissions control laws go into effect, which could add an additional cost of \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to the cost of purchasing a new truck for the highway department. The Board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a truck in 2009 versus 2010. No action at this time.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that Lincoln County had accepted a life estate gift from James Sorensen in 2007. Sorensen is now requesting, that upon his death the income received by the County from the property be dedicated to a fund intended for the maintenance of the park facility. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 17-2009 (Dedicating Funds to be Used in the Wild Wood Park). All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 17-2009
Dedicating Funds to be Used in the Wild Wood Park**

WHEREAS, County Board of Lincoln County, MN does hereby acknowledge the gift made by James K. Sorensen, a certain farm and pasture property located in Lincoln County, MN adjacent to the Hole in the Mountain Park in Lake Benton, MN; and,

WHEREAS, James K. Sorensen has requested and the County Board has agreed, to dedicate certain funds received from the farm property located within the requested property upon the death of James K. Sorensen to fund the use, operations and maintenance of the park facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct that upon the death of the life-tenant, James K. Sorensen, any funds received from the rental of the farmland located within the bequested property received by Lincoln County, MN, shall be deposited into a fund established for the purposes of maintaining and improving the Wild Wood Park facility as donated by Mr. James K. Sorensen.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board adopts this Resolution on this 7th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

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Schlapkohl reported that he had received quotes for replacing the roof, siding, doors and windows of the parks maintenance shed. The quotes were as follows:

Al Trigg Construction	\$14,768.55
Construction Partners, LLC	\$19,725.00
Jared Rouge Construction	\$13,845.00

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to accept low quote of \$13,845.00 from Jared Rouge Construction for repairs to the parks maintenance shed. Repair costs to be taken from Capital Improvements Account. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reported that a petition had been received by the Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank Watershed Board from Skorczewski Revocable Trust, George & Alice Skorczewski, & Ronald Cech for an improvement to Judicial Ditch #28. An informational meeting has been scheduled for April 13, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hendricks Fire Hall.

Olsen reported that he had met with the Tyler City Council, regarding the dumpsters used for the disposal of cardboard. The city of Tyler requested that Lincoln County pay a portion of the costs as cardboard being received also comes from County residents. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to pay \$4,874.00 per year toward the collection service for cardboard. Commissioners Hansen, Jagt, Blumeyer, and Evers voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Olsen reported that there had been questions regarding special assessments to Judicial Ditch 22.

Olsen reported that Joint County Ditch 16 Bond Fund was paid off in 2007 and he requested that the 2009 assessments to JCD 16 be abated and that JD 16 bond funds be transferred to JCD 16 repair fund. Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to approve Resolution No. 18-2009. (JCD 16 Ditch Funds). All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 18-2009
Resolution of the Lincoln County Ditch System for the Abatement
Of 2009 Assessments on Joint County Ditch No. 16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, acting as the Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following ditch assessment abatements are herewith adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the repayment of the Joint County Ditch No. 16 GO Bond Fund (43-016) has been completed and requires no further assessment against properties benefited (list attached) by Joint Ditch No. 16, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Special Assessments placed on properties benefited (list attached) payable in 2009 be abated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joint County Ditch No. 16 Bond Fund remaining balance of \$18,283.64 be transferred to the Joint County Ditch No. 16 (42-016) Repair Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon said transfer of the balance, the GO Bond Fund for Joint County Ditch No. 16 (43-016) be closed, and

WHEREUPON, the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:

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Olsen reported that the backhoe used at the landfill has transmission problems and repair costs could range from \$1,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Information only.

The Board recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Legislative issues were reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Jagt– Hazardous Mitigation, District VIII Redesign, Human Services

Evers – HRA, Plum Creek, Human Services

Gillund – LCEDC, Western Mental Health, Health & Safety Mtg

Blumeyer –District VIII Redesign, Reg. Radio Board, Lac qui Parle Watershed, Area II,
Public Health, District VIII Redesign

Hansen – RSVP, SW Regional Development, Energy Board, Health & Safety Mtg

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #7136 - 7209 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$26,531.22, Road & Bridge - \$39,345.04, Forfeited Property - \$1,068.00 and Courthouse Improvements - \$50,921.83. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to approve Auditor Warrant #6835 to Albert Thompson Lumber for \$1,022.19. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to cancel Warrant #7020 to Lipinski Garage for \$74.88. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve State Auditor Letter of Engagement for the 2008 Financial Audit. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund, to approve Consumption and Display Permit for Midwest Center for Wind Energy for the period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. All voted in favor.

Sample cell phone policies were reviewed. No action at this time

A draft advertisement for a County Assessor was reviewed. No action at this time.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

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