

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 4, 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. (Commissioner Hansen arrived at 9:30 a.m.) Also present was County Auditor, Kathy Schreurs and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve minutes from the July 21, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to approve agenda items and additions. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Evers, to appoint Donald Oerter to a three year term as district manager to the Yellow Medicine Watershed District. Said appointment to expire August 28, 2012. All (4) voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, Rick Hamer, Joyce Dass, Gary Williams, John Engels and Jeanne Bednarek, Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp. (LCEDC), reviewed their Annual Meeting, Client and Activity Summary for 1990-2008, Lincoln County Housing Planning Project, Junior Achievement Project and the 2010 Proposed Budget.

Sheriff Jack Vizecky reviewed the 2010 Proposed Sheriff Budget.

Cara Nielsen, Transit Director, reviewed the final 2010 budget for the Transit Department. The final budget is due to the State of Minnesota. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve 2010 operating budget of \$223,890.04 and Resolution No. 26-2009 (Public Transit Budget). All voted in favor.

**TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION
No. 26-2009**

Resolved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation service in/of Lincoln County.

Further resolved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners agrees to provide 15% of the total operating costs and 20% of the total capital costs.

Further resolved that authorization to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto is hereby given to the Chairperson of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners or the Transportation Director.

Further resolved that Chairperson of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners or the Transportation Director is hereby authorized to execute requests for reimbursement to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED this 4st day of August, 2009.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Nielsen reported that one of the transit drivers has requested a County owned cell phone for use when driving the transit bus. The Lincoln County cell phone policy would have to be amended in order for the request to be granted. No action at this time.

Lee Amundson, Engineer, gave the construction/maintenance updates.

Amundson reported that the bids for the purchase of a tandem axle diesel truck that were opened at the July 21, 2009 Commissioner meeting had been reviewed and he recommended that the Board accept the bid submitted by Westman Freightliner. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to accept low bid from Westman Freightliner in the amount of \$140,966.00 plus tax and including trade-in of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of tandem axle diesel truck. All voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve cell phone reimbursements on the second pay period of each month effective for the August payroll. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve application by William Behnke to participate in the "Average Crop Revenue Election (Acre) Program Irrevocable Election through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. All voted in favor.

Amundson reported that:

- The Highway Department has invested \$40,762.00 in time and equipment for the Arco school site preparation. This amount does not include the cost of demolition incurred by General Revenue
- He plans to meet with the Lake Benton Twp. Board to continue discussion regarding road revisions
- The Department is working on site preparation, as time permits, for the Norwegian Creek Park expansion
- The Department has completed road strength testing on many of the county roads
- He will be discussing bike and hiking trails being considered by the City of Lake Benton

Loretta Lundberg, County Recorder, reviewed the proposed 2010 budget for the Lincoln County Recorder's Office.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reported that the contractor and the engineer continue to work on the courthouse air conditioning system. Larson also reported that he has contacted Jeff Nelson, architect, to look at the courthouse skylights.

Larson reviewed the Maintenance Department 2010 proposed budgets.

The Board recessed at 12:30.

The Board resumed the Commissioner meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reviewed a request for a permit from Nancy Buseth that was presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the request. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Hansen, to approve request from Nancy Buseth to re-zone a portion of land from special protection to residential. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve preliminary plat for a proposed subdivision near Lake Hendricks owned by Nancy Buseth. All voted in favor.

Olsen also reported that there is still one year left on the Environmental Office's cell phone contract. The office currently has four phones.

Olsen reported that he continues to work with the Parks Department on the Norwegian Creek expansion.

The Board again reviewed a request from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) to approve a Joint Powers Agreement, which guarantees the payment of a \$10,915,000.00 bond for the LPRW Expansion and Internal Improvement Project. Dennis Healy, LPRW Administrator, and several LPRW Board members were present and requested approval of the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund to approve Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Joint Powers Agreement for the Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project in the amount of \$10,915,000.00. All voted in favor.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that the Norwegian Creek expansion is progressing. Schlapkohl also requested approval for cell phone reimbursement. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen to approve cell phone reimbursement of \$70.00 per month for Daryl Schlapkohl effective the second pay roll period of each month beginning in August 2009. All voted in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

- Jagt – Highway Department Labor Management
- Evers – HRA
- Gillund – Western Mental Health
- Blumeyer – Public Health, SWCD, Courthouse Building Committee, Regional Radio Board, and Solid Waste Task Force
- Hansen – Energy Board and Highway Department Labor Management

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants # 8211 - 8267 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$34,488.91, Road & Bridge - \$36,979.47 and Solid Waste Task Force - \$975.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to cancel Warrant #8110 To Ivanhoe Foods for \$177.67. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund to issue replacement check for \$20.64 to Marcellus Sik. Affidavit of Lost Warrant having been received. All voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported that Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust will be sending a dividend in December 2009 for \$56,632.00.

Schreurs presented updated Internal Control Policies and Narratives to be reviewed with adoption scheduled for the August 18, 2009 Board meeting.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor