

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 21, 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 was County Auditor, Kathy Schreurs and County Attorney, Glen Petersen.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve minutes from the July 7, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to approve agenda items and additions. All voted in favor.

Gary Serie, Veteran Service Officer, reported that there are currently 508 veterans in Lincoln County. Serie also reported that In 2008 over two million dollars was given to veterans in the form of pensions, compensation, and medical services. Serie also reviewed his proposed budget for 2010.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that he had been spraying weeds in the parks and is planning on some landscaping at Picnic Point Park. Schlapkohl also reported that he is looking into a new cell phone plan as his current plan has expired.

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

Amundson reported that Highway Department is trying out an asphalt ripper for pulverizing black top.

Amundson requested approval of Resolution 24-2009 to receive funds for SAP 41-607-41. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to approve Resolution No. 24-2009 (CSAH 7 LRIP Grant). All voted in favor.

**LINCOLN COUNTY
RESOLUTION 24-2009**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Local Road Improvement Program, Rural Safety Account for roadway improvements under project SAP 41-607-41, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant is estimated to be \$499,733; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant will be determined by reason of the lowest responsible bid

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Lincoln County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52 and all rules related to such legislation, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the State of Minnesota any amount appropriated for the project but not required.

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that the Lincoln County Engineer is hereby authorized to execute the Construction Grant Agreement for project SAP 41-607-41 under the Local Road Improvement Program Rural Road Safety Account on behalf of Lincoln County.

ADOPTED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on this 21st day of July, 2009.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Amundson reported that:

- Craig Larson has sent his application for a boiler license
- He met with the Verdi Twp. Board and will continue discussion regarding road revisions
- The Department is doing road strength testing on many of the county roads

At 10:30 a.m. bids were opened for the purchase of Tandem Axle Diesel Truck. The following bids were received:

Olson & Johnson	\$154,787.41 less trade of \$15,000 equals \$139,787.41
Boyer Trucks	\$156,698.00 less trade of \$10,000 equals \$146,598.00
Westman Freightliner	(4 bids)
	\$161,166.00 less trade of \$15,000 equals \$146,079.00
	\$159,166.00 less trade of \$15,000 equals \$144,166.00
	\$156,792.00 less trade of \$15,000 equals \$141,792.00
	\$155,966.00 less trade of \$15,000 equals \$140,966.00

Amundson reported that the bids would be reviewed and a recommendation would be made at the August 4, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen, to authorize Auditor Warrant of \$7,365.60 for DNR easement on CSAH 12. All voted in favor.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers to authorize advertising the sale of a shed located on the Martin Ritter property. All voted in favor.

Amundson reviewed the Highway Department's proposed 2010 budget.

Minnesota State Representative Andrew Falk, reviewed 2009 legislation. Falk also reported that Governor Tim Pawlenty has unallotted \$57,823.00 for 2009 and \$117,396.00 for 2010 in local government aid (LGA) for Lincoln County.

Craig Larson, Maintenance, reported that most of the courthouse cooling system has been hooked up but the air exchange mechanism is not working. The contractor is working with the engineer to correct the problem.

Larson reported that the skylights in Courtroom A leak water when it rains. Larson recommended that an architect be contacted to work with replacing/repairing the skylights before any more damage occurs to the interior of the courtroom. No action at this time.

Larson reported that the courthouse elevator was inspected by a state inspector and there are several upgrades needed for compliance.

Larson reported that many of the carpets in the courthouse were shampooed on July 20, 2009. Shampooing was needed following the recent remodeling project.

The Board recessed at 12:30.

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

Mary Homan, Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank Clean Water Partnership, reported that the Minnesota Pollution Control (MPCA) through the Lac qui Parle River Mainstem Water Quality Enhancement Project Continuation is making \$100,000.00 available, in the form of loans, to Lincoln County for Best Management Practices (BMP). The loan monies will be used for septic system upgrades in Lincoln County. Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Implementation Loan Agreement of \$100,000.00. All voted in favor.

Homan reported that the Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank Clean Water Partnership is providing financial assistance to the Lincoln County Museum in Hendricks to create a rain garden.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, reviewed a summary of the Burn Barrel Campaign for Lincoln County. The information will also be available at the Lincoln County Fair July 30 to August 2, 2009.

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 one land owner in Judicial Ditch 19 has reported crop damage due to ditch repairs.

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, reported that the LPRW Expansion and Internal Improvement Project consists primarily of construction of the water service lines and other ancillary items necessary for the delivery of water to customers of LPRW. The project currently has approximately 280 "committed" customers and estimates over 900 customers after the project is completed. The current hook-up cost is \$15,000.00. On June 23, 2009, Nobles County passed a resolution, which expressed its intent to issue bonds to finance the Improvement Project. However the bonds cannot be issued until all the counties served by LPRW enter into a Joint Powers Agreement, which guarantees the payment of the bond. No action at this time.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve Resolution No. 25-2009 (HRA Board Appointments). All voted in favor.

Resolution No. 25-2009
Appointing Certain Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority
of Lincoln County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.428, Subdivision 1, authorizes the governing body of a county to appoint Commissioner of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Lincoln County, Minnesota:

1. Todd Dressen of Arco, is hereby appointed as a Commissioner of the Lincoln County HRA for a term of office Ending July 11, 2014, from and for County Commissioner District 5.
2. The Board finds that the terms of office of the other HRA Commissioner are scheduled to end as follows:

LeRoy Knudsen of Tyler, From and for County Commissioner District 2	July 11, 2013
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Vilas TerMeer of Hendricks, From and for County Commissioner District 3	July 11, 2012
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Dennis Leibfried of Ivanhoe, From and for County Commissioner District 4	July 11, 2010
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John Lichtsinn of Lake Benton, From and for County Commissioner District 1	July 11, 2012
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ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2009.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor

Commissioners Jagt and Blumeyer, reported that the University of Minnesota has approved and addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement that currently calls for a six (6) month notice to a three (3) month notice for a desire to change programs. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen to approve Attachment III – Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Minnesota and Lincoln County for Providing Extension Programs locally and Employing County Extension Staff. All voted in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Jagt – Extension

Evers – Human Services, Environmental Hearings, AMC Redesign, RCRCA

Gillund – SW EMS, LCEDC, Personnel

Blumeyer – Extension, SWCD, Lac Qui Parle – Yellow Bank

Hansen – Personnel, LCEDC, RSVP

Auditor Schreurs reported that she had met with Commissioners Hansen and Gillund and Financial Accountant, Chuck DeBates to review alternatives to preparing the financial statements for the State Auditor. Local accounting firms as well as larger accounting firms were considered. The Board reviewed a proposal from Larson Allen. Following discussion, the motion was made by Gillund, seconded by Evers to enter into a two-year agreement with Larson Allen to prepare the 2008 and 2009 compilation of County and component unit statements and notes. Commissioners Evers, Gillund, Jagt, and Hansen voted in favor. Commissioner Blumeyer voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants # 8086 - 8173 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$48,514.53, Road & Bridge - \$138,913.31, Ditch - \$2,027.93, Courthouse Impr. - \$701.70, Debt Service - \$28,898.75. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor