

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 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.

Lee Amundson, Engineer, recommended that the Board accept low bid from Central Specialties, Inc. that were opened at the May 5, 2009 Board meeting for bituminous overlays. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, to accept low bid of \$792,677.80 from Central Specialties, Inc. for SP41-606-09, 41-609-15 and 41-611-04 (work and materials for bituminous overlays on CSAH 6, 9 and 11. All voted in favor.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Blumeyer, to approve minutes from the May 5, 2009 Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor.

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

Cindy Potz and four Board members from the Yellow Medicine Watershed District, reviewed the 2008 Annual Report, Basic Summary of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Overall Plan 2009-2010, and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended December 31, 2008. Potz also stated that the Watershed District is working on a landowner ditch issue in Royal Township and the Ditch 21 lawsuit will begin in August.

E. J. Moberg, State Auditor, reviewed the Lincoln County audit ended December 31, 2007. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gillund, to accept the 2007 audit. All voted in favor. Moberg stated that the 2008 audit would begin after September 1, 2009.

Lee Amundson, Engineer, gave the construction/maintenance update:

- The LRIP Safety Project on CSAH 7 by the Tyler airport will include 1.3 miles at an estimated cost at over \$500,000.00

Amundson reported that Scott Conner has resigned his position as Engineering Technician. Amundson requested approval to hire a replacement. The Board stated that due to the uncertainty of legislative action, they did not want to hire a replacement at this time and would review the request when reviewing the 2010 proposed budget.

Commissioner Gillund reported that he has been asked why Lincoln County has not allowed spiral culverts. Amundson stated that he would research the pros and cons.

Amundson requested consideration to allow the Highway Accountant and the Office Field Aide positions hours be changed to coincide with the rest of the department. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Blumeyer, to mutually agree to change office hours for the Highway Accountant and the Office Field Aide to 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on a trial basis from June 1, 2009 to November 1, 2009. All voted in favor.

Amundson reported that scrap iron from the Arco School forfeited property had been sold and the revenue would be deposited to the forfeited property account.

Robert Olsen, Environmental Administrator, presented a draft resolution for the Assumption of Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems Permit Authority by Lincoln County, Minnesota (per Minnesota Statute 216F). No action at this time.

Olsen reported that the Ivanhoe recycling site lease agreement expires on July 1, 2009. Olsen reported that the property owners have stated that they do not intend to renew the lease. Alternate sites are being researched.

Olsen reported that the Lake Benton Lake treatment for curly leaf pondweed has been completed. 253.8 acres were treated at an approximate cost of \$67,000.00. The treatment was mostly performed on the west end of the lake.

Olsen reported that the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District will be holding a meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Benton Community Center on May 19, 2009. The annual meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2009.

Olsen reported that a private crossing (Tom Barber property) has been completed/installed on CD 35 in Ash Lake Township. The total cost of the culvert and installation was \$6,083.75. Lincoln County had previously agreed to contribute one-half of the cost of the CD 35 culvert/installation from the CD 35 Repair Fund up to \$3,000.00.

Olsen reported that a culvert had been installed on CD 2 in Section 15 of Hope Township. The cost of the project was \$4,003.44. Hope Township has requested a 50% cost share from CD 2 Repair Fund. . Motion by Hansen, seconded by Evers, for Lincoln County to contribute \$2,001.72 to the culvert/installation on CD 2. Commissioners Jagt, Blumeyer, Evers, and Hansen voted in favor. Commissioner Gillund voted in opposition. Motion passed by majority vote.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Parks Manager, reported that he checks each of the county parks several times a day/night to insure that campers are complying with park rules. He also utilizes camp hosts to be his "eyes and ears" during other times. If there are disturbances at the parks, the park hosts call Schlapkohl, and if the offenses are severe enough Schlapkohl contacts the Sheriff's office. Schlapkohl also has the authority to remove or have violators removed and/or banned from the parks. Schlapkohl stated that the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Lake Benton Police routinely patrol the parks. Schlapkohl also stated that fireworks are banned in the parks, but they do become a problem during some weekends and especially around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Schlapkohl reported that the speed limit in the Parks is 10 mph.

The Board discussed:

- the feasibility of the cities in the County partnering with the County for law enforcement services.
- Overweight vehicles to be reported to the Sheriff's Department
- Some Highway Right of Way signs have been destroyed and/or removed. Landowners have been notified and signs will be replaced
- Probation reimbursement from the Department of Corrections has been reimbursed at less than 100% for several years

The Board recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Gail Sater, Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust, presented the 2009 Board Update and the 2009 Coverage Review.

Lee Amundson, Engineer, met with the Board to discuss Engineer reappointment and Employment Agreement. Motion by Evers, seconded by Gillund, to appoint Lee Amundson as Lincoln County Engineer for four years effective May 19, 2009, contingent on Employment Agreement. All voted in favor.

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

- Jagt – Reported that according to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, there were 506 veterans in Lincoln County in 2008

Evers – RCRCA, Tourism  
Gillund – Western Mental Health, Personnel, LCEDC Annual Meeting  
Blumeyer – Area II  
Hansen – SRDC, Personnel

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants # 7499 - 7582 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$118,471.26 Road & Bridge - \$35,456.98, and Ditch - \$2,411.50. All voted in favor.

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to cancel Warrant #7420 to Kathy Schreurs - \$30.00. All voted in favor

Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Gillund, to approve 3.2 Malt Liquor License and Gambling Permit to Church of St. John Cantius, Wilno, MN for July 4, 2009. All voted in favor.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Hansen, to approve 90 day extension to the Area II Joint Powers Agreement and to authorize Commissioner Blumeyer to sign said agreement on behalf of Lincoln County. All voted in favor.

Following review of a proposed cell phone policy, the motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Gillund to approve Lincoln County Policy 134 (Telephone/Cellular Phone/Faxes). All voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported that she had received a request from Baldrige and Nelson to reduce the Windows Contract retainage. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Hansen to reduce the Windows contract retainage for Doom and Cuypers from 10% to 5%. All voted in favor.

Auditor Schreurs reported Craig Larson, Maintenance, and Otter tail Power Company had applied for stimulus monies for replacing windows with energy efficient windows in the courthouse. Schreurs reported that the County had received \$41,711.00.

Motion by Gillund, seconded by Evers, to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Joan Jagt, 2009 Board Chair

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Kathy Schreurs, County Auditor