

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS was brought to order by the Chair, Tiffani Landeen, at 8:30 a.m. on October 7, 2021, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim C. Jibben, and Michael Poppens present. Deputy Auditor Shaun Feilmeier served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, William Golden, was also present.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Arends to approve agenda with the following changes: Executive Session and Regular Business Item # 3 moved to the beginning of Regular Business. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

Payroll: \$302,823.81

Commissioner's \$4,689.00; FICA 275.07, Medicare 64.34
Auditor's \$9,930.89; FICA 518.44, Medicare 121.24, SDRS 595.85
Treasurer's \$15,290.43; FICA 882.07, Medicare 206.29, SDRS 917.43
States Attorney's \$44,201.21; FICA 2,452.02, Medicare 573.43, SDRS 2,593.31
Gen Gov Bldg \$13,368.80; FICA 698.87, Medicare 163.46, SDRS 785.37
DOE \$30,467.21; FICA 1,721.35, Medicare 402.57, SDRS 1,778.92
ROD \$7,827.86; FICA 409.06, Medicare 95.67, SDRS 429.84
VSO \$2,033.61; FICA 102.97, Medicare 24.08, SDRS 122.02
GIS \$4,902.40; FICA 273.76, Medicare 64.02, SDRS 294.14
IT \$7,768.80; FICA 460.57, Medicare 107.71, SDRS 466.13
HR \$4,507.20; FICA 263.26, Medicare 61.57, SDRS 270.43
Sheriff's \$78,565.56; FICA 4,586.77, Medicare 1,072.68, SDRS 5,625.34
WIC \$316.48; FICA 19.62, Medicare 4.59
County 4-H \$3,608.80; FICA 216.44, Medicare 50.62, SDRS 187.73
Weed Control \$4,229.11; FICA 262.20, Medicare 61.32, SDRS 253.75
P & Z \$9,194.40; FICA 555.45, Medicare 129.91, SDRS 533.66
Highway \$33,228.90; FICA 1,842.45, Medicare 430.90, SDRS 1,996.25
Communications \$24,175.55; FICA 1,387.70, Medicare 324.55, SDRS 1,450.54
EM MGMT \$2,918.40; FICA 160.06 Medicare 37.43, SDRS 176.90
24/7 \$1,599.20; FICA 92.31, Medicare 21.59, SDRS 127.94

Longevity: \$1,350.00

Treasurer's \$800.00; FICA 49.60, Medicare 11.60, SDRS 48.00
Highway \$550.00; FICA 34.10, Medicare 7.98, SDRS 33.00

Reports:

A letter of resignation from Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership was presented.
The September 2021 Register of Deeds report totaling \$154,280.20 was presented.
The September 2021 mileage report from emergency Management was presented.

MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben to approve Consent Agenda with the following change: Consent Agenda Item #4 (full-time hire in Treasurer Office) be moved to Regular Business for discussion. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben to approve Commission Minutes: 9/28/2021. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED Approve Application Affidavit for Replacement Warrant submitted by Spencer Wansen for original warrant number 98983 issued on 08/13/2019 in the amount of \$200.00. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben. Arends: “Aye” Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED Set the date and time for the First Reading and Second Reading/Public Hearing for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, rezoning the property legally described as Lot 1, Hoffman’s Addition, SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 31-T100N-R50W from the A-1 Agricultural District to the C Commercial District and amending the Official Zoning Map of Lincoln County. Location: Parcel ID: 100.50.31.J001. (Dates: First Reading – October 12, 2021; Second Reading & Public Hearing –To occur between 8:35 a.m. and adjournment of the October 26, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting.) MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben. Arends: “Aye” Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

-end of this Consent Agenda-

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 a.m. for the following purposes: Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor SDCL 1-25-2(1); Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. SDCL 1-25-2(3); Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives. SDCL 1-25-2(4). MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. MOTION by Jibben and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

A Lincoln County resident offered an alternative redistricting map that he admitted had not been vetted by any legal counsel, but he wanted it considered anyway. This individual also commented on his disappointment in the lack of funds available for flood mitigation projects in his neighborhood while also commenting on the need to live within the County’s means. Lastly, this individual commented that a task force should be made to reinvent government into a more efficient form.

Another Lincoln County resident from the Tea area commented that the redistricting should make all five County Commission positions At-Large so that District #2 doesn’t have such a large land mass.

COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY):

Commissioner Jibben commented that he received a phone call urging the Board members to use their microphones during the meetings.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: The Board was informed of the necessary facts pertaining to a request for a letter of support.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve and authorize the Chair to execute a letter of support for Newton Hills State Park project-authorization. MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Debbie Block, Treasurer, and Julia Disburg, Human Resources Director, answered questions from the Board pertaining to the request to approve the hire in the Treasurer's Office. Commissioners discussed the timing of discussion of positions. Disburg commented that Eilers had been offered the position and had already put in notice at her previous job.

MOTION by Poppens to approve the hire Jenna Eilers, as a full-time Tax and License Clerk for the Treasurer's Office at \$16.78/hr (grade 104, step 1) effective 10.12.2021. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Landeen passed the Chair to Commissioner Arends

MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Landeen to Table until October 12th the approval to hire Jenna Eilers, as a full-time Tax and License Clerk for the Treasurer's Office at \$16.78/hr (grade 104, step 1) effective 10.12.2021. Jibben: "Nay" Landeen: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Arends: "Nay". Motion failed.

Commissioner Arends passed the Chair back to Commissioner Landeen.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Auditor Sheri Lund opened discussion with the Board pertaining to the number of public hearings and their locations for the redistricting. Other suggestions about these hearings were also given to the Auditor. Details will be finalized and scheduled later this month.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: The Board discussed whether the created jail study group was needed at this time.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to disband the study group created by Resolution #2106-27 to determine the need and feasibility of a jail of regional jail. MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Wendy Sweeter, 4-H Advisor, presented the Lincoln County 4-H 3rd Quarter Report.

Commissioner Landeen passed the Chair to Commissioner Arends and left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Mark Jensen of Jensen Insurance presented to the Board an overview of Lincoln County's coverage and losses as well as recent statistics. Jensen also answered questions.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. for the following purposes: Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor SDCL 1-25-2(1); Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. SDCL 1-25-2(3). MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Jibben. Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Arends: "Aye" Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. MOTION by Jibben and seconded by Poppens. Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Arends: “Aye” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to table action on renewal quote with Jensen Insurance until October 12, 2021 Board Meeting. MOTION by Jibben and seconded by Poppens. Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Arends: “Aye” Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: William Golden, Chief Civil Deputy State’s Attorney, informed the Board of the necessary facts pertaining to a request to authorize hire of outside counsel for labor issues.

MOTION by Jibben to table Authorization to hire outside council for labor issues until October 12, 2021, Board meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

The County Canvass of the October 5, 2021, Referendum Election took place. Auditor Sheri Lund read the results by precinct. Voter turnout was reported to be 8.01%. The “No” vote was the majority vote.

MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Jibben to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on October 12, 2021. Jibben: “Aye” Poppens: “Aye” Arends: “Aye” Motion carried.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

/s/
Joel Arends, Lincoln County Vice Chair

Attest: _____
/s/
Shaun Feilmeier, Deputy Auditor

Approved October 12, 2021
Please publish the week of October 18, 2021.