

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION AT 7:00 P.M., March 28, 2006, pursuant to adjournment that morning. Commissioners present were: Kolbe, Hajek, Pekas, and Twedt. Commissioner Zweep was absent. Sue Roust, Auditor, was also present.

Lincoln County Commissioners present were: Dennis Weeldreyer, Michael Poppens, Burdell Coplan, Otto Hagedorn, and Jim Schmidt.

Chairman Kolbe called the meeting to order.

AGREEMENTS

Mike Nadolski, Lincoln Co. Deputy State's Attorney, and Gordy Swanson, Minnehaha Co. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, presented a proposed agreement to create the "Minnehaha-Lincoln County Board of Mental Illness". This action is necessary because of the move of Avera McKennan Hospital's mental health services to Lincoln Co. Under the agreement, the presiding judge of the Second Circuit will appoint co-chairs, one from each county, and the county commissions will appoint one lay member and alternates from each county. Whenever practical, board members from each county shall hear petitions regarding patients from their county. However, all board members may act upon petitions for patients from either county. Scott Peters, Minnehaha Co. Mental Illness Board Chairman, was present to answer questions. MOTION by Pekas, seconded by Twedt, to approve the Joint Cooperative Agreement for Consolidation of Mental Illness Boards. 4 ayes. Lincoln Co. concurred. The initial term will be one year starting April 1, 2006.

Hugh Grogan, Minnehaha Co. Human Services Director, presented a proposed Agreement for Casework Services. Under this agreement, Lincoln Co. will pay \$54,364 for approximately 24 hours of service each week by a Minnehaha Co. caseworker who will process applications for poor relief and provide hospital caseworker services for Lincoln Co. residents. The initial term will be one year starting April 1, 2006. MOTION by Pekas, seconded by Twedt, to approve the Agreement for Casework Services. 4 ayes. . Lincoln Co. concurred.

MOTION by Pekas, seconded by Twedt, to recommend to Second Circuit Presiding Judge Glenn Severson that the following people be appointed as Co-Chairs of the Minnehaha-Lincoln County Board of Mental Illness: Minnehaha - Scott Peters, Co-Chair, and Deb Sittig, Alternate; and Lincoln - Vance Myrabo, Co-Chair, and Todd Epp, Alternate. 4 ayes. Lincoln Co. concurred.

MOTION by Pekas, seconded by Twedt to appoint the following lay members of the Minnehaha-Lincoln County Board of Mental Illness: Minnehaha - John Davidson, member, and alternates Margaret Fortin, Tia Esser, Betsy Koch, and Linda Mellegard; and Lincoln - Janae Poppens, member, and alternates June Nusz, Jerry Mundt, and Gloria Rops. 4 ayes. Lincoln Co. concurred (Poppens abstained).

Chairman Kolbe encouraged the Lincoln Co. Commission to consider becoming part of the Siouxland Heritage Museums system in the future, so educational programs and services can be provided to Lincoln Co. schools without charge.

MOTION by Pekas, seconded by Twedt to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. 4 ayes.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Robert Kolbe, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandy Kinder, Deputy Auditor