

February 13, 2023  
North Platte, Nebraska

Meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Present were Commissioners Joe Hewgley, Kent Weems, Micaela Wuehler, Jerry Woodruff and County Clerk, Rebecca Rossell. Weems offered prayer. Woodruff called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Bruns was absent.

Chairman Woodruff announced the Open Meeting Act with amendments is posted for public review and the county board will comply with the open meeting requirements.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on February 6, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to receive and order filed the treasurer's receipts. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by the Register of Deeds for \$18,864.55. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:15 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization convened.

Chairman Woodruff announced the Open Meeting Act with amendments is posted for public review and the county board will comply with the open meeting requirements.

County Assessor, Julie Stenger appeared.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on February 6, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

No certificates of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:16 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Noxious Weed Supt., Todd Herndon and Noxious Weed Board Member, Booker Boyer, appeared to discuss purchase authorization for the Noxious Weed Department.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, explained that elected officials can spend up to \$10,000 and contract in the county's name per state statute. Appointed officials are

supposed to come before the County Board for approval for purchases from \$0 - \$10,000.

Commissioner Weems stated that the weed board is an advisory board and that the County Board should approve purchases. He did not have an issue with granting the Noxious Weed Supt. a certain amount of fiscal discretion.

Volkmer suggested he prepare a written resolution authorizing the Noxious Weed Supt. up to \$10,000 at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewgley expressed concern about the weed board authorizing purchases instead of the County Board.

Volkmer replied that the County Board would still be approving the claim for payment.

County Board directed Volkmer to prepare a resolution.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to set the date for the One- & Six-Year Road Plan public hearing for March 13, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

County Board discussed remedy for the HVAC system. It was decided that the remedy process will start with the Building & Grounds committee.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to authorize the County Clerk to deposit the HVAC settlement funds (\$500,000) into the county Building Fund. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to authorize the Chairman to sign (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Award agreements with the following: Brady Food Pantry, Deborah's Legacy, Nebraska Youth Center, Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center, North Platte Catholic Community Food Pantry, Episcopal Church of Our Savior, North Platte Senior Center, Community Connections of Lincoln County, Families 1<sup>st</sup> Partnership and Communities for Kids Lincoln County. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Update by Tanner Pettera of Hub International Insurance concerning the forecasting for renewal premiums. They are predicting a 20% increase in property and a 13% increase in workmen's comp as the experience module went from 1.03 to 1.17. He explained that there were 15 separate one-day weather events in the U.S. last year that caused 1 billion dollars in claims.

Tanner brought a quote from Cowbell Cyber for cyber insurance coverage. This would replace the current coverage the county has through EMC which is a very basic coverage. The quote from Cowbell Cyber is in the amount of \$16,206.77 for 18 months, so it would coincide with the renewal date of August 1 with the other insurance.

Dave Pate, county IT personnel, feels the additional coverage amounts and cost is well warranted. Cyber-attacks can cause substantial monetary loss and down time.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve the increase in cyber security with Hub International Insurance through Cowbell Cyber in the amount of \$16,206.77 for 18 months of coverage. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Hear concerns from Elected Officials, Department Heads, or their representative.

Approved the following claims as presented for payment. Motion carried.

**General:**

Ace Hrdwr	su	15.29
Adm & Swsns	se	1075.00
AED Cntr	se	58.86
Alx Grcll	mi	128.25
Allo	se	1366.26
Amnd Spchrt	se	1496.00
Amzn Cptl Serv	se	254.69
Brlltt Dgn Trshynsk & Blw	se	5391.00
Brwn's Shoe Ft	ex	289.85
Cptl Bsns Systms	se	8139.16
Csh Wa Dstbtng	se	86.50
Cntry Lnk	se	591.67
Crvll Acdmc Cnsltng	eq	450.00
Chwnt Drhm	se	318.14
Chvs Shw	se	12370.60
Cty NP	se	72191.35
Cst To Cst Cmptr Prdcts	su	278.00
Cnsltd Mngment	se	121.25
Cllgn Wtr	su	69.25
Dwsn Cnty Shrff	Se	37.38
Dr Db Exprss Mdcl Cr	contr	1750.00
Eks	se	663.25
Elltt's Atmtive Serv	se	1129.95
Fr Lw Offc	se	6175.00
Frst Cncrd Bnfts	Ins	200.00
Grrtt Trs & Trds	se	32.55
Grt Plns Hmcr Eqpmnt	se	14.00
Grdn RFID	se	710.00
Hmtwn Lsng	se	65.05
Jc's At Wsh	su	16.82
Jsn Rudlph Lw	se	945.00
Jd Mllr	fee	20.00

Jstc wrks	su	200.00
Krn Ochs	fee	20.00
Knt Firm	se	266.67
Knpp Elctrc	se	145.02
Knbl Rfgrtn	se	229.23
Lwmn's At Rpr	se	567.41
Mlcm Nlsn& Wndrm	se	260.00
Mrl Hns	ex	353.00
Mnrds	su	195.71
Mntzer	su	198.70
Myr crtv Prnt + dsgn	su	115.50
Mchll Cllwy	fee	20.00
Mcrflm Imgng Systms	rt	640.00
Mdwst Cnnct	se	777.48
MIPS	su	437.00
Mtrl Sltns	su	359.10
Neb Pblc Pwr Dstrct	se	420.00
NITV Fdrl Srvc	se	495.00
Np Bltn	se	162.50
NP Hrdwr	su	15.47
NP Opptnty Cntr	su	53.28
NP Plc Dprtmnt	cont	15760.00
Nrthwstrn Energy	se	7836.06
NE Plnng & Znng	reg	710.00
O'rily At Prts	se	348.64
Odn Clnl Chpl	se	281.18
Orr's Drprs	ex	35.50
Pdrsn Lw offc	se	2380.00
Pplr Strt Cr Wsh	su	8.50
Prdgy Sltns	su	39509.07
Qdnt Fnc	se	200.00
Cnty Shrff Fees	se	1898.69
SHI Intntnl crp	su	216.49
Strcycl INC	se	104.74
Stvn Elmhsr Lw Off	se	490.00
Smmt Fd Srvc	cont	10546.84
Trnsn Rsk & Alt Dt Sltns	se	129.00
US Bnk	se	6789.30
Vrzn	se	305.28
Vctr Hrvy	se	1515.44
Wsh Tm Crwsh	su	132.00
Wd & Aitkn	se	16851.37
Wx Bnk	su	7544.99
911 Cstm	se	866.01
<b><u>Roads:</u></b>		
AKRS	se	4.00

Blick Hills Energy	se	1341.22
Dwsn Pblc Pwr Dstrct	se	973.3
Grrtt	se	12610.63
HI-Ln Coop	se	165.00
Idl Lnn	se	204.46
Ilnd Trck Prts cmpny	se	254.95
Mck Pblc Pwr Dst	se	179.66
Mntzr Oil Cmpny	su	4313.26
Mdwst Elctrc cmpny Crpaa	se	432.77
Mrphy Trctr & Eqmnt	se	24631.75
Nwmn Sgns	su	815.90
NMC	se	7779.09
Np Hrdwr	se	87.04
O'Rilly	se	218.54
Plsn Inc	su	506.25
Schbn Snttn	se	153.76
Trctr Spplly	su	29.99
Vllg Mxwll	se	70.00
Vllg Wllc	se	25.00
<b><u>Self-Funded Ins:</u></b>		
Frst Cncrd Bnfts LLC	Ins	11287.27
<b><u>P&amp;M Fund:</u></b>		
Mcrflm Img Systms	se	45.00
<b><u>ARPA Fund:</u></b>		
Swht's LLC	eq	52,200.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the February 13, 2023, board meetings were sent to the county board and all others requesting the same. Advance public notice (includes agenda) of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting was posted at the Lincoln County Courthouse, City Hall, and the Lincoln County website on February 10, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on February 10, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Lincoln County Clerk. The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will be at the Lincoln County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 9:00 A.M. The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Equalization will be at the Lincoln County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 9:15 A.M.

Rebecca J. Rossell  
Lincoln County Clerk

