

May 30, 2023
North Platte, Nebraska

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

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 Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on May 22, 2023, adding the regular attorney rate discussed with the judges was for private practice. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chairman to sign the right-of-way permit submitted by All Anderson Electric. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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.

Deputy County Assessor, Pat Collins appeared along with Alex Gurciullo, County Treasurer.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on May 22, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor on real property. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by American National Red Cross as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:18 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Presentation by TextMyGov for Lincoln County Clerk/Election Commissioner. Rebecca Rossell, Lincoln County Clerk/Election Commissioner, is looking for a way to reach more residents of Lincoln County to get them accurate information for both general questions and election questions. She has looked at various companies with different platforms. This software is web-based and would allow residents to ask questions via text and would be able to direct them to most answers via the county website. She has contacted five references and all of them had great reports about the installation, software, support, and customer service. The initial contract would be for 2 years. There is a one-time \$2500 implementation/set up fee with an annual billing of \$5000.

Rossell will set up a future demo with other elected officials and department heads to see if they would have any interest or ways to utilize this software in their offices for a possible county-wide option.

Discussion was held with USDA representatives concerning the 2023-2024 renewal agreement with the USDA for wildlife services. The proposed renewal rate is for \$42,079.48.

Barry Maasen and Tim Veenendaal of USDA presented a summary report for the last year. Veenendaal commented that with this agreement the fees are distributed to all taxpayers for the service.

Commissioner Weems asked if they could cross county lines.

They replied no unless the private person pays 100% of the cost and if they have the time with limited staff.

Weems asked if they were aware that Lincoln County had implemented a prairie dog management program.

They stated they aware of the program.

Weems commented that he did not see the cost matching the services with the USDA. His thought is that the county could put together a more effective program ran by the county or with an independent contractor complimented by county personnel.

Hewgley reported that the USDA program started due to coyotes but has fluctuated over the years. He likes the logic of looking at a county program to see if it can be done effectively and efficiently.

Weems said that another county has a "structured fee" and has seen this type of complimentary program work. The USDA program has increased in price by

approximately \$20,000 in the last few years. He questioned if the current field technician would have a job if Lincoln County walks away from the program

Veenendaal replied that he probably would not if Lincoln County drops the program.

Chairman Woodruff commented that he sensed hesitation from the board members about renewing the agreement.

Barry reminded them that he operates under federal law, without that protection there would be permitting that would have to be done.

Wuehler questioned if current individuals who provide this type of service in the county are required to have permits.

Barry responded in the affirmative.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve the 2023-2024 renewal agreement with the USDA for wildlife services.

Commissioner Wuehler asked if the county takes on this responsibility would there be a fee structure to the property owners.

Commissioner Weems replied that is unknown at this time.

Commissioner Bruns questioned if the county had been getting return on investment.

Commissioner Hewgley suggested tabling the item for a few weeks before a decision is made.

Veenendaal stated that if the county does not renew the program there must be a written notice.

Commissioner Weems commented that the price of the program concerns him.

Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff all voted "nay". Ayes, none. Motion denied.

Brandon Myers, Region 51 Emergency Management Director, reported that he is looking at a 40 x 60 building.

Commissioners Weems wants the building to be multi-purpose with a climate-controlled area. He suggested a two-option bid. One option for an insulated building and another option of an insulated building with area that is climate controlled.

Myers stated that he has spoken with Planning and Zoning, and it appears that there would be enough room for setbacks.

Bruns questioned if the building would need to be fenced for security reasons.

Myers thought he would put alarms and cameras to be implemented into the next budget year.

The space need for various offices was briefly discussed. Attorney Volkmer reported that we need an RFP for this project.

Commissioner Hewgley volunteered to make a simple sketch for an RFP.

Chairman Woodruff questioned if an architect/engineer would be needed for this project.

Volkmer stated yes.

Hewgley commented that it depends on size and use so there is some latitude.

This item was tabled for additional information.

Discussed the purchase of a drone for Region 51 Emergency Management. Brandon, Myers, Region 51 Emergency Management Director, reported he would like a new drone due to issues with limited air space with the current drone and the delay time needed in work arounds. The new drone would have a different "geo-fencing" program.

Chairman Woodruff asked why a couple of hours would be critical.

Myers replied that time is critical in certain situations.

Hewgley questioned why emergency management would be the primary response.

Myers stated that sometime there needs to be multiple units.

Weems clarified that the current issue is a software restriction.

Wuehler asked if the new drone was in his current budget to which he responded that it was included.

Hewgley wondered what would happen to the current drone.

Myers commented that it would still be utilized for damage assessment and weather events.

Sheriff Kramer asked if the new drone would have infrared.

Myers replied that the current drone and new drone both have infrared. Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to approve the purchase of an Evo 2 Dual drone for Region 51 Emergency Management for \$7049.00 with the acknowledgement

that the informal quote requirement has been met. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Two informal quotes were received for salt/sanders from Klute Truck Equipment and Trailer Services for \$7790 each and Matt Friend Truck Equipment Inc. for \$7405.00 each for Lincoln County Department of Roads.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to approve the purchase of tailgate salt/sanders for trucks for Lincoln County Dept of Roads from Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Inc. for a total of \$15,310.00 for two units. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

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

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

GENERAL FUND	NAME		CLAIMS
	A T & T MOBILITY	se	46.29
	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	465.26
	APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	se	2300
	BECKY MCCRACKEN	se	112.5
	BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	2650.39
	BOMGAARS	se	44.09
	BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	1410
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	rt	123.6
	CERVELLE CONSULTING SERVICES INC	se	619.95
	CHARLES J BOETTCHER D.D.S	se	1472
	CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	se	246
	COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAWYERS	se	1311.51
	COMMERICAL INVESTMENT SERVICES	rt	375
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	104
	DELL MARKETING LP	se	10209.42
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	se	1793.52
	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	ldg	490
	G-WORKS	se	23901
	GR-EMERGENCY VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	se	250
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION INC	se	274.01
	HOLIDAY INN	ldg	98
	JODIE ORR	reb	157.55
	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	cont	9650
	LEVANDER'S AUTOMOTIVE	se	777.14
	LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	su	400.77
	LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	su	10443.34
	MENARDS	se	1929.37

		MIDWEST CONNECT	se	73.73
		MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	7469.6
		NEMA	se	250
		NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL 14	se	105
		NORTH PLATTE FIRE EQUIP CO	su	57.95
		PAM HILL	fee	20
		RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	su	19.85
		SHERIFFS PETTY CASH FUND	se	28.75
		T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	se	171.95
		TODD HERNDON	reb	312.04
		US CELLULAR	se	88.96
ROAD	FUND	AKRS EQUIPMENT	eq/rep	423.96
		ANDERSEN & SONS	se	13.99
		CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	se	1025.79
		CHAMPLIN TIRE RECYCLING INC	rep	3758.46
		CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE	se	613.41
		CROELL INC	se	3296.75
		DAWSON PUBLIC POWER	se	55.91
		FASTENAL COMPANY	su	23.46
		INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	se	334.64
		JA TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	su	1193.75
		NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	846.22
		ROAD GROOM MANUFACTURING	su	4548.1
		WPCI	su	144
SELF				
FUND	INSRNCE	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	2317.58
PAYROLL		MAY PAYROLL		840,304

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the May 30, 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 May 26, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on May 26, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, June 5, 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