

June 5, 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. Weems 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 Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on May 30, 2023, with the correction of USDA representatives name to Barry Johnson. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley 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 Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to cancel the June 12, 2023, public budget hearing for the amendment to the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget as transfers within the same fund can be done by resolution and the change between funds was not needed. 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.

County Assessor, Julie Stenger appeared.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on May 30, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor concerning eight Brian L. Matthewson TERC cases on real property which previously had confessions of judgment. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the certifications of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor on real

property due to change in eighteen homestead exemption applications based on information from the Nebraska Department of Revenue. After review by the County Assessor and further review by the Nebraska Department of Revenue using an income audit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve notice of valuation changes submitted by the County Assessor numbered 2023-001 through 2023-012 on real property as listed. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:37 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a one-year contract with WebGIS subscription renewal for the County Assessor. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a standard Assessor GIS technical support renewal agreement for one-year for \$16,317.00. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Commissioner Hewgley presented a rough drawing of a 60' X 48' building for discussion. He is suggesting two garage doors and six single outside doors to access conditioned space.

Commissioner Weems asked if evidence vehicles needed to be inside.

Sheriff Kramer replied yes, due to the nature of the evidence.

Weems then asked if there would be room to expand in the future if needed on this site.

Brandon Myers, Region 51 Emergency Management, responded no due to zoning.

Commissioner Wuehler commented she liked that individual storage bays had access from the outside.

Hewgley reported that due to this being an agricultural type of building, an architect/engineer would not be needed for this project.

Commissioner Woodruff wondered about a loft in the building for additional space and how the units would be climate controlled.

Hewgley responded that option would need to be part of the specifications. He would suggest a mini split in each bay for the air/heat.

Board discussed which departments need more storage, how much would need to be climate controlled and security measures. Commissioner Hewgley will work with the Building and Grounds committee to develop specifications.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, stated that original agreement with Summit Foods had been signed in 2009 and has been amended numerous times. He recommended that the County Board not adopt the proposed amendment and authorize legal counsel to send a letter.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to deny the proposed amendment to the contract with Summit Foods for the Lincoln County Detention Center and authorize the County Sheriff and Deputy County Attorney to engage in discussions with Summit Foods based on the language in the contract. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussed what to officially name the Inland Port Authority that encompasses location, culture, and characteristics that embody the function of the port.

Commissioner Bruns reported that forty-eight names had been submitted for consideration. He reminded board members that this port will be on an international stage.

Commissioner Weems commented that he would like to steer away from generalities. There are thirty-five cities named Lincoln and twenty-four counties named Lincoln in the U.S. He would like to see a descriptive definition that is unique, and he would like to see Nebraska in the name. He thinks it is important to recognize fallen veterans and suggested maybe dedicating the terminal building later.

Commissioner Bruns stated he would like to see the word international in the name.

Commissioner Hewgley suggested inland port did possibly need to be in the name for those that are not familiar with them in the U.S.

Commissioner Wuehler disclosed that she looked favorably upon suggested names with Platte River or Platte Valley in the name but does like having Nebraska in the name.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve the official name as Nebraska International Port of the Plains. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussed recommendation of candidates by the Inland Port Authority Committee for the Inland Port Authority Board of Directors. The members of the committee are: Gary Person, Tyler Volkmer, Commissioner Bruns and Commissioner Weems. There were

twenty-one applicants with outstanding credentials which it made it a very difficult decision. The inaugural board members are going to have a lot of work as there is a vast number of moving parts in the development of the port authority. Several applicants did have to withdraw due to conflicts of interest. They looked for individuals with the following backgrounds: rail logistics, truck & air logistics, legal, financial, infrastructure/construction, agriculture, and business.

Weems reported that the committee had developed a short list of six candidates and that there are many good applicants for the other three slots.

Bruns stated the committee looked at areas of expertise and what will be needed on this board to move forward in the process. The legislature has funds set aside for this project.

Commissioner Woodruff asked if the length of terms would be staggered for the inaugural board.

Bruns replied that that they will be three-year terms and will be staggered.

Commissioner Hewgley wondered if there was a limited number of consecutive terms they could serve.

Bruns responded no.

Gary Person, North Platte Chamber & Development, commented that the candidates had outstanding credentials. If they are not chosen for the inaugural board the door does not close. The Rail Park is encompassed with the port authority.

Bruns told board members that the newly appointed board members will meet over the summer with the help of a consultant and legal counsel. It is possible that an advisory board could be added into the by-laws. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will always appoint the port authority board members.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to appoint the following for a three-year term to the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors: Dwight Porter, Vince Dugan, and Kirk Olson. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to appoint the following for a two-year term to the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors: Kimberly Steger, Jim Hawks and J. Patrick Keenan. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to appoint the following for a one-year term to the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors: LeAnn Ellis, Michael

Steele, and Kevin Tighe. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

A formal letter will be sent by the Commissioners to all candidates.

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

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

FUND	GENERAL	NAME		CLAIMS
		ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS	se	1237.5
		ACME PRINTING COMPANY	se	280
		ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	1889.72
		AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	46.44
		BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	62.67
		BROWNS SHOE FIT	ex	286
		BTS INC	su	300
		CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	su/agree	378.13
		CAPITAL ONE	se	436.54
		CARDIO PARTNERS	se	66.97
		CASH WA DISTRIBUTING CO INC	se	884
		CDW GOVERNMENT INC	eq	1356.85
		DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	se	204.3
		CERVELLE CONSULTING SERVICES INC	ex	1000
		CHARM TEX	su	387.5
		SPECTRUM	se	671.7
		CHEVAS SHAW	se	4685.6
		CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	su	196.54
		COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD		
		LAWYERS	se	461.51
		CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	98.5
		DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	rt	3727.08
		DELL MARKETING LP	eq	9817.3
		DONALD D WILSON CPA	se	1400
		EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	6823.87
		ESSENTIAL FOOD GROUP INC	su	27.16
		FIRST BANK CARD	se	922.25
		G-WORKS	ex/cont	3595
		GALLS AN ARAMARK COMPANY	su	462.54
		GLOBALSTAR USA	se	128.44
		IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	226.4
		JODIE ORR	mi	60.92
		KEITH COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE	se	708.5
		KNOBELS REFRIGERATION INC	se	126
		LINCOLN COUNTY COURT	se	3462.43

		MARTIN TROSHYNSKI	cont	7012.5
		MASA GLOBAL	ins	1612.5
		MEBULBS	su	354.97
		MELISSA SPADING	reb	132.7
		MENARDS	se	206.13
		MENTZER OIL CO	su	390.73
		MEYER CREATIVE	su	2572.69
		MIPS INC	se	2833.31
		NEWEGG BUSINESS	eq	1599.98
		NORTH PLATTE ANIMAL SHELTER	se	40
		NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	su	40.42
		PITNEY BOWES BANK INC	se	30000
		POPLAR STREET CAR WASH	su	23.25
		QUADIENT LEASING USA INC DEPT 6813	se	344.59
		REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	se	11900.59
		SEEVERS AUTO CARE INC	se	381.29
		SHERIFFS FEE ACCOUNT	se	1165.97
		SHRED IT USA	se	306.72
		STERICYCLE INC	se	104.74
		SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	15856.84
		T AND S REPAIR	eq	1691.37
		T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	su	867
		THE SUPPLY CACHE INC	su	1425
		THOMAS GANN	reb	129.26
		VERIZON	se	479.3
		WASH TIME CARWASH	su	126
		WILLIAM TROSHYNSKI	cont	4500
		WINSUPPLY	se	259.57
		WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	su	288.95
FUND	ROADS	CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	su	1021.11
		CROELL	su	26559.7
		CROELL	su	1214.3
		IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	139.43
		NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	3079.6
		NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH	se	68.28
		SUTHERLAND FARM AND AUTO SUPPLY	se	310.1
		VILLAGE OF BRADY	se	88.29
FUND	SLF FND	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	1603.23

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the June 5, 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 June 2, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on June 2, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, June 12, 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