

June 20, 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. Hewgley 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 Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 12, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, 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 Bruns, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with William Troshynski for legal services from 7-1-2023 to 6-30-2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by the County Sheriff for \$6097.93. 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 along with Alex Gurciullo, County Treasurer.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on June 12, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler 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 Wuehler to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by North Platte Opportunity Center as recommended for approval

by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by North Platte Catholic Schools as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns 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.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by Mission Life Inc. as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve the notice of valuation changes numbered 2023-13 & 2023-14 as submitted by the County Assessor. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:25 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the special designated liquor permit application submitted by Creativity Unlimited Arts Council dba Prairie Arts Center for a wedding reception at Harbor Lights on July 8, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the special designated liquor permit application submitted by Creativity Unlimited Arts Council dba Prairie Arts Center for a wedding reception at Harbor Lights on October 14, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Mike Schroer of Cork & Cap LLC appeared for his liquor license application at the Fairgrounds. If approved, this would be an annual renewal in the future. He would like to help the Ag Society move in a positive direction for growth and to help control issues.

Commissioner Bruns commented that the NE Liquor Control Commission will only allow applicants so many special designated liquor permits per year and this would streamline that process for events at the fairgrounds.

A public hearing to receive comments on the application for a Class I catering license for Cork & Cap, LLC dba C & C Catering at the Fairgrounds was opened at 9:49 A.M.

Commissioner Weems verified that the applicant went through all the steps necessary for the application.

Sheriff Kramer reported they have always had a problem with alcohol in the pit area at the racetrack.

Schroer stated that the application would include the entire fairgrounds (in the fence) including the camping area and pit area. They would need to have someone on site to monitor and work with the fair board at all events.

Commissioner Hewgley expressed concern with the entire area of the fairgrounds being included and the turnover of the fair board members. He feels it should be limited to a specific area. It would be very difficult to police the entire fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bruns sees it as administrative streamlining for permitting.

Commissioner Hewgley would like the board to consider discussing the location and times of sale at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bruns commented that Mike's liquor license is on the line for all his locations, so he is confident that he would insure control with checks and balances.

Commissioner Hewgley said the county can still have language to help control the area.

County Sheriff Kramer told the audience that the real estate will be difficult to control. It will be changing the mind set of people, especially those in the pit area.

Commissioner Woodruff used the NebraskaLand Days arena as an example. It did take time, but the alcohol issues did improve.

Schroer replied that is hoping to change the pattern. He will post that outside liquor is not permitted.

Sheriff Kramer stated that those who do not have a liquor permit for events at the fairgrounds are the ones that get out of control.

Commissioner Wuehler questioned if all employees had or would get alcohol service training.

Schroer responded in the affirmative. He feels it will make it safer to have somebody running the liquor sales at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bruns reported that the Ag Society does endorse this application.

The public hearing was closed at 10:17 A.M.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to send a recommendation for approval on the Class I catering license application for Cork & Cap, LLC dba C & C Catering at the Fairgrounds to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Commissioner Weems stated he was confident that they will police this area and have better oversight.

Commissioner Hewgley questioned if private parties would be able to bring in alcohol.

Schroer replied no.

Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

County Highway Supt., Jason Schultz, told board members that the asphalt bids were all higher than the anticipated budget. He has been holding all capital expenditures in the current budget year and will have 2.2 million to put toward this project in next years budget. He does not want to take a year off for asphalt projects. He recommends that the County Board accept the Option #2 bid of Western Engineering for \$2,642,062.50.

Commissioner Woodruff reiterated due to asphalt prices the road department only did a limited number of miles in the 2022/2023 budget year.

Board discussion was held on the current budget, cash flow, and how this could affect the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to accept the bid of Western Engineering – Option 2 in the amount of \$2,642,062.50 for 2023 asphalt overlay projects for Lincoln County Department of Roads. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussed the request of Sheryl Ball, Lincoln County Detention Officer, concerning the North Platte Rocks Kindness Project. Following discussion board members said they support the project and concept but requested that she look at a different location rather the courthouse. There were concerns about safety and vandalism. It was suggested that she contact the Prairie Arts Center as a possible location.

Update by Commissioner Wuehler on the Digital Divide Stockholder Group and West Central Nebraska Development Corporations partnership in the application and grant process. The development districts have combined efforts to submit a written plan to help bridge the digital divide in Nebraska for those that are unserved and underserved to be eligible for funding. It will be important for the county to submit a letter of support as well as a resolution establishing support of the plan.

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

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

FUND	GENERAL	NAME		CLAIMS
		A T EMBLEM	ex	269.45
		ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	se	7
		AGRI COMPUTER SALES	se	5550.8
		ALS LOCK & SAFE	se	759.81
		ALS TOWING & REPAIR	se	203.75
		LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	se	1100
		AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	1110.58
		ARNOLD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	se	2051.89
		AXON ENTERPRISE INC	su	1846.8
		BECKY MCCRACKEN	se	112.5
		BIBLE SUPPLIES	su	68
		BOB BARKER COMPANY	su	2128.96
		BOOKER BOYER	mi	26.2
		BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	4697.89
		BROWNS SHOE FIT	se	140.25
		C DURHAM LAW OFFICE	se	230
		CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	rt	437.46
		CARROL'S TOWING	se	175
		CASH WA DISTRIBUTING CO INC	se	152.4
		CDW GOVERNMENT INC	su	5240.13
		DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	eq	184.6
		CENTURY LINK	se	351.6
		CERVELLE CONSULTING SERVICES INC	se	450
		CHARLES BODEN	mi	83.84
		CHARM TEX	su	777.6
		CITY OF GRAND ISLAND FIRE DEPT	se	8955.34
		CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	contr	40226
		CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	se	1145
		COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAWYERS	se	1073.02
		COMMERICAL INVESTMENT SERVICES	rt	3.04
		CONDONS SIGNS	se	1789
		CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	98.5
		CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	eq	5157
		CULLIGAN	su	38.01
		CURTIS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	se	1303.16
		DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	se	13565
		DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	contr	813.06
		DR DEB'S EXPRESS MEDICAL CARE	contr	1950
		EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	eq	23690.16
		FAIR LAW OFFICE PC LLO	se	405

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	ldg	686
FAMILY SKILL BUILDING SERVICES LLC	se	552
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	eq	7049
GORDON PETERSON	rt	3201
GREAT PLAINS HOMECARE EQ	se	14
HERSHEY RURAL FIRE	se	11273.37
HITCHCOCK COUNTY TREASURER	eq	453.75
JACK'S UNIFORMS	ex	387.69
JUSTICE WORKS LLC	su	200
JUSTIN GOSNELL	mi	11.93
JUSTIN ROBERTS	mi	5.9
KELLI LARDY	se	129
KENT WEEMS	reb	18.52
KNOBELS REFRIGERATION INC	se	382.95
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	se	26.75
LINCOLN COUNTY ATTORNEY	se	8.5
LINCOLN COUNTY EXTENTION PETTY CASH	su	86.93
LINCOLN CO JAIL PETTY CASH	su	608.18
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	su	1239.97
LYNN FREDERICK	mi	3.28
MARLA HAINES	ex	30
MAYWOOD WELLFLEET RURAL FIRE	se	5779.32
MELISSA SPADING	mi	69.43
MENARDS	su	425.12
MEYER CREATIVE	se	114
MILLER TOWING	se	175
MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	262.55
NACO	dues	135
NE COUNTY ATTORNEY ASSOC	se	3080
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	se	131
NE SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	agree	331
NEBRASKALAND BANK	su	208.22
NORTH PLATTE OPPORTUNITY	se	18.75
NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH	se	481.01
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	se	762.5
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	47.55
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	2917.32
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	se	674.6
PAIGE NEIGHBORS	ex	157.5
PDQ.COM	eq	1275
PEDERSON LAW OFFICE	se	280
PEOPLE	su	135

		QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	se	-661.61
		REBECCA J ROSSELL	se	131
		RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	su	17.85
		REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY INC	se	543.93
		REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	se	532
		RICK'S TOWING	se	150
		RODNEY RAYBURN	mi	70.74
		SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	eq	3199
		SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY COURT	se	156.25
		SEEVERS AUTO CARE INC	se	58.28
		SHERIFFS PETTY CASH FUND	se	49.4
		SNELL SERVICES INC	se	300
		SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT INC	se	1044
		SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	5512.96
		SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	su	2003.8
		SUTHERLAND RURAL FIRE	se	11037.57
		T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	su	3507.4
		THOMAS & THOMAS COURT REPORTERS	se	332.58
		TK'S WELDING & FABRICATION	su	236.32
		TONY JOHNSON	mi	24.89
		TOP QUALITY MFG	se	536.4
		TOXIC GRAPHICS	se	253.94
		U S BANK	se	26.53
		U S BANK	se	226.72
		U S BANK	se	48.69
		U S BANK	se	332.23
		U S BANK	se	985.54
		U S BANK	se	1974.29
		U S BANK	se	155.79
		U S BANK	se	3845.08
		VERIZON	su	59.04
		VICKI NEIDHARDT	mi	26.86
		VILLAGE OF MAXWELL	se	448.88
		WALLACE RURAL FIRE	se	11822.98
		WEATHERCRAFT CO OF NO PLATTE	se	227
		WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC	se	1000
		WESTFIELD PHARMACY	se	5874.2
		WHITETAIL SCREEN PRINT	ex	600.25
		WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	su	510.24
		911 CUSTOM	se	12115
FUND	ROAD	A T & T	se	47.63
		ACE IRRIGATION AND MFG CO	su	8692.8

		AKRS EQUIPMENT	se	416.37
		BLACK HILLS ENERGY	se	46.48
		BOMGAARS	su	13.98
		BRICO PEST CONTROL	se	150
		CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	su	819.98
		CROELL	su	22096.41
		FASTENAL COMPANY	su	368.98
		GARCIA CHICOINE ENTERPRISES	su	6751.81
		HINTON'S LOCK & ALARM	se	150
		IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	125.66
		INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	se	54.84
		MACKENZIE WHITE	se	300
		MATT FRIEND TRUCK	se	15260
		MENTZER OIL CO	se	302.5
		MIDWEST ELECTRIC MEMB CORP	se	84.43
		MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	se	2399.56
		NEBRASKA SAFETY COUNCIL	su	23171.59
		NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	258.74
		NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	1137.43
		NORTH PLATTE HARDWARE LLC	se	71.98
		PAULSENS INC	su	16796.06
		TROYER ENTERPRISES	se	55.82
		U S BANK	su	1279.1
		WPCI	su	72
FUND	SELF	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	2229.41
FUND	BLDG	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	su	175.3

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the June 20, 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 16, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on June 16, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, June 26, 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