

June 26, 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. Wuehler offered prayer. Woodruff called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Weems, seconded by Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 20, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler 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 Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 to support the application of the Southeast Nebraska Development District to receive a technical assistance grant from the USDA to conduct comprehensive broadband planning, feasibility studies, and project development initiatives. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to approve a letter of support for the application of the Southeast Nebraska Development District to receive a technical assistance grant from the USDA to conduct comprehensive broadband planning, feasibility studies, and project development initiatives. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to reappoint Geoffrey Florom to the Veterans Service Committee for a five-year term to end in 2028. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by the County Sheriff for \$2,436.95. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chairman Woodruff appointed Commissioner Bruns to discuss rate adjustments for court-appointed lawyers with the 11th Judicial District Judges.

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 County Treasurer, Alex Gurciullo.

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

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

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler 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 Wuehler, seconded by Weems to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by People's Family Health Services as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Recess at 9:20 A.M. as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Planning Director, Judy Clark appeared and indicated that planning staff had no objections to the application submitted by Nelson Acres, LLC.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to approve the application by Nelson Acres, LLC for Nelson 2nd Administrative Subdivision on property located at 37629 West Nelson Road in an A-1 Agricultural District and described as part of the SE ¼ Section 8, Township 10 North, Range 34 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The following offices: County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor and Lincoln County Dept. of Roads reported they had participated in a demonstration of the software from TextMyGov. All offices indicated they felt the software would be beneficial in communicating with the public. There will be a marketing campaign prior to launch, so constituents will be educated about the software and how information will be sent to them.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to enter into a two-year partnership agreement with TexMyGov to open lines of communication between Lincoln County and citizens for the County Clerk's office and other county offices with a fee of \$12,000 for year one which includes set up and \$8000 for the subsequent year. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Commissioners Bruns and Wuehler will be representatives to the Ag & Economic Development Summit on August 8 & 9, 2023 in Kearney.

Commissioner Hewgley reported that RMV Construction LLC of Kearney had called and asked about sending their bid electronically. The bid was sent electronically to the Lincoln County Clerk.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, stated that it had to be a sealed bid per Nebraska State Statute. A sealed bid was indicated in the advertisement for bidders.

Commissioner Wuehler commented that several contractors have asked questions. They felt it was too difficult to bid without additional specifications.

County Board will set another date to receive bids for the multi-use building for Region 51 Emergency Management and other county offices at the next board meeting.

Discussed the pros and cons of advertising for an independent contractor, as well as part-time seasonal employees, for pest control with an emphasis on prairie dogs.

Commissioners Weems and Woodruff felt both options should be advertised as a starting point. They anticipate the new program will be more effective than the previous program.

Commissioner Woodruff asked who would be responsible for liability insurance.

Volkmer replied that a contractor would be responsible for their own liability insurance.

Commissioner Weems suggested looking at a fee structure to re-capture some of the cost of the program.

Commissioner Woodruff stated there will be a gap in services until a new program is in place.

Commissioner Hewgley questioned estimated start-up costs.

Commissioner Weems said the county will have to determine the number of hours and rate of pay if we get part-time employees. A 4-wheeler would need to be acquired. A vehicle would be an expense. The weed department might be able to share some of their equipment.

Commissioner Woodruff acknowledged that there would be some start-up expenses for long term use items.

Commissioner Wuehler reported that the Noxious Weed Dept. is working on getting some information to the County Board. The Noxious Weed Dept. is willing to work with the County Board on structure and the possibility of sharing the part-time employees.

Commissioner Bruns suggested a job description would be helpful before advertising.

Commissioners Weems and Woodruff will work with the County Board Assistant, Tammy White, and legal counsel to define responsibilities, reporting, licensing, etc. before advertising.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to advertise with proper detail and identification of duties required, with the assistance of legal counsel, to solicit and advertise for two different options. Option 1 for contractors and Option 2 for part-time seasonal employees. County will specify basic requirements needed for application.

Commissioner Hewgley questioned if there would be a pay-range.

Commissioner Weems responded that there would be a base of pay.

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

Employee Recognition for years of service to Lincoln County:

Randy Bollish	15 years	Cheryl Orr	10 years
Deputy Brett Schmidt	10 years	Tyler Younghans	5 years

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to go into closed session at 10:48 A.M. for strategy session regarding collective bargaining. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chairman Woodruff restated the motion for the closed session.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to go into open session at 11:07 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

Approve the following claims for payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL	AT & T	cont	2688.28
	ALEX GURCIULLO	reimb	263.31
	ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES INC	eq	4751.61
	ALS LOCK & SAFE	eq	895.45
	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	1840.81
	BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	1150
	BLM GREAT BASIN INCIDENT CACHE	su	144.14
	BOB BARKER COMPANY	su	2168.2
	BOMGAARS	su	42.49

BRADY RURAL FIRE	cont	8029.17
BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	5299.88
BTS INC	se	782.82
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	se	597.29
CASH WA DISTRIBUTING CO INC	su	1256.15
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	cont	204.3
CERVELLE CONSULTING SERVICES INC	se	400
CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	cont	17412.73
COHAGEN TRANSFER & STORAGE INC	su	927.68
COMFORT INN	lodg	239.9
COMMERICAL INVESTMENT SERVICES	rent	375
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	grant	9140.76
CONDONS SIGNS	su	1433.8
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	153
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	eq	1524
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	lodg	419.85
DELL MARKETING LP	eq	3850
DJ AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSMISSIONS LLC	su	9768.01
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	5094.7
ELLETTS AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	re	801.92
FARNAM RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	cont	2230.16
FLOCK SAFETY	cont	16100
G-WORKS	cont	3375
GARRETT TIRE	re	32.55
GOTHENBURG RURAL FIRE	cont	2749.95
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION INC	se	274.01
HALLS ELECTRIC	se	750
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/FIN RESPON	se	567
HEARTLAND ANIMAL CENTER	se	419.45
HUB INTERNATIONAL	ins	6511
INTOXIMETERS	su	373
JACK'S UNIFORMS	su	211.84
JASEN RUDOLPH	se	1015
JUDY CLARK	mi	90.39
KEITH COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	se	202.2
LABSOURCE	su	119.94
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	cont	1983.96
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC	ins	344.56
MARLA HAINES	se	100
MAXWELL RURAL FIRE	cont	7091.84
MAXWELLS KAWASAKI	re	212.9
MENARDS	su	69.79
MENTZER OIL CO	su	1668.33

	MEYER CREATIVE	su	122.9
	MICHELLE BAIN	reimb	63
	MORSE WATCHMANS INCORPORATED	se	300
	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL 14	se	105
	NE STATE FAIR	pstg	28.75
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	re	1616.73
	NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	se	465
	NORTH PLATTE ANIMAL SHELTER	se	96
	NORTH PLATTE RURAL FIRE	cont	28742.65
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	re	156.1
	PAIGE NEIGHBORS	ex	116.25
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	eq	7405.92
	QUADIANT FINANCE USA INC	se	878.71
	QUADIANT LEASING USA INC DEPT 6813	rt	149.97
	REBECCA SCHROEDER PH D	se	500
	RIXSTINE RECOGNITION	su	50.73
	SEEVERS AUTO CARE INC	se	35.07
	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	su	2061.44
	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	su	509.31
	STAPLETON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	cont	2380.44
	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	cont	5456.32
	T AND S REPAIR	re	5756.54
	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	sub	389.59
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	BANK	su	2956.87
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	mi	137.59
	VILLAGE OF BRADY	cont	592.42
	VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND	cont	2274.84
	WENDY HAMMERLUN	su	151.32
ROADS	A T & T	se	48.01
	ACE IRRIGATION AND MFG CO	su	5215.68
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	eq	28030.63
	CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	re	1766.16
	CROELL INC	su	22654.12
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	39.97
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	re	514.2
	KNAPP ELECTRIC INC	re	34.42
	KOHLER TRAILER SALES & SERVICE	re	61.9
	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC	ins	53.47
	MENTZER OIL CO	su	1464.1
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	re	1880.61
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	re	578.31
	NEWMAN SIGNS INC	su	3936.42

	NMC	re	1096.82
	NW ENERGY	se	163.77
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	re	112.64
	PAULSENS INC	su	1678.23
	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH AND ALLOYS INC	su	180.37
	SHELCO ASPHSLT AND PAVING	su	42456
	TITAN MACHINERY	re	297
	WPCI	se	596
SPECIAL ROAD	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC.	se	5419.38
LODGING	VISIT NORTH PLATTE	ex	82969.38
SELF FUNDED INS	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	802.95
ARPA	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	su	1181.39
	WAYNE DOWHOWER CONST INC	se	54711.35
BUILDING	HINTON'S LOCK & ALARM	eq	12304.50
	June Payroll		919,678.30

Conducted quarterly inspection of the Lincoln County Detention Center.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

Recess as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at 1:11 P.M. and reconvene as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Wuehler arrived at 2:00 P.M.

Discussed and considered property valuation protests – Form 422.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization recessed at 3:50 P.M. and reconvened at 3:55 P.M.

Discussed and considered property valuation protests – Form 422.

Recess at 4:32 P.M. as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization and reconvened as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the June 26, 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 23, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on June 23, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, July 3, 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