

July 3, 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 Deputy County Clerk, Melissa Wilson. Woodruff 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 Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 26, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, 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.

Commissioner Woodruff discussed dates to receive bids for a multi-use building for Region 51 Emergency Management and other county offices.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, stated that we'd need at least two weeks.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to open bids for the multi-use building for Region 51 and other county offices July 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the City of North Platte to discharge well water into the city's storm system from the geothermal well. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the right-of-way permit submitted by McCook Public Power District. 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 Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on June 26, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve and 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 and authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor on personal 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 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 North Platte Hospital Corporation 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 recessed at 9:22 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Veteran's Service Officer, Thomas Gann, spoke on going from a 35-hour work week to a 40-hour work week. Between the office visits and phone calls he feels a 40-hour work week would be beneficial. He wants to make sure all veterans and their families are taken care of in a timely manner.

Commissioner Weems asked about current office hours.

Gann replied they are open 9-5 currently. He is already putting in more than 35 hours. He would like to be able to start at 8 A.M. to do paperwork without interruption and then be open from 9-5 minus lunch.

Commissioner Hewgley suggested he put this change into his budget request for this fiscal year.

Board tabled this request and will look at it during budget work sessions.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 certifying proper completion of Project STWD-CBMP (4) (O'Fallon's Bridge Replacement project).

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

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement for professional services with Miller and Associates for the construction phase of the Sutherland North Bridge project.

Commissioner Weems thanked those that had been involved in this project over the span of decades, such as Commissioner Hewgley, Bill Henry, and Carla O'Dell.

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

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to set August 21, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. as a date to receive bids for the Sutherland North Bridge project.

Highway Supt., Jason Schultz, reported that this project has state funding. The County Board will make a recommendation to the state.

Commissioner Wuehler asked how long the construction time would be for this project.

Schultz replied a year or more.

Commissioner Hewgley questioned a route of travel during the construction phase.

Shultz said he had not seen the final documents yet, but he will find out.

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

Commissioners Bruns and Hewgley had been assigned to research right-of-way applications used by other counties.

Commissioner Bruns commented that the current application fee has been \$25.00 since it was started. There is not a lot more use and the costs have risen. There is time spent reviewing applications and the inspection process that has cost of labor.

The following changes are recommended: 1) \$100 base fee; 2) Additional fees for crossing hard surface roads; 3) 3 cents per linear foot for cable or line; 4) Damages to the right-of-way will have a \$200 per hour labor fee.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve the right-of-way changes to the application as presented. 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	VENDOR		TOTAL
	ADAMS SWANSON FUNERAL HOME	se	1451
	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	se	30.44
	BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	4861
	BLACK HILLS STAGE LINES	se	188.5
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	se	556.15
	CAPITAL ONE	su	686.8
	CAPITAL ONE	su	110.59
	CARPENTER MEMORIAL CHAPEL	se	506.59
	CERVELLE CONSULTING SERVICES INC	se	1500
	CHARM TEX	su	2880.4
	CHARTER COMMUNICATION	se	35.01
	COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD		
	LAWYERS	se	2605.06
	COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	grant	1190
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	781.43
	ECCA	se	50
	EXPRESS ARROW STAGELINES	se	751.8
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	2862.89
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	226.4
	JACK'S UNIFORMS	su	73.94
	JODIE ORR	mi	60.26
	JOHNSON CONTROLS	se	1385.32
	LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	cont	10443.34
	MACGILL DISCOUNT MEDICAL	su	179.4
	MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	698.73
	MARC	su	484.96
	MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	cont	7393.34
	MASA GLOBAL	ins	1600
	MENARDS	su	386.79
	MENTZER OIL CO	fuel	1677.46
	MEYER CREATIVE	su	1113.9
	MILLER TOWING	se	150
	MIPS		
	INC	se	2864.44
	MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	17377.42
	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SE	se	494
	NORTH PLATTE MONUMENTS CO	se	620
	NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	79.3
	Odean Colonial Chapel	se	2100

	PIP PRINTING	su	1623.29
	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	se	2447.96
	RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	su	219.15
	SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	su	11709
	SNELL SERVICES INC	se	4440.56
	SQUEEGEE CLEAN WINDOW CLEANING	se	682
	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	cont	5558.98
	TENDER HEARTS VETERINARY CENTER	se	187.31
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	su	1498.86
	ULINE	su	330.35
	UNITECH	su	179
	US CELLULAR	se	88.96
	VERIZON	se	239.33
	WEATHERCRAFT CO OF NO PLATTE	se	227
	WENDY CUTTING	se	151.25
ROADS	BOMGAARS	su	190.77
	CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	su	765.02
	CHAMPLIN TIRE RECYCLING INC	re	900.33
	CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE	se	615.44
	CROELL INC	su	3076.66
	CROELL	su	134.85
	DAWSON PUB PR DIST	se	56.97
	FASTENAL COMPANY	su	27.54
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	99.46
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	re	220.45
	JANSSEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	re	309
	KNAPP ELECTRIC INC	su	289.38
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT		1855.16
	MASA GLOBAL	ins	500
	MENTZER OIL CO	su	786.6
	ML & W	su	332.42
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	re	1855.16
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	re	895.53
	NORTH PLATTE HARDWARE LLC	re	122.2
	NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH	adv	68.28
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	su	367.28
	PAULSENS INC	su	21942.47
	RS HYDRAULIC SOLUTIONS	re	44.3
	SCOTTYS INTEGRATED ENTERPRISES LLC	su	83
	SUTHERLAND FARM AND AUTO SUPPLY	su	72.87
	T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	re	100
P & M	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	249.51
Self Ins	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	se	2730.39

Recessed at 10:25 A.M. as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization.

Discussed and considered property valuation protests – Form 422.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization recessed at 11:59 A.M. and reconvened at 1:06 P.M.

Discussed and consider property valuation protests – Form 422.

Commissioners Weems and Wuehler joined at 1:46 P.M.

Recessed at 2:30 P.M. as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization and reconvened as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the July 3, 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 July 1, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on July 1, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, July 10, 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