

July 10, 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 9:02 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 Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on July 3, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns 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 Hewgley, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2023 federal excise tax return for PCORI fee (Affordable Care Act). Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the special designated liquor permit submitted by Old Depot Vineyard & Winery for musical event at that location for July 21, 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 submitted by Old Depot Vineyard & Winery for musical event at that location for July 28, 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 submitted by Old Depot Vineyard & Winery for a wedding reception on August 5, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to receive and order fee reports submitted by the County Clerk for \$1094.00 and Register of Deeds for \$24,640.25. 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 2023-01 asphalt contract with Western Engineering Company, Inc. for \$2,642,062.50. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of engagement with McChesney Martin Sagehorn for 2023/2024 budget services not to exceed \$8200.00. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:16 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 Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on July 3, 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.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization recessed at 9:17 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Tanner Pettera of Hub International Insurance presented the 2023 business insurance renewal (property, liability, work comp) quotes. He had quotes from EMC, Traveler's and Key Risk which is a workmen's compensation carrier. The quotes are as follows: EMC - \$740,262; Traveler's - \$696,233; and Key Risk \$268,952. A deductible buy-down for wind/hail was included in the quote for Traveler's estimated at \$125,000.00.

Commissioner Bruns commented he did not feel the county would need the deductible buy-down for wind/hail as we have an emergency fund. He also asked about safety programs from the carriers.

Tanner reported that he has been working with the safety committee and they have been trying to be pro-active. The items to consider in the quotes would be the premium difference, more risk for wind/hail and customer service.

County Board tabled this item and will consider action at the July 31st board meeting.

County Clerk, Rebecca Rossell, reported that her office has new budget software they will be using for the 2023/2024 budget cycle, therefore, it will be a transitional year. The data will now include revenues as well as expenditures. They will need to work closely with Susan Maline, CPA, to match the budget document as well as the County Treasurer. County Board directed a 6.72% Cost of Living Adjustment to be included in the first budget requests.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to approve the designation of Nebraska State print shop for 2023 joint public budget hearing postcards. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion was held on the proposed documents concerning predator and pest control.

Commissioner Weems asked for approval of these items to get the process started.

Commissioner Wuehler expressed concern about the starting wage listed in the advertisement for a seasonal part-time employee. She does realize there will be no benefits.

Commissioner Weems stated this individual will need endorsements/certifications. There will be responsibility for working with chemicals as well as working with the public.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve the job description for a predator and pest control field operator as detailed and presented. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

County Clerk Rossell brought up the possibility of this person qualifying for retirement as per the Nebraska Public Retirement guidelines. This would need to be researched.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve the advertisement for a seasonal part-time predator and pest control field operator with the change of an hourly dollar amount to commiserate with experience. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, remarked that an independent contractor would need to carry their own liability insurance.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to approve the advertisement for an independent contractor for predator and pest control per language of legal counsel. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The agenda item for the MASA Global coverage for the FOP Lodge #26, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Employees Association, Inc. was cancelled as this was included in the new FOP contract.

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

Approve the following claims for payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL	VENDOR	AMOUNT
	ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES	
	SOLUTIONS	cont 1237.5

ACE HARDWARE	su	345
ACME PRINTING COMPANY	se	89.46
ADAMS COUNTY EMC	dues	100
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	1841.47
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	113.85
BEAR COMMERCIAL FLOOR CARE	se	1600
CAITLYN JACOBSON	reimb	37.35
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	cont	284.71
CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	se	61729.22
CULLIGAN	rt	37.71
DAWSON TIRE SERVICE	su	675.65
DEPT OF PROPERTY ASSMT & TAX	reg	870
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	9255.36
GALLS AN ARAMARK COMPANY	su	251.55
GLOBALSTAR USA	se	128.44
HOMETOWN LEASING	rt	293.29
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	226.4
JOHNSON CONTROLS	se	2428
LAUREN BERGNER	reimb	43.7
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT	fees	2462
MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	6984
MARK MC KEONE	se	67
MARTIN TROSHYNSKI	cont	7012.5
MATT WEIDMAN	mi	301.3
MENARDS	su	541.34
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	eq	685.5
NORTH PLATTE AREA CHAMBER	dues	240
NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH	adv	678.55
NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH	adv	517.84
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATION	se	1108.94
PRODIGY SOLUTIONS INC	su	144
RADIOLOGY SERVICES PC	se	38.76
RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	su	146.1
ROBINSON FLAG CO	su	270
SHERIFFS FEE ACCOUNT	reimb	877.97
SHRED IT USA	se	1359.34
SNELL SERVICES INC	se	11056.14
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	su	224.9
TENDER HEARTS VETERINARY CENTER	se	171.61
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	su	1771.41
TITLE SERVICES OF THE PLAINS LLC	rt	240
TK WELDING	se	613.4
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	mi	287.35

	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA- LINCOLN	su	160
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	rt	850
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	su	80.2
	VERIZON	se	242.38
	WILLIAM TROSHYNSKI	cont	4500
ROADS	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	212.87
	BILL SUMMERS FORD LLC	re	88.19
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	se	77.2
	BOMGAARS	su	141.93
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	su	50.03
	CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	fuel	61240.9
	CROELL INC	su	2767.6
	CROELL	su	572.75
	DAWSON PUB PR DIST	se	210.28
	HERSHEY COOP TELEPHONE	se	79.01
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	39.97
	JANSSEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	re	70
	MIDLANDS OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	se	130
	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	re	394
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	re	970.09
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	re	2626.44
	PAULSENS INC	su	917.32
	SCHABEN SANITATION	se	184.1
	VILLAGE OF BRADY	se	103.91
	VILLAGE OF HERSHEY	se	136.88
	VILLAGE OF MAXWELL	se	70
	VILLAGE OF WALLACE	se	25
P & M	MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	se	45.5
SELF INS	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	se	1761.75

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 10:39 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization reconvened.

Discussed and considered property valuation protests – Form 422.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization recessed at 12:22 P.M. and reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

Discussed and considered property valuation protests - Form 422.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization recessed at 3:00 P.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the July 10, 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 7, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on July 7, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, July 17, 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