

November 6, 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 Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on October 30, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Weems abstained.

Motion by Weems, 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 Wuehler, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the Form 35K (annual lottery report). 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 Pay App #1 from KEA Contractors, LLC for the Sutherland North Bridge project. 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 fee reports submitted by the County Clerk & County Treasurer. 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 right-of-way application submitted by Stephen Vaughn. 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 distress warrant report submitted by the County Treasurer. 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 County Treasurer, Alex Gurciullo.

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

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 by Great Plains Health 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 adjourned at 9:19 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to set November 27, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. to receive bids for four (4) trucks for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, told board members that the proposed interlocal agreement with Sutherland Public Schools allowed a \$60.00 per day service rate for the driver and 65 cents per mile for the additional 26 miles per day during construction of the new bridge.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to enter into an interlocal agreement with Sutherland Public Schools for cooperative action to provide transportation during the construction of the Sutherland North Bridge project. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Volkmer reported that the proposed interlocal agreement with Sutherland Rural Fire District consolidated the Village of Sutherland and Sutherland Rural Fire into one district and allows for cost sharing as per the agreement. Quarterly claims would be submitted for additional equipment time.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to enter into an amended interlocal agreement for ambulance services with Sutherland Rural Fire District during the construction of the Sutherland North River Bridge project. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Volkmer reported that the interlocal with Hershey Rural Fire District would incorporate the same terms as the one for Sutherland Rural Fire District.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to enter into an amended interlocal agreement for ambulance services with Hershey Rural Fire Protection District during the construction of the Sutherland North River Bridge project. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Volkmer commented that since the Village of Sutherland and Sutherland Rural Fire District have merged the agreement with the Village is no longer necessary.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to terminate the interlocal agreement with the Village of Sutherland for ambulance services as they have merged with the Sutherland Rural Fire District. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Commissioner Burns gave an update on the stakeholders committee meeting regarding potential transportation projects and federal grant opportunities. He reported that there is funding available at the federal level for multi-modal transportation projects. Stakeholders attending included representatives from the County, NE Dept. of Transportation, City of North Platte, Village of Hershey, North Platte Chamber & Development, Nebraska International Port of the Plains and concerned citizens. The main topic was highway infrastructure with a direct link to the port to mitigate truck traffic around North Platte and Hershey. The proposed plan would include widening Highway 30, a west interchange, four river bridges and work to the Newberry interchange. A consultant would be needed to move these concepts forward.

Commissioner Weems stated that West Central Nebraska Development District facilitated the initial stakeholders meeting but an experienced consultant would be needed moving forward.

Commissioner Woodruff asked who would be responsible for the cost of the consultant.

Commissioner Bruns replied that there would be no cost to put out the RFQ which would allow interested consultants to submit a quote. This would help establish cost.

Commissioner Hewgley commented that he would rather find out ahead of time which stakeholders would be willing to share the cost. He questioned if Lincoln County needed to be lead on this. He would rather know who the stakeholders are and who will pay for it.

Commissioner Wuehler interjected that the City of North Platte already has a planning grant.

Commissioner Bruns responded that the RFQ does not bind the county to anything. Commissioner Woodruff asked if we should have another stakeholders meeting or put out an RFQ and then have stakeholders meet to see who is willing to participate.

Commissioner Wuehler commented that elements of this plan have been discussed for years and that there was interest among those attending. However, she questioned if this plan is solid enough to ask for grant money.

Commissioner Bruns replied that a feasibility study would determine an actual plan.

Commissioner Wuehler stated there will be hundreds of thousands of dollars of cost for a consultant and grants. She wondered if a few more meetings would be beneficial.

Commissioner Hewgley suggested that several county board members sit down with the Planning Director and write an RFQ for a consultant to recognize potential funding.

Commissioner Woodruff asked what the response was from the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Bruns responded that they were positive and supportive of being participants. The state would have to be the administrator of the grants.

Commissioner Weems suggested Commissioner Hewgley be on the ad hoc committee for the RFQ.

Commissioner Woodruff also suggested that Highway Supt., Jason Schultz, be part of the ad hoc committee.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to approve the process of establishing an RFQ designating Commissioners Bruns and Hewgley, Highway Supt., Jason Shultz and Planning Director, Judy Clark, to collaborate and determine what the document looks like and present it to those that provide this type of service. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

Lincoln County Commissioners Committee Reports.

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

FUND	NAME		AMOUNT
	ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES INC	eq	463.32
	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	1842.47
	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	se	53.99
	BILL SUMMERS FORD LLC	su	1543.79
	BLAINE GILLET	se	187.5
	BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	29065.49
	CAITLYN JACOBSON	reb	43.33
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	se	819.54
	CAPITAL ONE	su	572.08
	CAPITAL ONE	su	58.08
	CDW G LLC	cont	1332
	CHARTER COMMUNICATION	su	149.97
	CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	su	221.29
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	se	918
	DUNDY COUNTY TREASURER	se	169.58

DXP ENTERPRISES, INC	eq	1401
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	1933.46
ELLETT'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	su	1761.96
EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES	ins	5000
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ex	172
GALLS AN ARAMARK COMPANY	su	330.74
GLOBALSTAR USA	se	131.34
GUARDIAN RFID/CODEX CORP	se	695
HITCHCOCK COUNTY TREASURER	se	137.5
HOLIDAY INN	ldg	278.85
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	323.62
INFODYNAMICS	eq	455
JIVASOFT CORP	cont	1250
JODIE ORR	reb	55.02
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	se	21.89
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT	se	3302.5
MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	150
MC CHESNEY MARTIN SAGEHORN PC	se	8400
MENARDS	su	100.22
MENTZER OIL CO	su	874.45
MIDWEST CARD AND ID	se	175.79
MIPS INC	se	2864.44
MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	14846.87
NCSEA TREASURER	reg	90
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	24.86
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	se	54.92
OFFICE SERVICES, INC	su	98.38
PIP PRINTING	su	1449.51
POPLAR STREET CAR WASH	se	8.75
RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	se	1148.2
SEEVERS AUTO CARE INC	se	250.44
SHERIFF COUNTY FEES	se	750
SHERIFFS FEE ACCOUNT	su	1393.55
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	su	97.93
STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	se	114.98
STATE OF NEBRASKA	se	204.3
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	6047.88
TANIA M FOX	se	81.2
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	su	1313.04
TODD HERNDON	reb	10.95
TOP QUALITY MFG	se	432.47
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	cont	125
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	mi	313.04

	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	su	1849.56
	VERIZON	se	479.33
	WASH TIME CARWASH	su	58
	WENDY HAMMERLUN	se	50
	WEX BANK	su	7210.98
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	se	88.48
	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	213.84
	BILL SUMMERS FORD LLC	se	41.52
	BOMGAARS	su	1456.04
	BRICO PEST CONTROL	su	150
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	su	18.29
	CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	su	1508.72
	CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	su	60867.14
	COHAGEN TRANSFER & STORAGE INC	se	395.98
	CROELL INC	su	9343.25
	CROELL	su	95.7
	FASTENAL COMPANY	su	41.78
	HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	su	22.49
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	111.41
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	se	277.56
	JANSSEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	se	832.16
	MENTZER OIL CO	su	344.62
	MILLER USED TIRE WAREHOUSE	su	3060
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	su	15165.9
	NORTH PLATTE HARDWARE LLC	se	99.08
	NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	se	49.73
	PAULSENS INC	su	8562.27
	SCOTTYS INTEGRATED ENTERPRISES LLC	su	40
	SUTHERLAND FARM AND AUTO SUPPLY	se	252.7
	T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	su	887.84
	TITAN MACHINERY	su	21.6
	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	se	1164.97
	TROYER ENTERPRISES	se	366.3
	VILLAGE OF BRADY	se	103.91
	WPCI	su	396
SELF	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	302.45

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the November 6, 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 November 3, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on November 3, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, November 13, 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