

November 13, 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 9:00 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 Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on November 6, 2023. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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 Hewgley, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the management representation letter to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the county audit ending June 30, 2023. 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.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on November 6, 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 adjourned at 9:16 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Discussion was held concerning authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract with Cleary for the construction of a storage building for Region 51 Emergency Management. Legal notice was given that the county was considering a special purchase to allow other parties an opportunity to submit a quote. One additional company requested information, but no other quotes were submitted.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, reminded the board that a payment bond is required. The county board was not opposed to picking up the cost of the payment bond.

Commissioner Weems reminded the board that other items such as water, heat, electrical, etc. would need to be considered later.

Legal counsel will work on a contract with Cleary for erecting the building.

Discussed the change order request for the 111 North Dewey project (Probation Office remodel). Lee Davies, project architect, explained the following changes were made per Change Order 01: a) hidden non code conforming power/lighting circuit modified to meet code; b) additional floor prep due to uneven floors and cracks under existing floors; c) contractor removed cleaning from the project, owner self-clean with painting for \$6694.00 total. These changes had to be done to meet Code, however the change order process was not done correctly.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order No. 01 for the 111 North Dewey project (Probation Office remodel) for \$6694.00. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Derek Hanna and Dan Newton from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office appeared along with Sheriff Kramer, Amanda Huebner (Sutherland Public Schools), and Brandy Buscher (Sutherland & North Platte Public Schools) to discuss school resources officer funding. The Sheriff's Office submitted a grant and was approved to receive 80% of new hire wages up to \$125,000 over 3 years. Sutherland Public Schools would absorb the rest of the cost. The deadline for response is December 16, 2023. They are requesting input from the county board and legal counsel.

Commissioner Hewgley questioned what the number of deputies is to be fully staffed.

Lt. Dan Newton replied that they are currently at 20 and are five deputies short now. They can only have two new deputies in the academy at a time. During the summer months this officer could be on regular patrol.

Commissioner Bruns asked if we could train someone in the schools.

Newton replied he was not sure how much the school could do.

Huebner stated there are legalities and protocol that must be followed.

Commissioner Hewgley asked if the school could hire an outside security company.

Huebner responded it would require a policy change, but they could.

Buscher commented she had some thoughts on sustainability and ideas for funding. A school resource officer would be a good resource, could offer professional development for staff and do preventative programming. Rotation might be possible between the school districts.

Newton stated the county could de-obligate the grant funds later if we do accept them.

Sheriff Kramer suggested letting them accept the grant and that gives them until next August to work on programming.

Following discussion, an ad hoc committee will meet with the following stakeholders: Commissioners Hewgley and Weems, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Sutherland Public School representatives, and legal counsel to further investigate the viability of the grant program.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to adopt Resolution No. 2023-32 authorizing the sale of real property to the Village of Sutherland as published in the North Platte Telegraph on October 5, 2023. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, Bruns, Hewgley and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve an amended interlocal agreement with Sutherland Public School District 55 for transportation services during the construction of the Sutherland North Bridge project which added a provision for possible transportation of a student with mobility challenges. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Commissioner Bruns and Planning Director, Judy Clark, presented a draft Lincoln County Nebraska Community Stakeholder Transportation Feasibility Study and Strategy Development combined request for proposals (RFP) and request for qualifications (RFQ).

It was decided that Commissioners Bruns and Hewgley, Judy Clark, and Jason Schulz will convene the following stakeholders (Nebraska Department of Transportation, City of North Platte, Village of Hershey, Nebraska International Port of the Plains, North Platte Area Chamber and Development Corporation and Nebraska Public Power District) if they are willing to participate, to see if there is a buy in from the other stakeholders to pursue the project and share the cost.

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
	AG SPRAY EQUIPMENT	se	874.34
	AGRI COMPUTER SALES	se	1301.38

ALS LOCK & SAFE	se	325.71
ANDERSEN & SONS	se	36.16
BOOKER BOYER	mi	26.2
BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	592.5
C DURHAM LAW OFFICE	se	1226.75
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	agree	1624.94
CDW G LLC	eq	3619.35
CENTURY LINK	se	1208.7
CHARTER COMMUNICATION	se	155.2
SPECTRUM	su	109.98
CHEVAS SHAW	se	2428.07
CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	se	7.5
COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAWYERS	se	3120.81
COMMERICAL INVESTMENT SERVICES	rt	10.23
CULLIGAN	se	25.96
DR DEB'S EXPRESS MEDICAL CARE	se	2500
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	205.63
FAIR LAW OFFICE PC LLO	se	4018.75
FROST INC	se	3620
GREAT PLAINS HEALTH	se	92.16
GREAT PLAINS HOMECARE EQ	se	14
HOMETOWN LEASING	contr	269.87
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	222.49
JASEN RUDOLPH	se	243.75
JUSTICE WORKS LLC	se	200
JUSTIN GOSNELL	mi	11.93
JUSTIN ROBERTS	mi	5.9
KASEY L HAHN	se	2225
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	se	208.34
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	se	1162.5
LYNN FREDERICK	mi	3.28
MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	10032.68
MAXWELLS KAWASAKI	se	1633.73
MC KEONE LAW OFFICE	se	556.5
MENARDS	su	527.81
MENTZER OIL CO	se	189.11
MID AMERICA DIESEL INC	se	1770.62
NACO	dues	3854.79
NATALIE HOFFMANN	se	862.5
NE SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	agree	270
NE STATE FIRE MARSHALL	se	120
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	489.52
NORTH PLATTE HARDWARE LLC	se	237.99

NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	1626.18
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	su	242.3
PEDERSON LAW OFFICE	se	3082.5
PRODIGY SOLUTIONS INC	su	18269.15
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	se	222.43
REBECCA SCHROEDER PH D	se	1200
SCHABEN SANITATION	se	1075.7
SHRED IT USA	se	1505.99
SNELL SERVICES INC	se	225
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	su	1877.36
STERICYCLE INC	su	104.74
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	6114.44
TK WELDING	se	36
TWIN RIVERS BODY SHOP	se	1000
U S BANK	su	192.37
U S BANK	su	150
U S BANK	su	494.71
U S BANK	su	102.35
U S BANK	su	240
U S BANK	su	97.97
U S BANK	su	124.8
U S BANK	su	478.94
U S BANK	su	3692.7
U S BANK	su	455.21
U S BANK	su	646.49
U S BANK 23	su	194.64
VICTORIA HERVEY	se	3624.69
WEX BANK	se	921.48
ROADS A T & T	se	50.9
AKRS EQUIPMENT	se	2380.39
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	se	385.5
BOMGAARS	se	60.74
BRADY GET N GO	su	432.9
CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	se	1245.59
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	se	209.34
CROELL INC	su	3392.32
CROELL	su	326.25
DAWSON PUB PR DIST	se	186.88
DPF ALTERNATIVE/DUECK ENTERPRISES	se	591
HERSHEY COOP TELEPHONE	se	79.51
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	39.97
LINE-X OF NORTH PLATTE	eq	1013
MAXWELL OFF ROAD	se	1551.24

	MC COOK PUBLIC POWER	se	78.75
	MENARDS	se	26.26
	MENTZER OIL CO	se	471.72
	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY INC	se	488.08
	MIDWEST ELECTRIC MEMB CORP	su	168.2
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	se	356.36
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	1728.6
	NMC	se	14041.76
	NORTH PLATTE HARDWARE LLC	se	82.44
	PAULSENS INC	se	305.77
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATION	se	9713.18
	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	se	440.62
	SCHABEN SANITATION	se	184.1
	TROYER ENTERPRISES	se	126.46
	TWIN VALLEY COMMUNICATION	se	387.7
	VILLAGE OF HERSHEY	se	136.88
	VILLAGE OF MAXWELL	se	70
	VILLAGE OF WALLACE	se	25
	WPCI	su	108
SPCL RD	KEA CONSTRUCTION LLC	se	36525.6
P & M	MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	se	45
SELF	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	462.31

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the November 13, 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 9, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on November 9, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, November 20, 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

