

December 11, 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 Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on December 4, 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 Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to receive and order filed the fee reports submitted by the County Clerk for \$580.00 and Register of Deeds for \$23,481.85. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the right-of-way application submitted by Telcom Construction for Lumen (Century Link) as submitted. 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 as well as County Treasurer, Alex Gurciullo.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on December 4, 2023. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley abstained.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems 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 Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley abstained.

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 the motor vehicle tax exemption application as 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.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:21 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the one-year FY2024 VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant documents in the amount of \$40,000 for the NE Crime Commission. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Derek Hanna, LCSO, reported that if the county accepts the school resource officer grant funding, it can be de-obligated at any time if necessary. This is a reimbursement grant which could be extended for one-year if needed. He suggests that the county accept the grant funds which are for entry level pay. The additional contract with Sutherland Public Schools would fill the gap for the salary line item. The county could have some additional obligation the first year due to start-up costs.

Commissioner Weems commented that one of his concerns is what happens down the road when the federal money is expended. The county would have to look at the feasibility of the program again.

Sheriff Kramer noted that there may be additional grant money available at the time the initial grant is done. If not, then LCSO would have one more experienced officer. Unless the manpower shortage changes due to being short-staffed, the school understands this program cannot happen.

Commissioner Bruns asked about next steps for the school resource officer funding.

Hanna replied that the grant funds need to be accepted by December 15th. The clerk and treasurer need to accept roles in the grant management system and an agreement would have to be negotiated with Sutherland Public Schools.

Commissioner Hewgley reminded those in attendance that the County Board sets the minimum number of deputies. He would like to see LCSO reach full staffing and would want the County Board to negotiate with Sutherland Public Schools.

Commissioner Wuehler wondered if the salary was in the Sheriff's office budget until they would get reimbursed.

Sheriff Kramer responded that the salary is already covered in his budget. His biggest concern would be a vehicle.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to allow the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office request to move forward with the School Resources Officer acceptance of grant funds with the understanding that there will be negotiations with Sutherland Public Schools which will be brought back to the County Board. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Received the following bids for a new tractor for Lincoln County Department of Roads: Titan Machinery – 1) 2023 Case IH Puma 165 CVT - \$198,000; 2) 2023 Case IH Puma 185 Power Shift - \$210,700. Miller Repair – 1) 2023 McCormick X7.618 - \$130,170; 2) 2023 McCormick X7.620 - \$132,160. Kubota – 1) 2023 Kubota M7-174D - \$165,782.43. AKRS – 1) 2024 John Deere 6R 165 - \$249,200; 2) 2023 John Deere 6175M - \$196,170.00.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to accept the bid from Miller Repair for the 2023 McCormick X7620 with an additional warranty for \$12,000 for a total purchase price of \$144,160.00 as recommended by the Highway Superintendent. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Session by phone with Bob Beran of Dana F. Cole concerning required annual county audits. Dana F. Cole will be sending a proposed three-year (2024-2026) audit contract for the County Board to discuss and consider.

Samantha Redfern, West Central Nebraska Development District, suggested the county would need to tap into the technical assistance grants to move these projects forward for the potential multi-modal infrastructure projects being discussed.

Commissioner Hewgley commented that the county needs to talk about roads in the county, this should not include private property, such as the inland port.

Judy Clark reported the estimated cost of the initial studies and work is estimated between \$400,000 to \$450,000.

Redfern suggested the county look at the RAISE grant fund. It is very competitive but would be a good fit for these projects. The grant has merit criteria and is 100% federally funded in rural areas. The grant is due on February 28, 2024.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to authorize West Central Nebraska Development District to research and apply for technical assistance grants for Lincoln County for potential multimodal infrastructure projects at an hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour or a maximum of \$9000.00. 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 pay application #2 for the North Sutherland Bridge Project in the amount of

\$638,515.57. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

County Board tabled the item concerning the cost of the relocation of NPPD transmission line within the Sutherland North Bridge project limits in the amount of \$5375.25 for additional research.

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
GNRL	ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS	se	1237.5
	AGRI COMPUTER SALES	se	5997.79
	ALEX GURCIULLO	mi	366.67
	ALL STAR AUTO GLASS UPDATE 23	se	19.95
	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	905.67
	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ex	287.98
	ANDREW VAN VELSON	se	50
	BEAR COMMERCIAL FLOOR CARE	se	1900
	BROTHERS LAZER SERVICES	se	195
	BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	7381.55
	C DURHAM LAW OFFICE	se	800
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	se	617.18
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	se	745.22
	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	se	243.94
	CENTURY LINK	se	622.39
	CHARM TEX	su	981.3
	CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	su	80.86
	COHAGEN TRANSFER & STORAGE INC	se	223.99
	COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAWYERS	se	360.51
	CULLIGAN	su	45.36
	DJ AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSMISSIONS LLC	se	4672.28
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	9465.76
	ECCA	se	50
	FAIR LAW OFFICE PC LLO	se	3970
	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	ldg	344.85
	GUYNAN MACHINE & STEEL	se	110
	HOMETOWN LEASING	se	269.87
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	444.98
	J C AUTO WASH	su	8.37
	JANSSEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	ex	333.24
	JASEN RUDOLPH	se	125

JUSTICE WORKS LLC	se	200
KASEY L HAHN	se	275
KEARNEY COUNTY SHERIFF	se	20.25
KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	eq	58.35
LINCOLN COUNTY ATTORNEY	se	8.5
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT	se	3610.5
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	se	72569.72
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	se	1876.42
LOWMAN'S AUTO REPAIR	se	273.12
MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	11268.32
MARC	su	430.05
MARTIN TROSHYNSKI	contr	7012.5
MENARDS	su	105.36
MENTZER OIL CO	se	1511.85
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	rt	640
MIDWEST CONNECT	se	65.74
NATALIE HOFFMANN	se	450
NATL SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	se	142
NORTH PLATTE OB/GYN	se	177.5
NORTH PLATTE OPPORTUNITY	se	18
NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT	se	24467
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	se	174.32
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	se	860.7
OFFICE SERVICES, INC	su	170
PEDERSON LAW OFFICE	se	2187.5
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATION	se	745
PSYCHIATRIC HOPE	se	460
REBECCA SCHROEDER PH D	se	1700
ROSENBERG INSURANCE INC	se	70
SCHABEN SANITATION	se	130
SEEVERS AUTO CARE INC	se	35.07
SHERIFF COUNTY FEES	se	1963.47
SHERIFFS FEE ACCOUNT	se	893.12
SHRED IT USA	se	1127.6
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	su	636.06
STERICYCLE INC	se	104.74
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	se	5840.52
TAMMY WHITE	mi	166.37
TANIA M FOX	se	108.75
TENDER HEARTS VETERINARY CENTER	su	63.9
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	su	1378.03
THE WALDINGER CORPERATION	se	468.52
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	se	125

	TROYER ENTERPRISES	se	31.21
	U S BANK	se	56.13
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	eq	646.79
	VERIZON	se	239.25
	WASH TIME CARWASH	su	42
	WILLIAM TROSHYNSKI	contr	4500
	WEX BANK	se	7127.29
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	se	972.66
	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	215.6
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	se	883.03
	BOMGAARS	se	102.79
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	se	46.1
	CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL	se	115.58
	CROELL INC	su	4534.19
	DAWSON PUB PR DIST	se	361.9
	FASTENAL COMPANY	se	42.78
	HERSHEY COOP TELEPHONE	se	79.51
	HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	se	42.29
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	39.97
	JA TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	su	2474
	MAXWELLS KAWASAKI	se	2096.1
	MENARDS	su	139.91
	MENTZER OIL CO	se	1199.3
	MIDLANDS OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	su	95
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	se	1418.63
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	140.65
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	415.3
	PAULS PORTA POTTY	su	305
	PAULSENS INC	su	6519.71
	RS HYDRAULIC SOLUTIONS	se	207.1
	SCHABEN SANITATION	se	184.1
	SNAP ON TOOLS	su	115.5
	T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	su	646.23
	TITAN MACHINERY	se	29.94
	TROYER ENTERPRISES	se	45.1
	U S BANK	se	2185.27
	VILLAGE OF HERSHEY	se	136.88
	VILLAGE OF MAXWELL	se	70
	VILLAGE OF WALLACE	se	25
SLF FND	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	2533.6
P&M	MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	se	45

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the December 11, 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 December 8, 2023; and was also emailed to the media on December 8, 2023.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, December 18, 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