

January 16, 2024
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 9:02 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.

There were two nominations for Lincoln County Board Chairperson for 2024: Commissioner Hewgley and Commissioner Weems. Commissioner Hewgley was elected as the Lincoln County Board Chairperson for 2024.

Commissioner Wuehler was nominated and elected as Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairperson for 2024.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 8, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, 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.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to receive and order filed the fee reports submitted by the Clerk of District Court - \$20,322.89, County Clerk - \$586.00, and Register of Deeds -\$22,179.44. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for Charter Communications for broadband grants through the Nebraska Capital Projects Fund for fiber to unserved households in parts of unincorporated Lincoln County. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:21 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.

Commissioner Hewgley was nominated and elected as Lincoln County Board of Equalization Chairperson and Commissioner Wuehler was nominated and elected as Lincoln County Board of Equalization Vice Chairperson for 2024.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on January 8, 2024. 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 9:25 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to appoint The North Platte Telegraph as the official newspaper to publish legal notices for Lincoln County in 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discuss and consider action to adopt the comments and recommendation from the Lincoln County Planning Commission and approve a proposed conservation easement by The Nature Conservancy on property described as the S ½ of Section 12, together with any accretions that lie within said south half of Section 12, and together with a strip of ground 2 rods in width along the East side of the NE ¼ of said Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 34 West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to adopt the comments and recommendation from the Lincoln County Planning Commission to approve a conservation easement in favor of The Nature Conservancy as presented. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chairman Hewgley made the annual appointments to the following boards and committees for 2024:

Commissioner Hewgley

North Platte Area Chamber & Development
Region II Human Services
ADA Coordinator
Rules Committee
Law Enforcement/Judiciary Committee
Personnel Committee

Commissioner Weems

West Central Area on Aging
North Platte Senior Center Advisory Committee
Drug Task Force
Law Enforcement/Judiciary Committee

Safety Committee
Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Committee
Sandhills R C & D

Commissioner Wuehler
West Central Development District
Sandhills R C & D
County Roads Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Noxious Weed Committee
Planning & Zoning Committee

Commissioner Bruns
West Central District Health Board
West Central Development District
County Extension/Ag Society Committee
Personnel Committee
Planning & Zoning Committee

Commissioner Woodruff
Visit North Platte Board of Directors
Mid-Nebraska Community Action Partnership
Rules Committee
County Roads Committee
Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Committee
Building & Grounds Committee

Other Appointments:
Appointees to receive drug testing reports (Chairperson & Tyler Volkmer)
Fair Housing Representative (Rebecca Rossell)
South Central Planning & Exercise Training Region (SCPETR) – Region 51
Emergency Management (Brandon Myers and Joanna LeMoine)

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant award special terms and conditions for the U.S. Dept. of Energy EECBG Program Voucher Application for \$76,200. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Approve annual salaries/wages set for the following appointed officials for 2024 to include 6.72% COLA and a \$2000 annual merit raise.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to set the Lincoln County Highway Supt., Jason Schultz, salary for 2024 at \$100,182.48. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Weems voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to set the Region 51 Emergency Management Director, Brandon Myers, salary for 2024 at \$71,602.80. Upon roll call vote

Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Weems voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to set the Noxious Weed Control Supt., Todd Herndon hourly wage at \$28.76 per hour for 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Weems voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to set the Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer, Tom Gann hourly wage at \$33.61 per hour for 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Weems voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to declare the damaged V-Plow as surplus equipment and to dispose of in a manner that is best financially beneficial for the county. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the sale of the surplus damaged V-Plow to Frontier County, NE. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Western Engineering Company, Inc. for the LCDOR 2023-02 asphalt project for \$1,550,314.40. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Update by Commissioner Wuehler on LB 869. The legislation has been referred to committee and would include peace time veterans for emergency one-time assistance. County Board will consider a resolution in support at the next meeting.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to go into closed session at 10:42 A.M. to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Chairman Hewgley restated the motion for the closed session.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to go into open session at 10:50 A.M. 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
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GEN-
ERAL

ACE HARDWARE	su	184.54
ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	fee	18.5
AGRI COMPUTER SALES	se	3357.69
ALS TOWING & REPAIR	se	191
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	se	1500
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	356.62
BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	802.6
BOOKER BOYER	mi	26.8
BROTHERS LAZER SERVICES	su	175.98
BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	16094.99
BROWNS SHOE FIT	ex	136
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	se	24.5
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	se	271.95
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	se	264.62
CASH WA DISTRIBUTING CO INC	se	264.05
CENTURY LINK	se	622.5
CENTURY LINK	se	351.9
CHEVAS SHAW	se	14426.15
COMMERICAL INVESTMENT SERVICES	rt	34.67
CHRISMAN,CONNIE,C	pose	11.54
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	se	20
HILD,DEAN,	pse	34.68
DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	se	396
DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	contr	290.57
DEREK HANNA	grt	51.04
MOORE,DONNA,JEAN	pse	11.54
SEERLEY,DOUGLAS,	pse	23.04
OCHNSER,DOUGLAS,W,	pse	23.08
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION	se	1376.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	591.19
KRONE,EDWARD,ROBERT,JR	pse	17.34
TORRES,ERMALINDA,	pse	252
FAIR LAW OFFICE PC LLO	se	7200
FEDERAL SUPPLY USA	su	214.04
FLEECs,FRANCIS,	pse	57.7
FRONT STREET AUTO GLASS	se	494.87
GALLS AN ARAMARK COMPANY	su	82.31
GR-EMERGENCY VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	eq	3340
GREAT PLAINS HOMECARE EQ	se	14
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMAPNY	se	339.7
GREATER NEBRASKA MONITORING LLC	se	480
HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	se	25.54

HAMPTON INN KEARNEY	se	359.85
HI LINE COOP INC	su	23.5
HOMETOWN LEASING	contr	504.85
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	222.49
J C AUTO WASH	se	8.37
BABCOCK,JAMES,A,JR	se	80.76
WILSON,JERRY,	pse	11.52
JOHN MEIDLINGER PH D.P.C	pse	600
JOHNSON CONTROLS	su	5180.75
JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF	se	20.62
JUSTICE WORKS LLC	se	200
JUSTIN GOSNELL	mi	12.21
JUSTIN ROBERTS	mi	6.03
KANDIYOHI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	se	26.2
KOSTMAN,KARA,LEE	pse	11.54
KASEY L HAHN	se	6675
DAILEY,KATHRYN,F	pse	23.08
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	se	2150
KNAPP ELECTRIC INC	su	91.62
KNOBELS REFRIGERATION INC	se	1092.11
LINCOLN COUNTY ATTORNEY	fee	21.5
LOWMAN'S AUTO REPAIR	se	71.25
LYNN FREDERICK	mi	3.35
MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	6194.37
MALY MARKETING	contr	570
JONES,MARILYN,D	pse	168
MARK MC KEONE	se	4729.5
MAXWELLS KAWASAKI	su	252.99
MEGAN L BELLAMY	se	44.55
MENARDS	su	401.22
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	lease	170
MIDWEST CONNECT	se	326.6
MORRIS,MYLAN,H	pse	11.54
NATALIE HOFFMANN	se	650
NE SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	se	90
NICOLASS NEL	reimb	20
NORMA TROFHOLZ	pse	46.16
NORTH PLATTE FIRE DEPARTMENT	se	100
NORTH PLATTE HARDWARE LLC	se	511.28
NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT	contr	24467
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	se	3331.29
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	su	137.96
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	se	169.12

PEDERSON LAW OFFICE	se	1137.5
POPLAR STREET CAR WASH	se	8.75
PRODIGY SOLUTIONS INC	ex	15675.18
REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	se	2246.6
GIBBONS,RICHARD,	pse	92.32
O'NEILL,RITA,	pse	34.68
NEWTON,ROY,ALLEN	pse	92.32
SCHABEN SANITATION	se	2151.4
SHERIFFS FEE ACCOUNT	se	655.96
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	su	50.97
STERICYCLE INC	se	104.74
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	10292.24
SUN AUTO TIRE & SERVICES	se	40
TANIA M FOX	se	100.7
TONY JOHNSON	mi	25.46
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	contr	125
TWIN RIVERS TRANSFER	se	658.6
U S BANK	su	341.51
U S BANK	su	527.33
U S BANK	su	59.3
U S BANK	su	79.14
U S BANK	su	25.11
U S BANK	su	420.12
U S BANK	su	414.23
U S BANK	sui	377.19
U S BANK	su	100
U S BANK	su	115.96
U S BANK	su	2722.64
U S BANK	su	342.83
U S BANK	su	50
U S BANK	su	407.93
U S BANK	su	1369.75
U S BANK	su	2077.23
U S BANK 23	su	302.32
UNL WEST CENTRAL RESEARCH	rt	850
VERIZON	se	239.25
VICTORIA STEFFEN	se	1993.75
WASH TIME CARWASH	se	41
WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC	se	1000
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	su	3613.78
WEX BANK	fuel	495.61
WINSUPPLY	su	366.22

ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	rep	147.23
	ALS LOCK & SAFE	su	110
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	se	1115.09
	BOMGAARS	su	22.96
	BRADY GET N GO	fuel	472.72
	CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	re/su	344.68
	COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	fuel	217.65
	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	re	1443.13
	DAWSON PUBLIC POWER	se	493.23
	HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	su	13.03
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	se	168.14
	LARRYS GLASS	re/su	2146.5
	MATT FRIEND TRUCK	rep	98.5
	MC COOK PUBLIC POWER	se	145.99
	MENTZER I-80 SOUTH LLC	su/re	1642.3
	MIDLANDS OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	se	40
	MIDWEST ELECTRIC MEMB CORP	se	406.58
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	rep	244.29
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	rep	6327.85
	OFFICE SERVICES, INC	su	14.99
	PAULS PORTA POTTY	su	305
	PAULSENS INC	ex	3409.86
	PRONTO FUEL	fuel	744.41
	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	rep	3207.94
	SNAP ON TOOLS	su	76.25
	SUTHERLAND FARM & AUTO SUPPLY	su	111.42
	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	su	7.5
	TROYER ENTERPRISES	re	392.56
	U S BANK	su	293.44
	VILLAGE OF WALLACE	se	25
	WPCI	se	72
FDBYBK	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	prgm	2150
SPCL RD	KEA CONSTRUCTION LLC	prgm	354701.9
SLF FND	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	1377.48
BLDG	CLEARY BUILDING CORP	contr	25609

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the January 16, 2024, 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 January 12, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on January 12, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, January 22, 2024, 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