

January 29, 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. Weems offered prayer. Hewgley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Hewgley 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 Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 22, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Weems abstained.

Motion by Wuehler, 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 Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by the County Sheriff for \$5,832.65. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Weems to approve entering into the Lincoln County/Rural Fire Protection District Interlocal Ambulance Agreement with the Village of Farnam Emergency Medical Services. 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 Hewgley 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 Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on January 22, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Weems abstained.

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

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to approve the waiver for late filing of permissive exemption application, Form 451 on real property as submitted by the North Platte Opportunity Center. 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 Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to authorize possible action(s) against the California Air Resources Board in response to the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation which would cause potential harm to Lincoln County and to pursue other potential legal entities to assist in the effort. Motion carried.

Quarterly Report by Brandon Myers, Region 51 Emergency Management Director for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.

County Clerk, Rebecca Rossell and County Treasurer, Alex Gurciullo gave a follow-up on audit proposals submitted by Dana F. Cole and Regier Carr Monroe, LLP, CPAs. Rossell reported that RCM has no offices in Nebraska. The nearest office is located in Wichita, Kansas. RCM has no out of pocket expenses in the proposal. Lincoln County currently has 8 major programs which could have a single audit. In 2022 two major programs were audited and in 2023 one major program was audited. Both the clerk and treasurer visited with York County officials about past experience with RCM which was favorable. The final audit report would likely be received earlier with Dana F. Cole. Rossell did a cost comparison using two major audit programs for the companies. The total costs per year are as follows: Dana F. Cole, 2024 - \$46,600; 2025 - \$48,300; 2026 - \$54,600; Regier Carr Monroe, 2024 - \$35,500; 2025 - \$35,000; 2026 - \$35,000.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to accept the proposal from Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, CPAs, for the Lincoln County audits ending June 30, 2024, 2025 & 2026.

Commissioner Weems asked how long RCM had been in business.

Rossell commented that the CPA that would be handling Lincoln County had been with a Nebraska firm for 15 years prior to moving to Kansas. She is licensed in both states.

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

Sheriff Kramer told board members that Prodigy Solutions has been a good partner with Lincoln County and that this contract increases the county's share of commission.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Prodigy Solutions for inmate communication services & commissary services/trust accounting software for the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Rich Hulse, of the Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution appeared to discuss the Liberty Tree Program and placement of a plaque. He is requesting to adopt the large tree on the courthouse square on the south side of the building. There will be a dedication event and a plaque dedicating it as a Liberty Tree.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to approve Lincoln County to be part of the Liberty Tree Program and placement of plaque by the tree. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Discussed submitting fiscal note(s) for legislative bills. Commissioner Wuehler had been asked by Chairman Hewgley to facilitate research and appropriate responses to legislative fiscal note requests. She wants input to represent the entire County Board. Commissioner Bruns will assist with this process.

Discuss and consider purchase of a mower for the Lincoln County Department of Roads. The following informal bids were received: Titan Machinery - \$29,500; Miller Repair - \$25,595; North Platte Kubota - \$25,007.44. Highway Superintendents recommendation is to purchase from North Platte Kubota.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the purchase of a mower for the Lincoln County Dept. of Roads from North Platte Kubota for the low bid of \$25,007.44. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Lincoln County Employee Recognition: Joel Gay – Lincoln County Building & Grounds Dept. – 10 years of service; Cheryl Ball – Lincoln County Detention Center – 35 years of service.

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
GEN- ERAL	A T & T MOBILITY	cont	2390.56
	ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES INC	se	2023.76
	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	se	483.1
	BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	1650
	BROTHERS LAZER SERVICES	se	199
	BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	6514.75
	C DURHAM LAW OFFICE	se	362.5
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	se	301.78

	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	su	364.9
	CHARITY FARLEY	se	415.6
	SPECTRUM	su	185.2
	CHEVAS SHAW	se	187.5
	CITY OF GRAND ISLAND FIRE DEPT	eq	619.65
	CITY OF NORTH PLATTE	se	30
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	se	511
	COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAW- YERS	se	1945.74
	COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	grant	25788.8
	CONDONS SIGNS	su	74.6
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	69.6
	CULLIGAN	su	50.01
	DORIS BURBY RMR	se	542
	DXP SUPERCENTER	se	1480.5
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	se	732.58
	HOMETOWN LEASING	rt	234.98
	JANSSEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	se	53.69
	JASEN RUDOLPH	se	425
	JERRY REMUS	se	220.59
	KEITH COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	ex	20
	LAUREN BERGNER	se	5
	MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	se	133.35
	MENARDS	su	176.57
	MEYER CREATIVE	se	255.51
	MORRIS REPORTING	se	1182.75
	MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	582.55
	NACEB	dues	200
	NE SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	se	912
	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIA- TION	se	250
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	2099.02
	NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	831.55
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	se	82.47
	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	se	686.98
	SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	se	662.5
	SEEVERS AUTO CARE INC	se	140.82
	SQUEEGEE CLEAN WINDOW CLEANING	se	483
	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	10532.88
	SUN AUTO TIRE & SERVICES	su	120
	TITLE SERVICES OF THE PLAINS LLC	se	240
	U S BANK	se	2333.28
ROADS	ANDERSEN & SONS	se	213.82

	BOMGAARS	se	597.91
	CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE	se	619.52
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	127.5
	KOHLER TRAILER SALES & SERVICE	se	160.8
	MENTZER OIL CO	se	706.05
	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY INC	se	1576
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	se	3137.28
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	620.46
	PAULSENS INC	su	4525
	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	se	847.7
	SUTHERLAND FARM AND AUTO SUPPLY	se	119.75
	TROYER ENTERPRISES	se	1294.04
LDGNG	VISIT NORTH PLATTE	se	55989.62
IM-			
PRVMT	VISIT NORTH PLATTE	se	55989.62
SELF	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	720.69
P&M	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	se	297.65
PAYROLL	JANUARY		932,429.38

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the January 29, 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 26, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on January 26, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, February 5, 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