

February 26, 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. Woodruff 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 Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on February 20, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler 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 Woodruff to receive and order filed the fee reports submitted by the County Sheriff for \$4297.63 and \$2378.10. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chairman to draft a letter in opposition to the proposed closing of the North Platte Mail Processing & Distribution Center. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to authorize the Chairman to sign the right-of-way permit submitted by NE Public Power District with proposed route in the application and the permit fee to be billed by Lincoln County Department of Roads. 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 along with County Treasurer, Alex Gurciullo.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on February 20, 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.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Wuehler to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by Great Plains Health and recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by New Life Assembly and 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 9:18 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Discussion was held concerning the revised Lincoln County Employees Manual. Elected officials had questions on the illness and injury donation as well as the personal days. County Board tabled the adoption of the manual until the county board committee can meet with elected officials and department heads to review the revised manual.

A public hearing was opened at 10:01 A.M. to receive comments on the Lincoln County One- & Six-Year Road Plan.

Highway Supt., Jason Schultz and Assistant Highway Supt., Brian Glos appeared to present the One- & Six-Year Road plan. Schultz reviewed the completed and carry over projects from 2023. The one- year plan summary and then the six- year plan summary was given.

Jim Boyle requested a rebuild on North Washboard Road.

Commissioner Wuehler asked for the distance on the road.

Boyle replied from North River Road to Suburban Road.

Patrick Thomlison also expressed concern about North Washboard Road, particularly with the culverts and water in the ditches.

Ted Jedrzejek concurred that North Washboard Road needs a rebuild.

Michael Cook gave the board a written statement expressing his concerns about Eugene Avenue.

Eric Seacrest made comments on the proposed plan projects and various other road concerns. He congratulated the county on the progress the county has made in all parts of the county on roads, especially the project in progress on Sutherland North Bridge. He urged attention to also to Eugene Avenue as it is unsafe. He suggested the county look at a possible corridor for a west interchange.

The public hearing was closed at 10:48 A.M.

County Board members made remarks on the proposed plans.

Commissioner Bruns commented that he appreciates the road departments efforts. He stated that the One- & Six-Year Road plans are for major projects not maintenance. The county needs to look at N Washboard Road as well as Eugene Avenue.

Commissioner Woodruff asked about the possible use of grant dollars such as the Safe Streets for All grants.

Commissioner Weems stated the county is always playing catch up on roads. The North Maxwell Road had been in disrepair for a long time. It does not stop at the golf course. He was glad to see that it finally got some attention.

Commissioner Wuehler thanked the road department management and crew for their efforts. It is a tough job to assess and decide what projects are priority.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to approve the adoption of the 2024 One- & Six-Year Road plan following the public hearing as presented. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to set March 25, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. to accept bids for Lincoln County asphalt project LCDOR 2024-1 with a base bid and alternate #1 Included. 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
GEN- ERAL	A T & T MOBILITY	se	46.39
	ALS LOCK & SAFE	se	27
	BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	806.7
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	se	778.31
	CAITLYN JACOBSON	mi	34.06
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	se	588.33
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	rt	195.7
	CINDY VOLKMER	eq	797.35
	COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAWYERS	se	850.07
	COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	grant	5476.5
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	121.8
	CULLIGAN	su	90.02

	DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	eq	568.31
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	1271.28
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	172.5
	FORENSIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INC	se	5400
	GALLS AN ARAMARK COMPANY	ex	38.51
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION INC	su	283.6
	HOMETOWN LEASING	rt	234.98
	KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	se	4.71
	MARIA HALL	fee	40
	MENARDS	su	333.05
	MENTZER OIL CO	su	51.29
	MIDWEST CONNECT	se	168.11
	NAEM	se	550
	NAISMA	se	40
	NE ASSOC OF CO CLKS REG DEEDS	reg	50
	NE PLANNING & ZONING	reg	235
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	862
	NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT	contr	33736.87
	NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE	se	1245.97
	PEDERSON LAW OFFICE	se	1437.5
	SQUEEGEE CLEAN WINDOW CLEANING	se	220
	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	contr	5653.64
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	su	1604.29
	U S BANK	se	212.06
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	rt	850
ROADS	BOMGAARS	se	78.4
	CAR QUEST OF NORTH PLATTE	se	771.07
	CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL	se	8250.49
	CROELL INC	su	1534.39
	CROELL	su	459.65
	FASTENAL COMPANY	su	7.56
	GUYNAN MACHINE & STEEL	se	844.23
	HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	se	3.59
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	142.71
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	se	684.97
	KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	su	48.11
	KNAPP ELECTRIC INC	su	636.08
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	se	2340.83
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	86.98
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	se	6218.5
	OFFICE DEPOT	su	15.84
	OGALLALA AG SUPPLY LLC	su	2710
	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH AND ALLOYS INC	se	788.41

	ROSE EQUIPMENT	se	507.88
	RS HYDRAULIC SOLUTIONS	se	134.24
	SUTHERLAND FARM AND AUTO SUPPLY	su	76.94
	SUN AUTO TIRE & SERVICES	su	9.98
	THE WALDINGER CORPERATION	se	5752.36
	WEATHERCRAFT CO OF NO PLATTE	se	714
SELF	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	2863.78
BLDG	BTS INC	se	6200
BLDG	HINTON'S LOCK & ALARM	eq	2105
BLDG	MENARDS	se	81.28

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the February 26, 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 February 23, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on February 23, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, March 4, 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