

April 1, 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 Wuehler, seconded by Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on March 18, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns abstained.

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

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to place on file the treasurer's receipts as submitted. 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 report on the return of the public tax sale held on March 4, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to receive and order filed the fee reports submitted by the County Sheriff for \$1781.89 & \$6648.63. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chairman to sign the right-of-way application submitted by Century Link as presented. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign right-of-way application #1 submitted by Consolidated Co. Inc. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chairman to sign right-of-way application #2 submitted by Consolidated Co. Inc. 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 right-of-way application #3 submitted by Consolidated Co. Inc. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chairman to sign right-of-way application #4 submitted by Consolidated Co. Inc. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve ratification of the approval of the payroll and accounts payable claims from the emergency meeting on March 26, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:21 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 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 March 18, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns abstained.

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 as submitted by American Red Cross 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 as submitted by North Platte Berean Church and recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

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

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

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application as 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 Weems, seconded by Woodruff to approve the waiver for late filing of permissive exemption application by Bethel Evangelical Free Church of North Platte. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:31 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chairman to sign the Cleary concrete flatware documents for the Region 51 Emergency Management Storage Building project to clarify what was needed for drainage. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to make a recommendation for approval to Nebraska Liquor Control Commission on the manager application for Shayne Youngmans submitted by Fast Stop 1155 Inc. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to set April 15, 2024, at 10:15 A.M. for Lincoln County Dept. of Roads asphalt project 2024-01. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign pay application No. 6 for the Sutherland North Bridge Project for \$371,656.27. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve the amendment to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield subgroup health insurance from zero days probation to beginning first of the month following the 30-day probation period effective May 1, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chuck Burr appeared for the Lincoln County Extension office concerning the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget request for \$18,000 in additional funding. He explained that staffing changes caused the shortfall.

Commissioners asked about the possibility of Logan and McPherson adding additional funds, waiting on equipment purchases and looking at payroll funding and additional staffing needs. No action was taken on the request at this time.

Commissioner Wuehler reported General Assistance cemetery guidelines feedback. There are 8 lots left at Sutherland cemetery. Other cemeteries will sell the county plots, but the county needs to address fees to cover the cost of inflation to those involved in the county burial process, so they are not losing money. The last time the guidelines were reviewed was 2020.

Commissioner Weems commented that there had been conversation in the past with the City of North Platte concerning a joint columbarium.

Commissioner Wuehler reported that the city does not do indigent burials, that is the county's responsibility. The city is willing to sell the county plots. There are several possible options for a columbarium. An estimated cost for a 72 single compartment columbarium is \$35,000.

Commissioners Weems & Woodruff volunteered to be on a committee to review the Lincoln County General Assistance and Medical Assistance Program regulations/standards. Chairman Hewgley requested Deputy County Attorney Volkmer also be involved.

Hear concerns from Elected Officials, Department Heads, or their representative.

Lincoln County Commissioners Committee Reports.

Approve the following claims for payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL			TOTAL
FUND	ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	se	19.5
	A GURCIULLO	mi	69.95
	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	su	1202.17
	B MCCRACKEN	se	64.45
	BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	se	3064.5
	BOB BARKER COMPANY	su	430.56
	BROUILLETTE DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	se	8289.5
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	eq	233.59
	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	rt	96.51
	C BOETTCHER DDS	se	579
	CHARM TEX	su	874
	C SHAW	se	2205.35
	COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAW- YERS	se	2055.28
	COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN	lodg	436

	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	se	103.65
	CONTROL MASTERS INC	su	5560
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	lodg	289.9
	C SCHLIEP	mi	251.92
	DR DEB'S EXPRESS MEDICAL CARE	cont	2500
	DXP ENTERPRISES, INC	se	238.4
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	2106.98
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ins	172.5
	FLOCK SAFETY	se	3150
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION INC	se	283.6
	HUB INTERNATIONAL	ins	73
	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	su	242
	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	su	222.49
	J RUDOLPH	se	843.75
	LINCOLN COUNTY ATTORNEY	se	211.25
	LINCOLN COUNTY CSE/PETTY CASH	se	22.2
	LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	se	10568.09
	MCCARTER REPORTING	se	74.1
	MENARDS	su	585.65
	MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	se	600
	MIDWEST CONNECT	se	18.1
	MORRIS REPORTING	se	96.5
	MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	6098.54
	NORTH PLATTE FIRE DEPARTMENT	se	18.5
	NORTH PLATTE FIRE DEPARTMENT	reimb	800
	NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH	se	624
	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	se	480.27
	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	se	3345.2
	ROSENBERG INSURANCE INC	se	40
	S STEHL	mi	314.79
	SHERIFF OF ARTHUR COUNTY	se	35.81
	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	su	41.69
	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	su	426.98
	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	se	10792.72
	T FOX	se	276.7
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	su	102.48
	TWIN RIVERS TRANSFER	se	658.6
	T VOLKMER	mi	103.18
	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MEDICINE	se	350
	US CELLULAR	se	88.96
	YELLOW MEDICINE CNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	se	75
	911 CUSTOM	ex	1105
ROAD	ANDERSEN & SONS	rep	109.7

FUND	BOMGAARS	su	34.96
	CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE	se	620.64
	CROELL INC	su	2177.44
	CROELL	su	204.45
	CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	se	873.9
	DAWSON PUB PR DIST	se	101.23
	EQUIPMENT BLADES	rep	283.8
	HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	su	50.7
	KOHLER TRAILER SALES & SERVICE	se	839.85
	LINCOLN COUNTY WEED CONTROL	su	1207
	MATT FRIEND TRUCK	rep	1237.46
	MENARDS	su	202.74
	MENTZER OIL	se	213
	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY INC	su	1289.3
	ML& W	se	550.91
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	rep	48783.79
	NE ASSOC COUNTY HWY ENGERS	dues	545
	NE TRUCK CENTER INC	se	32.53
	NMC EXCHANGE LLC	rep	210.48
	PAULS PORTA POTTY	se	305
	PAULSENS INC	su	7630.54
	SUTHERLAND FARM AND AUTO SUPPLY	su	82.6
	TELEGRAPH	se	103.93
	VILLAGE OF BRADY	se	103.91
LODGING	VISIT NORTH PLATTE	ex	34189.35
LODG			
IMPR	VISIT NORTH PLATTE	ex	34189.35
BLDG			
FUND	MENARDS	su	103.87

March 2024 payroll: \$907,519.39

Prior Months payroll: December 2023 \$909,740.57
January 2024 \$932,429.38
February 2024 \$936,722.64

Commissioners conducted a quarterly inspection of the Lincoln County Detention Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the April 1, 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 March 29, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on March 29, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, April 8, 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