

August 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 Deputy County Clerk, Nicole Fisher. Bruns 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 Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on August 19, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners special meeting held on August 13, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, 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 Weems to receive and order filed the fee report in the amount of \$5,910.20 and \$2,578.67, submitted by the County Sheriff. 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 sign the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility for transfer of courtroom technology. 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.

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County Assessor, Julie Stenger appeared.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on August 19, 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 9:16 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chairman to sign an annual service contract with NMC CAT for generator maintenance for \$2072.00. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Bruns voted "nay".

Judy Clark appeared. Appointment of Ben Widener to the Lincoln County Board of Adjustments was tabled until the September 3, 2024, meeting due to a clerical error.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to accept the resignation of Lincoln County Treasurer, Alex Gurciullo, effective September 24, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion regarding the need for advertising or an appointment for County Treasurer. Hewgley said there is no need to advertise.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to appoint Deputy County Treasurer, Sheri Newton as Lincoln County Treasurer effective September 24, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The following bids were received for the LCDOR 2024-2 North River Road asphalt project #2206: Western Engineering Company, Inc. - \$1,608,802.50; Shelco Construction - \$2,063,379.00; Werner Construction, Inc. - \$2,238,040.00.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to accept the bid of Western Engineering for \$1,608,802.50. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Lincoln County Clerk Rebecca Rossell appeared.

Sausan Maline, CPA appeared to present the 2024/2025 preliminary budget for Lincoln County.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution No. 2024-6 by Lincoln County determining the final allocation of levy for political subdivisions under the county levy limit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion regarding the ARPA funds.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to determine during a work session how to allocate remaining ARPA funds for equipment purchases between departments. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion regarding the Predator & Pest Control Program.

Commissioner Woodruff spoke of the need for a reliable vehicle, stated that they had brought in \$29,860.00 of revenue. Whether 1 or 2 employees moving forward needs to be determined.

Tammy said that the position has been advertised and both employees had reapplied for temporary full time seasonal employment.

Commissioner Woodruff said they would have further discussion during the budget workshop.

Lincoln County Deputy Clerk, Nicole Fisher left the meeting.

2024/2025 Lincoln County Budget Work session for County Court, Public Defender, County Attorney & Veterans departments.

Recess at 11:43 A.M. and reconvene at 11:51 A.M.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff at 11:52 A.M. to go into closed session to discuss strategy with respect to pending or imminent litigation, real estate purchase, deployment of security personnel and devices or evaluation of job performance as to prevent needless injury to reputation (if necessary)

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to go into open session at 12:02 P.M.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to approve the 2024 Lincoln County inventory for all departments as presented. 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 P.M.

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

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 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.

Nicole J. Fisher
Lincoln County Deputy Clerk