

September 3, 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. 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 Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on August 26, 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 treasurer's receipts. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to appoint Ben Widener to the Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. 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 Woodruff, seconded by Weems to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on August 26, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve certificates of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

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

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:24 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to authorize the chairman to sign the contract with Western Engineering, Inc. for the 2024-02 asphalt project. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to sign the dispatch agreement for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to accept as part of the engagement letter, a procedures engagement with Regier, Carr & Monroe LLP, CPA's. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Workplace Wellness Proposal tabled from West Central Health Department for further research.

Discussion of Lincoln County being designated as a sanctuary county. There was clarification that it was not a designation agreed upon by the board and they would be doing more research to dispute the designation.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Woodruff to deny the offer of a settlement from Richard Dirksen to resolve a pending NEOC complaint. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to enter closed session at 10:14 A.M. 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. 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 Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to go into open session at 10:40 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.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to set September 23, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. for public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year Lincoln County budget. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to approve exceeding the budget limit by an additional one percent (1%) for the 2024/2025 fiscal year Lincoln County budget. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none

Recessed at 10:50 A.M. and reconvened at 10:58 A.M.

2024/2025 Lincoln County Budget Work Session: Emergency Management & Extension Departments.

Approved the following claims as presented for payment. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the September 3, 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 30, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on August 30, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Fisher  
Lincoln County Deputy Clerk

