

December 9, 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. 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.

Swearing In of Lincoln County Sheriff Deputies: Dwayne Wilson, Wesley Throckmorton and Nathaniel Hutton.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on December 2, 2024. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley abstained.

Motion by Woodruff, 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 Weems, seconded by Wuehler to reappoint Todd Herndon as a management representative to the Lincoln County Safety Committee for a three-year term to end June 2027. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to reappoint Penny Ball and Tammy White as employee representatives to the Lincoln County Safety Committee for a two-year term to end June 2026. 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 Form 35K Annual County Lottery report. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Weems to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by County Clerk for \$537.00. 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 Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on December 2, 2024. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley abstained.

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 Woodruff, seconded by Weems to approve the 2025-2030 Lincoln County Comprehensive Youth Service Plan as presented report. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Lincoln County Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid 2025/2026 grant as presented for \$116,526.00 report. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Sheriff Kramer thanked Bill Summers Ford for bidding, but economically it is not feasible for the Sheriff's Office to continue the current pickup truck program. Trade-in is less for the trucks and new trucks cost more. They are looking at re-bidding for SUVs instead. SUVs are cheaper and the trade-in value is good.

Commissioner Bruns asked about if the other components would be usable on the SUV'S.

Captain Newton replied that some component would work, but if they were changing the brand of truck, they would have had the same issue.

Commissioner Weems and Hewgley commented they appreciated them taking the lead and realizing the current program is no longer economically viable.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to reject the bid for 4 (four) pickup trucks for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office report. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Commissioner Wuehler started conversation about what the county would like to do with remaining ARPA funds that were not spent by local non-profits. There are two choices:

either extend the contract or pay back the remaining balance to the Lincoln County General Fund.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to approve the ARPA funds granted to local non-profits that have a remaining balance after December 31, 2024, be returned to the Lincoln County General Fund report. 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 County Attorney’s office to send a certified letter to the Episcopal Church with respect to unspent ARPA funds report. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Discussion was held concerning the remaining Lincoln County ARPA fund account balance of approximately \$3000. The board would like the rural fire departments in the county to get the remaining funds. Chairman Hewgley will contact North Platte Fire Chief Thompson to see how this could be facilitated.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-19 to establish and declare the intent of Lincoln County with respect to the future public works infrastructure usage of property located 18610 US Highway 30, Hershey, NE report. 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.

NAME		TOTCLAIMS
ACE HARDWARE	EQ	56.96
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	SE	59.9
ALLO	SE	2487.44
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	646.89
A SHAFER	REIM	40
BERRECKMAN & BAZATA PC LLO	SE	6435
BROTHERS LAZER SERVICES	SU	228.5
BROUILLETTE TROSHYNSKI KNGSTN JCKSN	SE	10733.4
CAPITAL ONE	SU	60.38
CHARM TEX	SU	303.5
CHARTER	SE	159.97

SPECTRUM	SE	154.98
C SHAW	SE	2516.2
CITY OF NP	SE	41157.17
COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD	SE	2137.85
CONDONS SIGNS	SU	1153.2
CULLIGAN	SE	39.49
DAS	SE	94.57
DELL	SE	260
DXP	SE	12788
EAKES	SU	870.87
EMC INS	INS	5048.5
FAIR LAW	SE	3262.5
GLOBALSTAR USA	SE	132.52
HI LINE COOP	SU	102.5
KNOBELS REFRIG	SE	391.57
LC COURT	SE	3167.5
LOWMAN'S AUTO REPAIR	SE	168.78
MALCOM, NELSEN & WINDRUM	SE	7890.8
MENARDS	SE	403.14
MENTZER OIL	SE	801.43
MICROFILM IMAGING	EQ	2502.68
MIDWEST CONNECT	SE	260.56
MIPS	SE	2815.28
MUN LGHT & WTR	SE	13077.51
NP FIRE DEPT	SE	2925.38
TELEGRAPH	SE	630.99
OFFICE SERVICES	SU	106.77
PDQ.COM	EQ	151.79
QUADIENT FINANCE	SE	859.46
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT	SE	92
SCHABEN	SU	332.73
SEEVERS	SE	82.1
S NEWTON	SE	700
SHERIFF CO FEES	SE	1834.27
SHERIFFS FEE ACCT	SE	1046
HOME DEPOT	SU	1708.43
WALDINGER CORP	SE	32861.72
TRANSUNION RISK	CONT	125
TRINITY SRV GRP	SE	6489.93
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	SU	9393
VERIZON	SE	479.46
WEATHERCRAFT	SE	1985
WEX BANK	SU	1562.82

ACE IRRIGATION	SU	200
ANDERSEN & SONS	SU	35.13
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SE	207.79
BOMGAARS	SE	1756.24
CAPITAL BUS SYST	SU	131.19
CAR QUEST OF NP	SE	225.13
COHAGEN	SE	46.99
COUNTY PRTN COOP	SE	66
CROELL INC	SE	4364.5
CROELL	SU	189.95
DAWSON PUB PR DIST	SU	4291.73
HERSHEY COOP PHONE	SU	79.65
HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	SU	55.77
IDEAL LINEN/BLUFFS FACILTIY SLTNS	SU	39.69
INLAND TRUCK	SE	36.28
KUBOTA	SE	1433.54
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SE	413.82
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP	SE	10213.77
NE TRUCK CENTER	SE	429.26
NMC EXCHANGE	SE	59722.05
PAULSENS	SU	9264.12
RDO TRUCK CNTR	SE	132.72
RS HYDRAULIC SOL	SE	854.7
SUTHERLAND FARM & AUTO	SU	39.01
VILLAGE OF HERSHEY	SE	137.84
VISIT NORTH PLATTE	EX	288823.92
FIRST CONCORD	INS	1120
ESTATE OF DORIS BAY	SE	545.01

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the December 9, 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 December 6, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on December 6, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, December 16, 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