

December 16, 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 Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on December 9, 2024. 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 treasurer's receipts. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to receive and order filed the fee reports submitted by Register of Deeds for \$29,180.82 and County Sheriff for \$4745.37. 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.

Deputy County Assessor, Pat Collins appeared along with Sheri Newton, County Treasurer.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on December 9, 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 Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska as 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 Wuehler to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by West Central District Health Department as 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 submitted American National Red Cross as 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 9:19 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to appoint Crystal Schliep, current Deputy Clerk of District Court, to finish the unexpired term of Clerk of District Court due to the retirement of Deb McCarthy effective December 31, 2024. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the application by Rayburn Farms, Inc. for Rayburn Administrative Subdivision on property located at 24493 East Fort McPherson Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District and described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 28 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Weems to approve the appointment of Teresa Riley to the Visit North Platte Board of Directors to fill a vacancy left by Mike Furmanski Jr. for the term ending in July 2028. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Committee members reported that there were issues with prairie dogs in Lincoln County than was anticipated. The program currently has 80 clients. The department needs to be more efficient and increase rates to recover more of the county expenses for the program.

Pest and Predator Control Committee will bring back a revision of the Lincoln County Pest and Predator Control fees for consideration in January 2025.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign an interlocal agreement with the City of North Platte for animal control services.

Commissioner Bruns questioned if it excluded the village jurisdictions who did not enter into animal control agreements with the City of North Platte.

Captain Dan Newton of LCSO stated the villages that signed contracts were Hershey and Sutherland.

Deputy Police Chief Kendall Allison and Lt. Dan Shea of the North Platte Police Department were present. They reported that the county averages about 34 animal per year plus approximately \$750 in vet bills. The public at large can bring in stray animals to the shelter

Lt. Shea commented that the other villages bring in a minimal number of animals and that it would be difficult for animal shelter staff to know the village boundaries.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, reported that he could work on revised language with the City attorney.

Commissioner Wuehler withdrew her motion.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to authorize the Chairman to sign the interlocal agreement with the City of North Platte for animal control services with the intent that it will be reviewed with the City for amendment. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion was held concerning the contract regarding the School Resource Officer and associated grant funds.

Captain Newton commented that after the first three years the cost of the deputy would revert back to the county. They are here to request the final approval to hire an additional deputy which will be an on- going expense for the county. The grant requires that an additional deputy must be hired for grant compliance.

Deputy Hanna reported that Sutherland schools would like to see the school resource officer start in January 2025. However, per the grant they would not have to start until the fall of 2025. Sutherland schools only want to sign a one-year agreement.

Commissioner Hewgley stated that the Sheriff's Office is fully staffed at this time, but they were not when the school resource officer grant was started.

Commissioners Weems and Woodruff both feel that the school should absorb the subsequent costs at a higher rate after the grant is complete.

Hanna said he feels once the program is started, he believes that other county schools will follow.

Commissioner Wuehler asked if the grant dollars could be returned with penalty to the county.

Hanna replied in the affirmative.

Commissioners asked that the Sheriff's Office go back to Sutherland schools. This is a long-term commitment for the county and a one-year commitment by the school is not enough.

Commissioner Woodruff was excused at 11:07 A.M.

The County Board of Commissioners recessed at 11:08 A.M. and reconvened at 11:16 A.M.

Commissioner Bruns reported on the consultant selection process for the RAISE grant. Two firms (JEO Consulting Group Inc. and Felsburg Holt & Ullevig – FHU) were interviewed by county committee members, NDOT and the Lincoln County Highway Supt. The recommendation to the County Board is JEO Consulting Group Inc. from Wahoo, NE which also can assist with implementation funding.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to select JEO Consulting Group Inc. as the consultant for the planning grant through the RAISE grant. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

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.

ACE HARDWARE	SU	217.37
ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES	EQ	2080.47
AMAZON CAP SRV	SU	26.67
B BOYER	MI	26.8
BTS INC	SE	60
BUFFALO CNTY SHERIFF	SE	26.12
CAPITAL BUS	CONT	1434.43
CAPITAL BUS	SU	1064.23
CAPITAL ONE	SU	691.32

CDW G LLC	SU	188.11
CENTURY LINK	SE	641.33
CENTURY LINK	SE	377.23
C. WITTSTRUCK	SE	5072
C BODEN	MI	44.89
SPECTRUM	SU	162.54
COLFER,WOOD,LYONS & WOOD LAWYERS	SE	1473.13
COMM CONN	SE	13649.78
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	35.4
DR DEB	SE	2500
DREAMSHARE PRO.	SE	330
DXP ENTP, INC	SE	8279
EAKES	SU	1347.04
GALLS AN ARAMARK CO	EX	38.51
GPH	SE	59.2
HINTON'S LOCK	EQ	894.75
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	269.87
J C WASH	SU	8.37
JACK'S UNIFORMS	SE	467.64
J KRAMER	SU	499.99
J ORR	MI	40.2
J CLARK	MI	156.11
J GOSNELL	MI	12.21
J ROBERTS	MI	6.03
KOHLER TRAILER	EQ	5315
LC TREAS	SE	645.37
LC TREAS	SE	1876.42
LINDEMEIER LAW	SE	5455.06
L FREDERICK	MI	3.35
M MCKEON	SE	3650.75
M TROSHYNSKI	SE	8250
MAXIMUS	SE	3400
MENARDS	SE	507.86
MENTZER OIL	SE	161.03
MICROFILM IMAGING	CONT	170
MID AMERICA DIESEL	SE	4371.03
MIPS INC	SU	908.7
M MOORHEAD	MIL	26.8
NP BULLETIN	SE	15.3
NP JAYCEES	SE	350
NP TELEGRAPH	SE	1164.9
NPS	SE	2790.81
O'REILLY	SE	40.78

OFFICE SRV	SU	576.61
PATHOLOGY SRV	SE	295.12
PEDERSON LAW	SE	14899
PRODIGY SOL	SU	16221.64
PSAN	SE	250
R SCHROEDER PH D	SE	1800
SANDHILLS CATERING	SE	5870
SCHABENS	SE	2441.84
SCHROEDER & SCHROEDER	SE	1940
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SU	425.34
STERICYCLE	SE	115.48
S FINKE	MIL	371.18
UPS STORE 3143	SE	46.48
T JOHNSON	MIL	25.46
TRAVELERS	INS	2740
TRINITY SERVICES	SE	6312.87
U S BANK	SU	358.9
U S BANK	SU	29.55
U S BANK	SE	217.37
U S BANK	SE	1510.48
U S BANK	SE	222.88
U S BANK	SE	101.13
U S BANK	SE	2
U S BANK	SE	2048.6
U S BANK	SE	1008.65
U S BANK	SE	24.9
U S BANK	SU	74.78
U S BANK	SE	274.99
U S BANK	SE	301.36
U S BANK	SE	737.9
U S BANK	SE	30
U S BANK	SE	1826.76
U S BANK	SE	312.7
VANGUARD APPR	SE	3980
WASH TIME CARWASH	SE	78
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SE	5731.97
WILKINSON DVLP	SU	4654.83
W TROSHYNSKI	SE	4500
AT & T	SE	105.83
AT & T MOBILITY	SE	240.24
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SE	287.13
BOMGAARS	SU	333.68
BRADY GET N GO	SE	573.66

CAR QUEST NP	SE	170.09
B&C TOOLS	SU	718.9
CROELL	SU	10553.92
DAWSON PUB PR DIST	SE	224.03
EXPRESS AVL	SE	5.98
GARRETT TIRE	SU	35
GOTHENBURG TIRE	SU	65
HOME LUMBER & SUPPLY	SE	538.51
IDEAL LINEN/BLUFFS FACILTIY SLTNS	SU	174.4
JA TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SU	1195
LINE-X OF NP	SE	1869.87
MC COOK PUBLIC POWER	SE	113.36
MIDLANDS OCC MEDICINE	SE	60
MIDWEST ELECTRIC	SE	312.78
MILLER REPAIR	SE	89.07
MILLER TIRE COMM	SU	8937.05
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	240
NE TRUCK CENTER	SE	1044.63
NMC EXCHANGE	SE	2079
NP HARDWARE	SE	19.49
PAULSENS	SE	6683.29
PRONTO FUEL	SU	1360.71
RHOMAR INDUSTRIES	SU	2191.06
RS HYDRAULIC SOL	SE	61.11
SNAP ON TOOLS	SU	68.75
SUTHERLAND FARM AUTO SUPPLY	SU	41.4
TK'S WELDING & FABRICATION	SE	9353.95
U S BANK	SE	1364.86
VILLAGE OF MAXWELL	SE	70
VILLAGE OF WALLACE	SE	25.75
WPCI	SU	180
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GRP	INS	7784.56

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 11:29 A.M. and reconvened at 12:02 P.M.

Met with elected officials and department heads at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1241 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the December 16, 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 13, 2024; and was also emailed to the media on December 13, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, December 23, 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