

May 27, 2025
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. Hewgley offered prayer. Wuehler called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Chairwoman Wuehler 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 Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on May 19, 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley 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 Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by the County Sheriff for \$1304.44. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chair to sign a right-of-way application submitted by Great Plains Communications. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Public hearing was opened at 9:15 A.M. to receive comments regarding a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Tourism Development grant for the Las Mananitas Community Advocates project.

Emma Castor, West Central Nebraska Development District, gave a brief overview of the project which includes a small business incubator, hydroponics greenhouse, community meeting spaces and promotes cultural awareness.

Adi Dobbins, from the Las Mananitas project, presented a basic map of the project.

Makenzie Fernandez spoke in favor of the project. She feels it is a great opportunity to involve individuals in the community and give people a chance to become self-sufficient.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to close the public hearing at 9:26 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Weems to approve and authorize the Chief Elected Official to sign the application for CDBG funds for the Las Mananitas project. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.



The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:30 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization convened.

Chairwoman Wuehler 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 along with Sheri Newton, County Treasurer.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on May 19, 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

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

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Peoples Family Health Services 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 Hewgley to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Two Rivers Fellowship as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve property valuation change notices numbered 2025-001 to 2025-004 as submitted by the County Assessor. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:45 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Western Engineering for Project LCDOR 2025-01. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The update by Paul Ottinger concerning the annexation of Pal's Brewing Company property by the City of North Platte was tabled as he was unable to appear today.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve incorporating NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) and NACo (National Association of Counties) dues starting in July 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Benefits Committee made a dental insurance recommendation for the 2025/2026 plan year. The committee recommends switching from Ameritas dental back to Blue Cross Blue Shield Option 3 as they feel it has better benefits for the employees.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve switching the Lincoln County dental insurance plan from Ameritas to Blue Cross Blue Shield Option 3 Basic plan effective July 1, 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve and authorize the Chair to amend the Blue Cross Blue Shield Sub-group application signed on May 19, 2025, to add the Option 3 Dental Plan. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

No action was needed on the 2025/2026 Ameritas Dental Plan with National Insurance Services.

Highway Dept. personnel acquired three informal bids for the replacement snowplows.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Hewgley to approve the purchase of two (2) replacement snowplows for 10CY trucks from Master Tech Truck and Equipment for \$32,624.00. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve and authorize Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, to file zoning enforcement action (injunction) for property located at 25620 East Cut Across Road, Curtis, NE. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chair to re-appointment James Hawks and J. Patrick Keenan for a 4-year term with the Board of Directors of Nebraska International Port of the Plains. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussed the process of appointing another member of the Board of Directors for the Nebraska International Port of the Plains to fill a vacancy. Kimberly Steger requested



not to be reappointed. The board will use the same process that was initially used with a combination of applications, recruitment, and recommendations.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to open applications for a board member of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains for two weeks with an application deadline of June 10, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. to be submitted to the Lincoln County Clerk's Office. Nebraska International Port of the Plains committee will bring recommendations back to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion was held about making Barry Johnson a full-time Lincoln County employee. He is currently working part-time for the Predator Control department and Noxious Weed Department. After discussion it was decided that Commissioner Woodruff representing the Predator Control Committee would attend the upcoming Noxious Weed Board meeting in June for a work session. They will discuss the possible combination of the two departments and how this would be structured both now and in the future.

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.

AT & T	con	3043.56
AMZN CPT SERV	sc	1887.45
AXON ENT INC	su	108738
BEAR COM FLR CARE	agr	700
BOB BARKER	su	3415.74
BROUILLETTE TROSHYNSKI KNGSTN JCKSN	se	25620.25
BROWNS SHOE	ex	85
CAPTL BUS SYS	se	742.58
CAPTL BUS SYS INC	rt	61.8
CAPTL BUS SYS	se	7.58
DAS STE ACNTING	se	392
CHARM TEX	su	1366.2
CITY OF NP	grnt	20796
COMM CONN	grnt/se	4359.97
CONDONS SIGNS	se	2700
CONTROL MASTERS INC	eq	1727
DAS CNTRL FIN	se	813.06
EAKES	se	4237.84
GARETT TIRE	su	1308.4
GRT PLAINS COMM	se	340.2
GP HEALTH	se	221.92
H & H SERV/FIN RESPONS	se	165

HOLIDAY INN	ldg	434.85
HUEBNER'S LAWN AND GARDEN	se	21.17
HYDRO TECH INC	eq	150
IDEAL	su	270.11
INNO DROME SOL	se	590
LINCOLN CO JAIL PETTY CASH	se	4.42
LIND LAW OFF	se	1034.18
LIND LAW OFF	con	10819.98
MACQUEEN	eq	1005
MASA GLOBAL	ins	37.5
MENTZER OIL	su	7738.47
MICROFILM IMAGING	se	3746.47
MORRIS REPORTING	se	1734.25
MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER	se	167.71
NACO	se	350
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL	se	210
NEB H&H SERV	se	450
NP PUB LIBRY	grnt	49264
NP TELE	se	286.48
PATH SERV	se	121.52
PENN EMBLEM CO	ex	21.63
P VALLEY COMM	su	386.97
B J ROSSELL	mi	77
REB SCHROED PH D	se	750
REDWOOD TOX LAB	se	813.77
SEEVER AUTO CARE INC	se	48.45
SUNSET LAW ENF	su	1181.48
SUN AUTO TIRE & SERVICES	su	1957.77
TENDER HEARTS VET CNTR	su	503.2
HD SUPPL	su	640.6
WALDNGR COR	se	5920.74
TRIN SRV GRP INC	se	5970.59
WATER UNLMTD	su	5547.29
WHTTAIL SCREEN	su	720
BEAR FR & ALIGN	se	1907.21
BGARS	su	929.98
BULL ELEC	se	4650
CPTL BUS	su	188.49
CAR QUEST	se	300.28
CROELL INC	su	6669.14
FLOYD'S	se	485.87
GUYNAN MACH STEEL	se	3073
HI LINE CO	se	28.5

HTSY EQU	se	7317
INLND TRK PTS	se	54.58
KNAPP ELEC	se	148.4
KHLR TRL SLS & SRV	se	252.85
KUBOTA	se	478.36
LINCO WEED CTL	su	2500
MENARDS	su	426.86
NE ASS COUN HWY ENGRS	req	270
NMC EXCG	se	3813.8
OFF SRVCES	su	24.99
PAULSEN	su	10320.32
RS HYDR SLTIONS	se	264.19
SIMON CNTRT	su	1148.29
SNAP ON	su	35.25
SUTH FRM & AUTO	su	522.87
FRST CNCRD	ins	1171.42
BOK FINANCIAL	bnd	7236.25
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the May 27, 2025, 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 May 23, 2025; and was also emailed to the media on May 23, 2025.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025, 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

