

October 20, 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 Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on October 13, 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, 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 Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the elective Overtime Enforcement Mini-Grant application to Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for LCSO to participate in the "Make It Click" high visibility enforcement mobilization campaign. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Region 51 Emergency Management Director, Brandon Myers gave an update on the 10-16-2025 thunderstorm damage to the public safety building due to lightning strike.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:17 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization convened.

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County Assessor Julie Stenger appeared.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on October 13, 2025. 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 9:18 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

A public hearing was opened at 9:30 A.M. on an application by Patrick and Jistine Irish



for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a family cemetery on property located at 138 East Watts Road in an I-1 Industrial District and described as Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 12 N, Range 30 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Planning Director, Judy Clark, went through the review comments on the application.

Commissioner Weems asked what will happen to the maintenance in the future if there is no one to take care of it.

Clark replied that a private cemetery is different than a public cemetery. There will be an easement.

Commissioner Woodruff expressed concern about future access.

Jestine Irish stated the easement is not done yet but will be the next step if the conditional use permit is approved.

Commissioner Weems asked about protecting the cemetery in the future with a border/fence.

Rebecca Rage, an adjoining neighbor, is in support of the application. The area is already partially fenced off.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to close the public hearing was closed at 9:44 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Weems, seconded by Bruns to approve the conditional use application by Patrick and Jestine Irish to allow a family cemetery on property located at 138 East Watts Road and all elements of the application are complied with and with the following condition: 1) easement to perpetually access the property based on the following factual findings, to wit: 1) The application complies with current Lincoln County Zoning Regulations. 2) The application complies with current Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations. 3) The application is in conformance with the current Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and Lincoln County Zoning Map. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. A resolution will be drafted for the next board meeting.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-28 providing continued support for Operation Green Light for Veterans. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve press releases on 10-13-2025 & 11-3-2025 for Lincoln County to participate in 2025 Operation Green Light for Veterans. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Discussion was held concerning the invoice from Tender Hearts Veterinary Center as to our agreement with city animal shelter and the process for law enforcement for this type

of situation. This item was tabled. Captain Newton will contact the veterinary clinic and see what arrangements could be worked out with the dog's owner.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the special designated liquor permit submitted by Highway 2 Depot for a wedding reception to be held at Homestead Pumpkin Patch venue on November 15, 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Weems to approve moving forward with the forced control of black-tailed prairie dogs on property located on Sections 22,23 & 26, Township 16 North: Range 34W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chair discussed assignments to the Salary Committee and upcoming NACO webinar to be held on October 22nd at 2:00 P.M. She asked County Clerk Rebecca Rossell, County Assessor Julie Stenger, County Treasurer Sheri Newton, Commissioner Weems and a representative from the County Attorney's Office (either Rebecca Harling or Deputy County Attorney Tyler Volkmer) to sit on the committee and bring recommendations to the County Board.

Presentation by George Lauby concerning the U.S. Postal Service. Joe Volcek of the North Platte Telegraph also commented on the U.S. Postal Service issues.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns, to authorize the Chair to sign a letter (with other local leaders) to Nebraska Senators and Nebraska Congressional Delegation. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The presentation by Allison Peck, News Director, Eagle Media was continued until another meeting.

Discussion on Commissioner Pod Cast with Eagle Media was continued.

Discussion was held on Vieyra Avenue.

Jason Schultz, Highway Supt. stated there is a process for other roads we have adopted. He would encourage the board to follow this process.

Commissioner Bruns commented that history indicates this was treated as a county road.

Commissioner Weems feels this is a unique situation.

Judy Clark, Planning Director, encouraged the board to look at the public benefit of the road. If it were annexed in the future it would have to be a benefit to the city to accept it.

She would have to look at the county subdivision guidelines for cul-de-sacs if a turn-around should be needed.

Commissioner Woodruff asked about the road being to road standards before it was accepted.

Commissioner Bruns reported there is a quit claim deed to the county for this road. If we pass the resolution things will remain as status quo as has been done for decades.

Commissioner Wuehler presented research she had done on Vieyra Avenue which indicates this is not a county road.

Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, stated the county clerk recorded the quit claim deed the same day as it was discussed in the county board meeting in 1981.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Weems to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-29 formally accepting Vieyra Avenue into the Lincoln County Roads System. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Wuehler voted "nay". Motion carried.

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.

GENERAL		TOTAL
AT&T	cont	3282.23
ALS L&S	re	9.68
AMZN CPTL SRVCS	su	40.16
A FRANZ	mi	392
AT-SCENE LLC	cont	5000
BRRCKMN & BAZTA	se	1061.8
BIG RED TWNG	re	180
BOYZ IN DA HOOD	re	465.4
BRLLTTE TRSHYNSKI KNGSTN JCKSN	se	2126.96
C SHAW	se	6642.95
CMNTY CNCTNS	grant	7510.79
COPY CENTER	su	73.26
DAS CNTRL FNCE	fee	979
EAKES	su	475.48
FRSPRNG	fee	188.48
GALLS AN ARMRK CO	su	218.67
GREAT PLAINS HMCRE EQ	su	28
HOME DEPOT	su	887.48
HMTWN LSNG	cont	269.87

J C AUTO WASH	se	9.3
J KELLEY	se	36.45
LNCLN CO CRT	se	241
LINDEMEIER LAW	se	7375
LYNN PVY CO	su	138.77
MLCM, NLSN & WNDRM	se	6913.2
MENARDS	su	215.01
MENTZER	fuel	217.29
MUNICIPAL L&W	se	224.65
NACO	fee	25
NEBRASKA TRCK	re	586.97
N FISHER	mi	140
NMS LABS	se	344
NP PD	se	27368
NRTHWSTRN	se	1434.47
PATHLGY SRVCS	se	15.11
P FITZGERALD	mi	140
PHYSCNS LAB	se	10089
PPLR ST CR WSH	se	64
PRODIGY SLTNS	su	2563.5
RAPID FIRE PRTCTN	su	85
R ROSSELL	mi	140
S STEPHENSON	reimb	440.73
SCHABEN SAN	se	1391.85
SERENITY TWNG	se	283.9
STERICYCLE	se	168.24
TRINITY SRVCS GRP	se	6103.82
T VOLKMER	mi	392
U S BANK	su	5015.42
UNITECH	su	218
VAN DIEST SPPLY CO	su	1174
WASH TIME CRWSH	se	226
YLLW RBE CNSLTNG	se	1800
ROADS		
AT&T	se	52.05
BLCK HLLS ENGY	se	59.31
CHGN TRNSFR	re	90.27
CROELL	su	2294.21
FESSLER TIRE CO	re	111.5
IDEAL LINEN	su	150.47
J SCHULTZ	mi	347.2
LAWSON	su	36.36
MENTZER	su	4150.9

MDLNDS OCCPTNL MED	se	80
MDWST ELCTRC MEMB CORP	se	111.25
MDWST PETROL EQUIP	re	219
MLLR TRE CMRCL WRHSE	re	2744.08
MURPHY TRCTR	eq	6269.06
NEAL OIL	fuel	11888.1
NMC	re	165.55
PRONTO FUEL	fuel	1950.76
RDO TRCK CNTR CO	re	71.56
RS HYDRCLC SLTNS	re	70.05
SAPP BROS NP	fuel	12013.86
STHRLND F&A	re	117.36
TITAN MACH	re	299.2
U S BANK	su	464.73
WPCI	se	450
P&M FUND		
EAKES	su	223.5

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the October 20, 2025, board meetings were sent to the county board and all others requesting the same. Advance public notice (including 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 October 17, 2025; and was also emailed to the media on October 17, 2025.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, October 27, 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

