

January 12, 2026
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. Weems offered prayer. Wuehler called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

Chair 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 Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 5, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

An election was held for County Board Chair for 2026. Commissioner Woodruff was nominated by Commissioner Hewgley. Commissioner Weems was nominated by Commissioner Woodruff. Commissioner Woodruff declined the nomination. Commissioner Weems accepted the nomination. All board members voted "aye" for Weems.

An election was held for County Board Vice Chair for 2026. Commissioner Hewgley nominated himself. Commissioner Bruns was nominated by Commissioner Weems. Both Commissioners Hewgley and Bruns accepted the nomination. All board members voted "aye" for Bruns.

Public comments were received.

Motion by Bruns, 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 Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to receive and order filed fee reports submitted by the County Sheriff for \$7966.72, Clerk of District Court for \$9412.44 and County Clerk for \$622. 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 Condition of the Treasury from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 authorizing the County Treasurer to invest funds for 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.



Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 appointing county depositories for 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler, to authorize the Chair to sign a 3-year consolidated extended service contract with Vanguard Computer Systems for the County Assessor. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 setting Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. for a public hearing on the potential vacation of Vieyra Avenue. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to appoint The North Platte Telegraph as the official county newspaper for publication of legal notices for 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:53 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization convened.

Chair Weems 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 County Treasurer Sheri Newton.

An election was held for Board of Equalization Chair for 2026. Commissioner Weems was nominated by Commissioner Wuehler. Weems accepted the nomination. All board members voted "aye" for Weems.

An election was held for Board of Equalization Vice Chair for 2026. Commissioner Bruns was nominated by Commissioner Woodruff. Bruns accepted the nomination. All board members voted "aye" for Bruns.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on January 5, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler, 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 Wuehler to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by West Central District Health Department and recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none. Weems abstained.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:01 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the appointments of the following department heads for 2026: Highway Supt – Jason Schultz – License #1753 – Class A – Full Time Employment – January 1, 2026 – December 31, -2026; Noxious Weed Supt Todd Herndon; Region 51 Emergency Management Director – Brandon Myers; and Veterans Service Officer- Thomas Gann. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve annual salaries for the following appointed department heads effective January 16, 2026 (2.6% COLA): Highway Superintendent - \$105,356.90; Region 51 Emergency Management Director - \$75,287.58; Noxious Weed Superintendent - \$65,988.54; Veterans Service Officer - \$73,519.06. Motion carried.

Receive bids for two patrol vehicles with trade for the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office: Jerry Remus Chevrolet - \$105,052.00; Janssen Chrysler - \$84,878.00; Bill Summers Ford – F-150 trucks - \$94,853.44 and Ford Explorers - \$87,997.36.

Acceptance of bid was tabled until the next board meeting.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 Option B (8.27% then 2% for following 3 years) setting elected officials salaries for 2027-2030 term. Motion carried by a vote of three to two. Hewgley, Wuehler and Bruns voted “aye”. Weems and Woodruff 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
ALLO	se	564.35
AMAZON CPTL SRVCS	su	140.58
BRTHRS LAZER SERV	su	510.5
CDW	eq	2649.75
C BODEN	mi	89.6
CHARM TEX	su	192.9
C SHAW	se	1008.6



C BRUNS	mi	130.2
CITY OF NP	fuel	63.47
E WOOD	se	1011.3
COM CONNCTNS	grant	4199.23
CULLIGAN	se	14.75
DAS FINC	cont	95.54
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION	su	581.81
FAIR LAW	se	3425
FRONT ST AUTO GLSS	re	29.95
GALLS	su	270.83
GARRETT TIRES	re	96
GLBLSTR	se	133.66
GRT PLNS HMCR EQUIP	su	14
HMPTN INN	expns	2249.1
HMTWN LSNG	cont	194.58
J ORR	mi	46.2
JC AUTO WSH	re	18.6
J HEWGLEY	mi	130.2
JSTC WRKS	fee	200
K WEEMS	mi	130.2
LNCLN CO CRT	se	3030.5
LNCLN CO JAIL PTY CSH	se	14
LINDMR LAW	se	12167.5
MALY MARKETING	cont	330
M TRSHNSKY	cont	8250
M WUEHLER	mi	130.2
MNTZR	fuel	398.94
MDWST CONN	se	135.99
MOCIC	se	150
NACO	fee	235
NE AG NEWS	se	139
NACA	fee	100
NE WEED CNTRL	fee	150
NP ACE	su	3.27
NP TLGRPH	se	373.13
NRTHWSTRN	se	254.07
OREILLY	su	301.41
PTNY BWS	se	30000
PLTT VLLY COMM	eq	115
POPLAR ST CR WSH	su	29
PRDGY SLTNS	su	16557.66
REGN II SRVCS	se	43980.58
R SIMPSN	se	365.6

SEEVERS	re	84.9
LINC CO SHRFF FEE	fee	3483.83
SQRD AWY LZR ENG	su	88.5
SWNY GROUP	cont	4741.74
TO HAAS	re	543.98
T HURLEY	mi	122.5
TRNST WRKS	su	577.98
TRNSUNION RSK ALT	cont	125
TRNTY SRVCS GRP	se	6310.6
US BNK	su	2768.57
UNMC	expns	850
VAN DST	su	10880
V FRIESEN	mi	68.6
VIGNT AM	cont	465
WSH TIME CR WSH	su	217.11
WST CNTRL DIST ASSRS ASSC	fee	25
WSTFLD PHRM	se	4330.6
WX BNK	fuel	498.37
WLKNS DEV	fuel	4005.03
W TRSHNKY	cont	4500
ROADS		
AT&T	se	243.24
ALLO	se	240.76
BLK HILL ENGRY	se	1057.76
BOMGAARS	re	179.11
BSSLMNS	su	163.5
CPTL BUSN SYSTMS	su	162.79
CRQST	re	615.49
CNTRY PRTNRS COOP	fuel	143.27
CROELL INC	se	2547.86
GOTHNBRG TIRE	re	500
HMPTN INN	lodg	749.7
HERSHY TELE COOP	se	80.41
IDEAL	su	194.94
KOHLER	re	191.5
LAWSON	su	118.25
MCCOOK PPD	se	147.38
MENARDS	su	8.98
MENTZER	fuel	239.88
M TODD CO	se	1469.62
MILLER TIRE	re	754
MURPHY TRCTR	re	24746.73
SOUTHWEST F&A	re	341.59

NMC	re	2029.72
NP ACE	su	11.69
NRTHWSTRN	se	166.99
PAULS PRTA PTTY	se	460
PRNT FUEL	fuel	692.36
RS HYDRLC SLTNS	re	9.76
SCHBN SAN	se	324.78
TC ENGRNG	se	11609.02
TITAN	re	39.91
TROYER	su	478.12
VLLG OF WALLACE	se	25
P & M FUND		
CPTL BUSN SYSTMS	se	71.07
EAKS	sup	58.63
MCRFLM IMGNG	expns	45
SELF FUNDED INS		
FRST CNCRD	ins	2553.67
CO DRUG LAW ENF FUND		
COM CONNCTNS	expns	5000

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the January 12, 2026, 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 January 9, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on January 9, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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

