

February 17, 2026
North Platte, Nebraska

Meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Present were Commissioners Joe Hewgley, Kent Weems, Micaela Wuehler, Jerry Woodruff and County Clerk, Rebecca Rossell. Weems offered prayer. Weems called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Bruns was absent.

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.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on February 9, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to receive and order filed the treasurer's receipts. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to receive and order filed the fee reports submitted by Register of Deeds for \$51,741.84 and County Sheriff for \$1600.58. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:15 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization convened.

Chairman 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.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on February 9, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

No public comments were received.

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.



The public hearing was opened at 9:30 A.M. on the potential vacation of Vieyra Avenue located in Lot 12 of the Cody Land & Cattle Subdivision located in Section 29; Township 14N; Range 30W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, NE.

Lincoln County Highway Supt, Jason Schultz, submitted the study for the possible vacation of Vieyra Avenue as evidence. Based on the evidence it is his recommendation that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner approve the vacation/abandonment of Vieyra Avenue.

Jerry Vieyra thanked the board for the participation in this process. It is his understanding that the City of North Platte wants to annex this property. He asked if the city would survey the west end to establish the property line.

Tyler Volkmer, Deputy County Attorney, cannot speak for the city, but would assume that would be the process.

Tory Copeland commented that he had gone to Vieyra Avenue and there was signage on the road indicating it was a private property. He questioned why the county is maintaining a private road when there are other county roads that need attention in this county.

Marshall Robinson stated that he lives two streets over and has had conversation with Mr. Vieyra while walking his dog. He asked for clarification on the process of how we got to the possible vacation of the road.

The public hearing was closed at 9:45 A.M.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to authorize legal counsel to draft a resolution to vacate Vieyra Avenue located in Lot 12 of the Cody Land & Cattle Subdivision located in Section 29; Township 14N; Range 30W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, NE back to Jerry Vieyra. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns absent.

Discussion was held on participation as a member of the Sandhills R C & D. The county has been a member for many years.

Commissioner Weems reported that Keith County has taken formal action to step away from the Sandhills R C & D. He questioned whether it is productive for Lincoln County to participate and what benefits the county has received from participation.

Commissioner Wuehler stated that she had served on this committee for the last four years. She does feel the organization is worthwhile. Lincoln County has a small investment and does get trickle-down effect from the sandhills area. She strongly recommends that Lincoln County stay involved and would be willing to go back on the committee.

Commissioner Hewgley has seen positive outcomes in the past from the organization and would like Lincoln County to remain active.

Commissioner Weems said the housing loan through the RC & D has not been addressed and did not see any activity to change that.

Commissioner Wuehler commented that from past participation the Sandhills R C & D board does support enforcing the rules on the housing, but it is a lengthy process.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to continue membership with the Sandhills R C & D organization. Upon roll call vote Wuehler and Hewgley voted “aye”. Weems and Woodruff voted “nay”. Bruns was absent.

The county will continue its current participation in the Sandhills R C & D.

Commissioner Wuehler was excused at 10:14 A.M.

Chair Weems requested that Commissioner Bruns and Commissioner Hewgley as the Interlocal Agreements Committee review the interlocal agreement report submitted to the state auditor along with the county budget for any future possible action needed.

Chair Weems requested the County Board be proactive for the 2026/2027 budget cycle and encouraged the other members to look through the county budget in the next 30-60 days to raise any questions they may have. Chair Weems asked the interlocal committee to meet with the Public Defender’s office concerning questions he raised about that departments current budget.

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	1213.76
AMAZON	su	96.66
BRRCKMN & BZTA	se	1687.5
B OSNES	mi	349.45
BRTHRS LZR SRVCS	su	3567.55
BROWNS SHOE	su	124.95
CAPITAL BUSN STMS	cont	201.7
CAPITAL SAN SUP	su	679.98
CENTURY LINK	se	666.49
CHARTER	se	219.82
C SHAW	se	87.5

CLERK OF DIST CRT	fee	2858.4
COLUMN SFTWR	se	21.27
CULLIGAN	se	169.85
DAS CENTRAL FIN	cont	616
DOUGLAS CO SHRFF	fee	9.96
DR DEBS	cont	2500
DVORAK LAW	se	1375
EAKES	cont	701.31
FAIR LAW	se	4531.25
FIRST CONCORD	ins	1590
GALLS AN ARMRK CO	su	218.31
GREAT PLAINS HC EQ	su	14
HI LINE COOP	re	125.9
HOME DEPOT PRO	su	975.34
IDEAL LINEN	su	255.45
LINDEMEIER LAW	se	5862.5
MLCM, NLSN & WNDRM	se	6552.45
MENTZER	fuel	919.56
MIDWEST CNCT	se	45.85
NACO	fee	160
NAEM	fee	750
NE PLNING & ZONING	fee	235
NEBRASKA PPD	fee	420
NE WEED CNTRL ASSC	fee	150
NP ACE	su	570.66
NP TELEGRAPH	se	736.39
NORTHWESTERN	se	3593.47
OFFICE SRVCS	su	4.11
OLSONS	se	54
PELL RPRTNG	se	74.7
PHYSICIANS LAB	se	3175
PRODIGY SOL	se	16442.5
R SCHROEDER	se	750
R ESHLEMAN	reim	200
SANDHILLS RC & D	fee	100
SCHABEN SAN	se	3246.7
S SAWYER	se	108
SEILER INSTRMNT & MAN	equ	10005
SHRFS PTY CSH	su	28.18
TRINITY SRVCS	cont	7248.38
U S BANK	su	7678.18
UNL	reim	780
VAN DIEST SUP CO	su	5801.5

WALMART BSN	su	89.94
ROADS		
A J SHEET METAL	re	989.36
A T & T	se	295.55
AKRS EQUIP	re	873.24
BILL SUMMERS	re	1628.59
BLCK HLLS ENRGY	se	897.91
BRADY GET N GO	fuel	333.06
CNSTRCTN RNTL NP	su	13
CROELL	su	1230.08
DAWSON PP	se	461.94
FESSLER TIRE	re	122.65
FLOYDS	re	2056.51
HI LINE COOP	fuel	336.27
IDEAL LINEN	su	36.29
INLAND TRUCK	re	5066.7
LAWSON	su	238.19
MCCOOK PP	se	187.08
MENARDS	su	48.13
MURPHY TRACTOR	re	844.24
SOUTHWST FRM & AUTO	su	35.48
NMC	re	710.02
PAULS PORTA PTY	su	305
PAULSENS	su	475.2
PRONTO FUEL	fuel	290.27
RNCHLND MINI MRT	fuel	164.15
SCHABEN SAN	se	324.78
TITAN	re	1701.15
U S BANK	su	1573.54
VLLGE OF MXWLL	se	70
SELF FUNDED INS		
FIRST CONCORD	ins	312.32

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the February 17, 2026, 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 February 13, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on February 13, 2026.

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

