

March 23, 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. Weems called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

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 Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on March 16, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Muriel Clark requested that the Sutherland economic development plan be added to a section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Judy Clark, Planning Director, suggested that it go through the planning commission as an amendment.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns 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 authorize the Chair to sign the 2026 election polling place agreements. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chair to sign the City/County Lottery License renewal applications for 2026-2028. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chair to sign the special designated liquor permit submitted by Aden Enterprises LLC for a wedding reception to be held at The Farmhouse on June 20, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chair to sign the right-of-way permit submitted by Viaero Fiber Networks LLC. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 to adopt the 2026 Lincoln County Nebraska Comprehensive Plan and related materials. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 to adopt the 2026 Lincoln County Nebraska Zoning Regulations, Official Zoning Map and related materials with amendments which should also be spread in the Commissioner's Record minutes and be published in book or pamphlet form for the record. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:36 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.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on March 16, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

No public comments were received.

No certificates of correction or refund submitted by the County Assessor.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:40 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Discussion was held on waiving the fee for a land use permit to rebuild structures affected by the recent fires with Planning Director Judy Clark.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to give Planning Director, Judy Clark, the ability to waive the fee for a land use permit to rebuild structures affected by the recent fires. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

The public hearing was opened at 9:45 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Jeffery and Robyn Huffman for a conditional use permit to allow a wedding/reception venue located at 12401 West Island Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District on property described as a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 13 North, Range 29 West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Planning Director, Judy Clark, read the review comments and stated that planning staff had no objections to the application.



Applicant, Jeff Huffman, appeared to answer any questions.

The public hearing was closed at 9:49 A.M.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution CU26-001 an application by Jeffery and Robyn Huffman for a conditional use permit to allow a wedding/reception venue located at 12401 West Island Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District on property described as a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 13 North, Range 29 West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska based on the following factual findings to wit: 1. The application complies with current Lincoln County Zoning Regulations at the time of the application. 2. The application complies with current Lincoln County Subdivision regulations at the time of the application. 3. The application is in conformance with the current Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and Lincoln County Zoning Map at the time of application. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The public hearing was opened at 9:51 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Neil and Casandra Sundstrom for a conditional use permit to allow a small scale campground with RV sites located at 10960 Miller Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District on property described as Lot 13 and the West ½ of Lot Fourteen in Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 28 West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Planning Director, Judy Clark, read the review comments and stated that planning staff had no objections to the application.

Commissioner Wuehler asked about a septic system.

Neil Sundstrom responded there is no septic system. The camper will dump off-site.

The public hearing was closed at 9:56 A.M.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to adopt Resolution CU26-002 an application by Neil and Casandra Sundstrom for a conditional use permit to allow a small scale campground with RV sites located at 10960 Miller Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District on property described as Lot 13 and the West ½ of Lot Fourteen in Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 28 West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska based on the following factual findings to wit: 1. The application complies with current Lincoln County Zoning Regulations at the time of the application. 2. The application complies with current Lincoln County Subdivision regulations at the time of the application. 3. The application is in conformance with the current Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and Lincoln County Zoning Map at the time of application. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Update by Dan Newton from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office concerning purchase of sidearms.



Recess at 10:07 A.M as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization.

Discuss and consider tax exemption applications on real and personal property as submitted by the County Assessor as follows:

2026 Tax Exemption on Real & Personal Property

Lincoln County Tax Exemptions on Real & Personal Property
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NAME	PARCEL#	ACTION
Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.		
1. Bridge of Hope	4170.00	Denied
Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.		
2. First Baptist Church of NP	26647.00	Approved
Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.		
3. Frist Baptist Church of NP	26647.02	Denied
Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns as follows for Numbers 4-11. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.		
4. North Platte Baptist Church	10995.55	Approved
5. North Platte Baptist Church	38270.00	Approved
6. North Platte Baptist Church	38155.00	Approved
7. North Platte Baptist Church	38265.00	Approved
8. Stonebridge Christian Church	5330.00	Approved
9. Stonebridge Christian Church	5340.00	Approved
10. Wallace Community Church of the Christian & Missionary Alliance	98029.50	Approved
11. North Platte Berean Church	2495.00	Approved
Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.		
12. Mid-Nebraska Medical Ventures LLC	23104.02	Denied

Commissioner Woodruff was excused at 10:33 A.M.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

13. North Platte Hospital Corp 37051.00 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

14. North Platte Hospital Corp 24400.00 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

15. North Platte Hospital Corp 23104.00 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

16. North Platte Hospital Corp 11583.42 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

17. North Platte Hospital Corp 11583.40 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

18. North Platte Hospital Corp 17672.40 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

19. North Platte Hospital Corp 17672.50 Denied

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

20. Stonebridge Christian Church 39835.00 Denied

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

21. Arbor-Fin Investment LLC 11583.25 Approval 55%

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

22. Arbor-Fin Investment LLC 89825.00 Approval 64%

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

23. Heritage of North Platte Inc. 23805.25 Approval 35%

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

24. Iowa Lincoln County

Property LLC

46072.00

Approval 63%

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley as follows. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Woodruff absent.

25. Robert Gordon Gilster

28055.46

Denied

Adjourn as the Lincoln County Board of Equalization at 11:01 A.M. and reconvene as the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Discussion was held on the animal control interlocal agreement with the City of North Platte. North Platte Chief of Police, Steve Reeves was present.

Commissioner Hewgley reported that before an animal goes to the vet, he would like to see approval from someone at the county.

Reeves stated that his department is responsible for the operation of the animal shelter. The county pays a fee for three days and then it becomes the city's problem. He does not want this to become an issue for the animal shelter employees.

Sheriff Kramer commented the only issue they have is sick or injured animals. These are unique cases and don't happen very often. The county has just happened to have several recently.

Commissioner Hewgley indicated the issue is the vet bills not the animal shelter costs. He realizes the vet clinic needs to be paid.

Commissioner Weems said he does not see this issue as a budget breaker for the county. He would like to see the county continue the agreement with the City and tighten up the communication.

Commissioner Hewgley agreed the agreement needs to be updated with guidelines as to who decides on animals that come in who are injured or in distress. He is o.k. with the day-to-day items.

Commissioner Bruns would recommend adding an amendment regarding notification to the agreement.

Commissioner Hewgley was excused at 11:16 A.M.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 11:23 A.M. and reconvened at 11:26 A.M.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to approve the purchase of a Bottom Dump Trailer for Lincoln County Department of Roads from NMC for \$63,400 with trade. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley and Woodruff absent.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to approve the purchase of a Day Cab Tractor for Lincoln County Department of Roads from Floyd's Truck Center for \$138,987. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley and Woodruff absent.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to approve the interlocal agreement between Keith County and Lincoln County for Fire Aid. Upon roll call vote Weems, Wuehler, and Bruns voted "aye". Nays, none. Hewgley and 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.

GENERAL		TOTAL
AT&T	cont	3322.61
ALLO	se	338.13
AMAZON	su	364.9
A PAWLOSKE	se	216.45
B GRAVES	reimb	117.87
BROWNS	su	296.95
CAPITAL BUSN STMS	cont	1326.13
CDW GOV	equip	642.66
CENTURY LINK	se	232.61
C BODEN	mi	139.2
CHARM TEX	su	392.5
CHARTER	se	172.59
C SHAW	se	982.09
CITY OF NP	re	1290.25
CLFR,WD,LYNS & WD LAW	se	3843.4
CMNTY CNCTNS	grant	12697.48
CROWN PLZA KRNY	expense	319.9
EAKES	su	290.8
ELECTN STMS & SFTWR	su	369.39
FAIR LAW	se	3081.25
GLBLSTR USA	se	133.45
GRT PLNS RPRTRNG CO	se	776.1
HMTWN LSNG	cont	70.05
ICS JAIL SUPPLIES	su	1289.89
KOHLER TRLR	equip	4045
LINCOLN CO ATRNY	reimb	16
LNCLN CO CSE/PTTY CSH	reimb	60.45
LINDEMEIER LAW	se	4912.5
M TROSHYNSKI	cont	8250
MARVIN PLNG	fee	1067.6
MENARDS	re	686.46
MENTZER	fuel	332.25
M MOORHEAD	mi	58

MUNICIPAL L&W	se	927.08
NEBRASKA HHS	fee	420
NP ANIMAL SHELTER	se	255
NP TELEGRAPH	ads	194.16
NRTHWSTRN	se	3822.91
OFFICE SRVCS	su	36.09
PHYSICIANS LAB	se	3349
POPLAR ST CAR WSH	se	9.75
SARPY CO SHERIFF	fee	18
STAPLES	su	325.12
S ELM SHA EUSER	se	1050
TENDER HEARTS VET	se	153.5
TRINITY SRVCS	cont	6795.05
TROYER ENT	su	55
U S BANK	su	1997.49
UNITECH	su	189
UNI OF NE	rent	850
UNL	fee	720
VERIZON	su	316.19
V FRIESEN	mi	287.11
WASH TIME CRWSH	se	227
WEATHERCRAFT	se	2730
W TROSHYNSKI	cont	4500
ROADS		
BOMGAARS	re	147.53
CAR QUEST	re	504
CHAMPLIN TIRE RCYCLNG	re	3783.4
FLOYD'S	re	74.09
GRT PLNS URGNT CARE	se	30
IDEAL LINEN	su	161.03
KELLY SUPPLY CO	re	60.88
KOHLER TRLR	re	59.95
MIDLANDS OCCPTNL MED	se	20
MURPHY TRCTR	re	2458.77
STHWST FARM	su	48.5
NMC	re	629.07
O'REILLY AUTO	re	28.64
PAULSENS INC	su	8672.4
SAPP BROS	fuel	19119.89
TITAN MACH	re	148.55
WPCI	su	72
P & M FUND		
CAPITAL BUSN	cont	108.23

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the March 23, 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 March 20, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on March 20, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, March 30, 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

