

May 18, 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. Wuehler 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 Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on May 11, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

No public comments were received.

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.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:15 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 Bruns to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on May 11, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff 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.

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

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the special designated liquor permit submitted by Mid Plains Food & Lodging at the Farmhouse Event Venue on June 4,



2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to reappoint board members to the Nebraska International Port of the Plains: Vince Dugan, Kirk Olson & Dwight Porter for a four-year term to end June 2030. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

A public hearing was opened at 9:35 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Jeffrey and Amy Short for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a 2nd home located at 5984 West State Farm Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District on property described as Part of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 13 N, Range 31 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

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

The public hearing was closed at 9:38 A.M.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to approve the application by Jeffrey and Amy Short for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a 2nd home located at 5984 West State Farm Road in a TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District on property described as Part of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 13 N, Range 31 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

A public hearing was opened at 9:51 A.M. to discuss and consider action on application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Open Box F Farm, LLC (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 0.6 miles east of the intersection of North Highway 83 along the north side of East Auble Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as that portion of the S ½ of the SW ¼ of fractional Section 18, Township 16 N, Range 28 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska, lying south and east of Highway 83.

Planning Director, Judy Clark, read the review comments. Planning staff had no objections to the application. Planning Commission added the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end on July 1, 2029.

County Highway Supt. Jason Schultz reported that they have met concerning the road agreement. They have no objections at this point.

Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc. representative appeared on behalf of the applicant.

Commissioner Bruns asked how many of these sites were already started.

Forbes Bros. replied there are three. They have not experienced a county that required these applications. Once they were aware, they immediately began the necessary paperwork and process.



Mike Kelly requested that equipment and activity be regulated at these sites on “red flag days” due to fire hazard.

Forbes Bros. Timberline Construction Inc. presented their fire prevention and preparedness plan and hot work permit.

The public hearing was closed at 10:01 A.M.

Commissioner Woodruff asked what steps would be taken to restore the work sites after construction.

Forbes Bros replied that they can have no permanent disturbance at the sites. The contract is seeding up to 4 years after construction is complete.

Commissioner Hewgley asked about adding fire protection as a condition.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to approve the application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Open Box F Farm, LLC (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 0.6 miles east of the intersection of North Highway 83 along the north side of East Auble Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as that portion of the S ½ of the SW ¼ of fractional Section 18, Township 16 N, Range 28 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska, lying south and east of Highway 83 with the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end July 1, 2029. 3) They need to take reasonable precautions to prevent fires during red flag warning events and they will follow industry standards and NPPD or their contractors are responsible for any damages due to fires caused by their activities.

Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc. will follow their fire prevention and preparedness plan and use their hot work permit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted “aye”. Bruns voted “nay”. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 10:15 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Rex and Kristie Walz (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 4.75 miles north of the intersection of East Walkers View Road along the west side of North Sandhill Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 35, Township 16 N, Range 30 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Planning Director, Judy Clark, read the review comments. Planning staff had no objections to the application. Planning Commission added the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end on July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site.

The public hearing was closed at 10:18 A.M.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Rex and Kristie Walz (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 4.75 miles north of the intersection of East Walkers View Road along the

west side of North Sandhill Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 35, Township 16 N, Range 30 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska with the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site. 4) They need to take reasonable precautions to prevent fires during red flag warning events and they will follow industry standards and NPPD or their contractor are responsible for any damages due to fires caused by their activities. Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc. will follow their fire prevention and preparedness plan and use their hot work permit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted "aye". Bruns voted "nay". Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 10:27 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and CV Land Holdings, LLC (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 6 miles north of the intersection of North Viersen Road on the west side of North Highway 97 in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 33, Township 16 N, Range 31 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Assistant Planning Director, Kevin Kreger, read the review comments. Planning staff had no objections to the application. Planning Commission added the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end on July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site.

Jason Schultz commented there is no county roads involved with this application.

The public hearing was closed at 10:31 A.M.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve the application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and CV Land Holdings, LLC (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 6 miles north of the intersection of North Viersen Road on the west side of North Highway 97 in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 33, Township 16 N, Range 31 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska with the following conditions: 1) Conditional Use Permit will end July 1, 2029. 2) Adequate perimeter fence around the site. 3) They need to take reasonable precautions to prevent fires during red flag warning events and they will follow industry standards and NPPD or their contractors are responsible for any damages due to fires caused by their activities. Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc. will follow their fire prevention and preparedness plan and use their hot work permit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted "aye". Bruns voted "nay". Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 10:36 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Board of Educational Lands and Funds (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 2 miles south of the intersection of west Birdwood Road on the east side of North Birdwood Road in an A-1

Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 36, Township 16 N, Range 33 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Assistant Planning Director, Kevin Kreger, read the review comments. Planning staff had no objections to the application. Planning Commission added the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end on July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site.

The public hearing was closed at 10:38 A.M.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler to approve the application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Board of Educational Lands and Funds (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 2 miles south of the intersection of west Birdwood Road on the east side of North Birdwood Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 36, Township 16 N, Range 33 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska with the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site. 4) They need to take reasonable precautions to prevent fires during red flag warning events and they will follow industry standards and NPPD or their contractor are responsible for any damages due to fires caused by their activities. Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc. will follow their fire prevention and preparedness plan and use their hot work permit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted "aye". Bruns voted "nay". Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 10:42 A.M. to discuss and consider action on an application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Gary Trego (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 1 mile north of the intersection of West North River Road on the east side of North Prairie Trace Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 33, Township 15 N, Range 33 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Assistant Planning Director, Kevin Kreger, read the review comments. Planning staff had no objections to the application. Planning Commission added the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end on July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site.

The public hearing was closed at 10:44 A.M.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve the application by Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc, (lessee) and Gary Trego (lessor) for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary construction site and helicopter yard located approximately 1 mile north of the intersection of West North River Road on the east side of North Prairie Trace Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as all of Section 33, Township 15 N, Range 33 W of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Nebraska with the following conditions: 1) A county road agreement is approved. 2) Conditional Use Permit will end July 1, 2029. 3) Adequate perimeter fence around the site. 4) They need to take

reasonable precautions to prevent fires during red flag warning events and they will follow industry standards and NPPD or their contractor are responsible for any damages due to fires caused by their activities. Forbes Bros Timberline Construction Inc. will follow their fire prevention and preparedness plan and use their hot work permit. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted “aye”. Bruns voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Presentation by West Central District Health Department on a Cardiovascular program and a possible HUB location. Executive Director, Meghan Trevino appeared. They have established a Cardiovascular Learning Collaborative and are looking at putting blood pressure monitoring hubs in public locations throughout the district and are requesting a possible location at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to approve the purchase of an IDEMIA Livescan fingerprint scanner purchase for \$28,291 with optional 5-year maintenance agreement. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Hewgley to approve purchase of Reassurance Solutions hard mount and wristband vital sign monitors for the Lincoln County Detention Center for \$28,620.00. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Discussed the letter to be sent to Governor Pilleen by NACO requesting consideration for allocating any available BEAD program non-deployment funds toward local needs assessments and upgrading location communication equipment, subscriptions, software and infrastructure for broadband connectivity and interoperability across the state.

No action was taken authorizing the Chair to sign the 2026/207 Blue Cross/Blue Shield health and dental renewal subgroup applications.

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   |
|-----------------|----|---------|
| ACME PRNTNG CO  | se | 70      |
| ADVNT FNCL STMS | se | 1200    |
| AGRI CPU SLS    | se | 1698.99 |
| ALL SAFE        | eq | 2527.74 |
| ALLO COM        | se | 441.55  |
| ALS LCK & SF    | su | 114.75  |
| AMZN CAP SRVCS  | se | 1368.51 |



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| ARNOLD RURAL FD          | se    | 2051.89  |
| B DUTTON                 | se    | 440      |
| BRADY RURAL FIRE         | se    | 8029.17  |
| BRITE CPU                | cont  | 12000    |
| CAPTL BUSN STMS          | rt    | 85.45    |
| CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS | agree | 30.16    |
| CNTRY LNK                | se    | 665.89   |
| CHARM TEX                | su    | 1463.7   |
| CHARTER                  | se    | 172.59   |
| SPECTRUM                 | su    | 199.01   |
| C SHAW                   | se    | 4753.89  |
| CITY OF NP               | se    | 158253.4 |
| CRNHSKR ST IND           | eq    | 469      |
| CURTIS RURAL FD          | se    | 1303.16  |
| DAWSON CO SD             | se    | 18       |
| DVORAK LAW GRP           | se    | 852.5    |
| EAKES                    | se    | 2791.45  |
| ELECTION S&S             | su    | 2043.67  |
| ELITE COURT RPRTNG       | se    | 132.8    |
| FIRST CONCORD            | ins   | 342.69   |
| GLOBALSTAR USA           | se    | 133.19   |
| GTHNBRG RURAL FD         | se    | 2749.95  |
| GREAT PLNS HLTH          | se    | 192.2    |
| GREAT PLNS HMCR EQ       | se    | 125      |
| GUARDIAN RFID            | se    | 17575    |
| HRSHY RURAL FD           | se    | 11273.37 |
| HMTWN LSNG               | se    | 65.05    |
| KELLY SPLY CO            | su    | 48.75    |
| LINDEMEIER LAW           | se    | 5181.04  |
| MXWLL RURAL FD           | se    | 7091.84  |
| MAXWELLS                 | se    | 273.14   |
| MYWD WLLFLT RURAL FD     | se    | 5779.32  |
| MENARDS                  | su    | 309.09   |
| MEYER CRTVE              | su    | 69.75    |
| MICROFILM IMNG STMS      | rt    | 140      |
| MIDWEST CNCT             | se    | 371.71   |
| MUNICIPAL L&W            | se    | 348.64   |
| NE WEED CNTRL            | reg   | 150      |
| NP ANML SHLTR            | se    | 220      |
| NP PD                    | se    | 27368    |
| NP RURAL FD              | se    | 28742.65 |
| NP TLGRPH                | se    | 2586.11  |
| NRTHLND CHMCL CORP       | su    | 255.75   |

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| NORTHWESTERN PS           | se | 1231.38  |
| O'REILLY                  | su | 19.96    |
| PEDERSON LAW              | se | 512.5    |
| PERKINS CO HLTH SRVCS     | se | 24       |
| PHYSICIANS LAB            | se | 6950     |
| PRODIGY SLTNS             | su | 17624.2  |
| R HARLING                 | mi | 145      |
| SECRETARY OF ST           | su | 80       |
| SFTWRE UNLMTD             | eq | 4599.94  |
| STAPLES BUSN CRED         | su | 93.94    |
| STPLTN RURAL FD           | se | 2380.44  |
| S KING                    | mi | 145      |
| STERICYCLE INC            | su | 2165.48  |
| S ELM SHAUSER             | se | 1437.5   |
| STHRLND RURAL FD          | se | 13312.41 |
| TNDR HRTS VET             | su | 217.67   |
| WALDINGER CORP            | se | 10406.55 |
| TRAFFIC SFTY WRHSE        | se | 2589.75  |
| TRINITY SRVCS GRP         | se | 6657.07  |
| U S BANK                  | se | 14861.57 |
| U SAVE PHARM              | se | 30       |
| VERIZON                   | se | 250.72   |
| V HERVEY                  | mi | 170.09   |
| VILLAGE OF BRDY           | se | 592.42   |
| VILLAGE OF FRNM EMS       | se | 2230.16  |
| VILLAGE OF MXWLL          | se | 448.88   |
| WLLCE RURAL FD            | se | 11822.98 |
| WALMART BSN               | su | 52.01    |
| WSH TME CRWSH             | su | 248      |
| WTRS HRDWRE NP            | su | 5.49     |
| 3E-NORTH PLATTE           | su | 139.64   |
| <b>ROADS</b>              |    |          |
| AT&T                      | se | 101.73   |
| AKRS EQUIP                | se | 1522.5   |
| BEAR FRME & ALGNMNT SRVCS | se | 697.14   |
| BLACK HILLS EN            | su | 156.16   |
| BRADY GET N GO            | su | 575.48   |
| CAR QUEST                 | se | 524.65   |
| CITY OF NP                | se | 34.13    |
| CNTRY PRTRNS COOP         | su | 50       |
| CROELL INC                | su | 10746.37 |
| DAWSON PPD                | se | 326.59   |
| FLOYDS                    | se | 116.39   |

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| GP HEALTH URGNT CRE    | su  | 104      |
| HI LINE COOP           | su  | 355.7    |
| IDEAL LINEN            | su  | 166.64   |
| KELLY SPLY CO          | se  | 60.26    |
| KEYSTONE LKQ CO        | se  | 675.75   |
| LAWSON                 | su  | 456.24   |
| MCCOOK PP              | se  | 101.27   |
| MENTZER OIL            | su  | 875.8    |
| MDWST ELEC MEMB CORP   | su  | 204.28   |
| MURPHY TRCTR           | se  | 346.39   |
| NMC                    | su  | 2083.42  |
| RNCHLND MINI MRT       | su  | 550.35   |
| RS HYDRAULIC SOL       | se  | 12054.26 |
| SAPP BROS              | su  | 30733.89 |
| STHRLND F&A            | su  | 74.5     |
| TK'S WELDING           | su  | 802.96   |
| TROYER                 | su  | 327.07   |
| U S BANK               | se  | 946.11   |
| WPCI                   | su  | 36       |
| <b>P&amp;M FUND</b>    |     |          |
| CAPITAL BUSN           | se  | 65.69    |
| GVRNMNT FRMS & SPLS    | se  | 3200     |
| <b>SELF FUNDED INS</b> |     |          |
| FIRST CONCORD          | ins | 1392.3   |

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 P.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the May 18, 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 May 15, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on May 15, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2024, 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



