

June 1, 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. Bruns 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 Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on May 26, 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 receive and order filed the treasurer's receipts. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler 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 Woodruff to authorize the Chair to sign the right-of-way permit submitted by Dawson Public Power District. 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 along with County Treasurer, Sheri Newton.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on May 26, 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.



Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by New Life Assembly as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application submitted by American National Red Cross as recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:19 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Annual updates by Luke Bonkiewicz of Nebraska Association of County Officials.

Discussion was held on the possibility of updating rules pertaining to petition circulators from a resolution adopted in 1996. The current perimeter is the outside public sidewalks. Deputy County Attorney, Tyler Volkmer, will work with law enforcement and the building and grounds committee and come back with a recommendation for the County Board.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to go into closed session at 10:03 A.M., which is clearly necessary to protect the public interest, to discuss emerging economic development opportunities in Lincoln County. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chair restated the motion for the closed session.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to go into open session at 11:15 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The County Board recessed at 11:16 A.M. and reconvened at 11:23 A.M.

Discussion was held on Resolution No. 2026-21 to place a temporary moratorium on the development of data center facilities

Commissioner Hewgley stated he was concerned about the word moratorium and would like to see a specific time frame instead.



Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution No. 2026-21 as amended with the following change: to replace the wording of temporary moratorium to a 90-day hold on receiving any applications for data centers.

Wuehler commented she does not think moratorium is a bad word. It is a pause to gather more information and education.

Commissioner Woodruff asked Lincoln County Planning Director, Judy Clark, if she had any comment on the wording change suggested by Commissioner Hewgley.

Clark responded that there were three legislative bills that passed that are not part of the updated regulations. Her thought is that it would be possible to use what we have and be o.k. by putting faith in the Planning Commission and County Board.

Commissioner Weems suggested that the County Board could possibly do the heavy lifting in the short term and feels it would be a good thing to learn from other jurisdictions and come up with a better final product.

Commissioner Bruns said he has two key issues. Water usage and the drain on electricity. If we can address those two main concerns with what we already have in our toolbox, then what would be the benefit of a 90-day hold.

Clark replied she felt this would be possible if we are very diligent in the application process. Education would be key, both pros and cons.

Commissioner Bruns questioned if the “shock clock” would pertain to all conditional use permits.

Clark responded yes. The “shock clock” gives her 10 days to determine if an application is complete. Then it is moved forward to the Planning Commission. They have 90 days to make a recommendation to the County Board. There has to be a final determination in 180 days.

Upon roll call vote Woodruff, Wuehler and Weems voted “nay”. Bruns and Hewgley voted “aye”. Motion failed.

Chairman Weems asked for comment from those that voted “nay” on the resolution.

Commissioner Woodruff feels that we can achieve what we need with conditions and do not need a hold.

Commissioner Wuehler wants the pause and is in favor of keeping the wording of temporary moratorium.

Commissioner Hewgley commented that the word moratorium in his opinion does make a difference when working with developers.

Commissioner Weems wanted to request clarification from those that voted “nay” since it was a split vote.

No additional vote was taken and the item was tabled.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns, to direct the Lincoln County Planning Commission to investigate, review and provide recommendations on revisions to all data center related zoning regulations. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

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
ALL STR AUTO GLSS	se	44.95
AMZN CPTL SRVCS	su	183.95
BRRCKMN & BZTA	se	1650
BOB BRKR CO	ex	167.85
BRLTT TRSHYNSKI KNGSTN JCKSN	se	8903.25
CPTL BSNS STMS	rt	182.56
CPTL BSNS STMS	se	130.67
CPTL SNTRY SUP	su	1007.5
CRPNTR MMRL CHPL	se	1800
CHARTER	su	32.29
CNTRL MSTRS	eq	21364
DELL MRKTNG	su	1188
EAKES	su	4044.17
ELITE COURT RPRTNG	se	10.55
ELLETTS AUTO	se	266.9
FESSLER TIRE	se	121.28
GREAT PLAINS COM	se	340.4
GT DSTRBTRS	eq	23006.7
HLDT,MCKN, & CPLY	se	200
HOMETOWN LEASING	se	234.98
IDEMIA	ex	46328
LARRYS R V	se	766.74
LEVANDER'S	se	127.5
LINDEMEIER LAW	cont	11912.5
MENARDS	se	183.85
MIDWEST CON	se	34.12

MUNICIPAL L&W	se	6259.95
NTNL EMGCY MGMT ASSC	fee	257
OFFICE SERVICES	su	2390.9
OLSON'S	se	54
PYE-BRKR FIRE SFTY	se	912.2
RSSRNCE SLTNS	ex	28620
SEEVERS AUTO	se	47.85
S NEWTON	reb su	2242.12
SHRFFS PTTY CASH	se	48.15
STPLS ADVNTGE	su	67.11
TRINITY SRVCS GRP	cont	6926.02
UNL	eq	415
UNI OF NE	rt	850
VERIZON	se	240.06
WALMART BSN	se	115.6
ROADS		
ACE IRRGTN	su	9110.4
BOMGAARS	su	104.74
CAR QUEST OF NP	re	166.4
CONSOLIDATED	se	644.25
CROELL	su	20866.92
DAWSON PP	se	93.69
FLOYD'S	re	126.35
GATOR ROAD RPR	re	377.1
IDEAL LINEN	su	166.64
LNCLN CO WEED CNTRL	su	404.8
MENARDS	su	91.3
MENTZER OIL	fuel	114
MUNICIPAL L&W	se	425.33
MURPHY	re	7422.15
NEAL OIL	fuel	31305.25
NMC	su	111.58
PAULSENS	su	1998.52
PYE-BRKR FIRE SFTY	su	2934.95
RS HYDRLC SLTNS	re	100.45
SIMON CNTRCTRS	su	4428.13
VLLGE OF BRDY	se	108.62
LODGING FUND		
VISIT NP	se	24,177.13
LODGING IMPROVEMENT		
VISIT NP	se	24,177.13
P&M FUND		
GVRNMNT FRMS & SPPLS	se	93.15

INHERITANCE

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the June 1, 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 29, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on May 29, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, June 8, 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

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