

June 8, 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. Woodruff 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 June 1, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to approve minutes of Lincoln County Board of Commissioners emergency meeting on June 2, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Bruns abstained.

Public comments were received concerning data center facilities from Becky Cudzilo, William Wood, Nancy Nelson, David Huebner, Martin Mora, Shaylee Scranton and Paige Zogg.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to place on file the treasurer's receipts as presented. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the special designated liquor permit submitted by Old Depot Vineyard & Winery for an event at The Farmhouse on July 11, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Bruns to receive and order filed the fee report submitted by the Clerk of District Court for \$15,821.72. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:29 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Equalization convened.

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County Assessor Julie Stenger appeared.



Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on June 1, 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 9:30 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to authorize the Chair to sign the Nebraska Department of Transportation Selective Overtime Enforcement Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award for \$20,000 for use by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office over Nebraskaland Days. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to instruct the Building & Grounds Director to seek bids for installing safety lighting on the SW corner of the courthouse to light up the sidewalk. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to reappoint four members to the Safety Committee: Nicole Fisher – 3 Year term, Booker Boyer – 3 Year term, Penny Ball – 2 Year term & Tammy White – 2 Year term. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

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

County Board members attended a Land Use training session in Kearney last week.

Commissioner Weems commented he felt he had more questions than answers following the training. He feels there should be more definitions to establish boundaries.

Commissioner Hewgley stated that information is a good thing, but despite information some residents will never change their minds.

Commissioner Bruns said the County Board cannot ban things, but they can control policies.

Commissioner Woodruff stated that we already have tools at our disposal and a great planning commission in place to put conditions as needed. The county board has also done well with conditions as needed. He does not feel the resolution is necessary since we have power with additional conditions.

Commissioner Wuehler commented that she also came away with more questions than answers from the land use training session. She bases her votes on knowledge and reality. What is in place may protect us, but she is unsure we have protections in place for the hyper-scale centers. She would like to see a pause.

Commissioner Hewgley reported that he has past experience of the DEVCO board. He is pro-business. Regulations need to be well thought out and come with conditions to protect us all. We need to keep an open mind.

Commissioner Wuehler clarified that the item today is to decide if the county is comfortable with our current regulations or do we need to take a pause. There is no current applications for data center facilities.

Judy Clark stated that we have currently have zoning regulations, a comprehensive plan and soil overlay districts in place. Her feeling is that we could control an application with current regulations. However, she also feels we need to add some additional regulations.

Commissioner Wuehler asked how long it would take to update the current regulations.

Clark replied she is looking at August.

Commissioner Weems interjected that he feels our regulations are vague. The Planning Committee is going to collect data and make recommendations for additional regulations.

Commissioner Wuehler feels this issue should have the same due diligence as the board did for wind and solar regulations.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2026 - 21 as presented to place a temporary moratorium or hold on the development of data center facilities.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Woodruff to amend the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-26 to place a temporary moratorium on the development of data center facilities.

Commissioner Weems expressed concerns with transparency for any developer. He would like to see the actual economic value to the county.

County Planning Director, Judy Clark, reported that LB 1261 requires the developer to provide a community betterment agreement to the state.

Commissioner Hewgley questioned if we could add a local community betterment agreement to our regulations.

Commissioner Bruns asked, as of today can we regulate and set conditions for any data center application or other project that may come in with current regulations?

Clark replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Wuehler stated she had learned a lot about data centers but feels we need to work to learn more. There are big differences between small and mega data centers. The shot clock also adds pressure to the time allowed on applications.

Clark briefly explained more about the shot clock requirement.

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

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Wuehler to go in to closed session at 10:41 A.M. to discuss strategy with respect to imminent litigation. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Chair Weems restated the motion for the closed session.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to go into open session at 11:04 A.M. 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 SAFE INDST	se	2999
ALLO	se	1174.1
ALS L&S	su	15.61
AMAZON CPTL SRVS	su	312.15
BRRCKMN & BZTA	se	2020.5
BRCHRD AUTO	se	1122
BROS LZR SRVS	su	960.87
BRLLTTE TRSHYNSKI KNGSTN JCKSN	se	13458.03
BRWNS SHOE	eq	136
CPTL BUSN STMS	cont	1036.91
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	agr	71.07
CPTL CTY CNCPTS	se	2400
CPTL SNTRY SUP	su	956.81
CRPNTR MEM CHAP	se	1800
CHARM TEX	se	329.7

CHARTER	se	159.95
SPECTRUM	se	406.97
CITY OF NP	su	131.27
CLEARFLY	se	3956.42
CLFR,WD,LYNS & WD	se	9618.43
CMPLTE WRLSS TECH	eq	4529.29
CULLIGAN	su	49.76
DELL MRKTNG	eq	125
DR DEB'S	se	2940
EAKES	eq	4595
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	su	8221.54
ELECTION S&S	se	1060
FAIRFIELD INN	lodg	220
FIRST BNK CRD	se	1319.16
FUTURITY	eq	1000
G-WORKS	se	3375
GLBLSTR USA	se	133.19
HLDT,MCKNE, & CPLY	se	1015.3
HOIST	se	720.72
HOMETOWN LSNG	se	194.58
JACK'S UNFRMS	ex	176.5
JSTCE WRKS	su	200
KNOBELS REFRIG	se	1735.79
LINCOLN CO CRT	se	3120
LINDEMEIER LAW	se	387.5
L SNYDER	mi	170.38
MLCM, NLSN & WNDRM	se	9580.6
M TROSHYNSKI	cont	8250
MAXWELLS	se	535.98
MENARDS	se	325.94
MENTZER	su	463.51
MCRFLM IMGNG STMS	eq	470
MIPS	se	2899.44
MRRS RPRTNG	se	2688.5
MNCPL L&W	se	8665.31
NACO	se	450
NACO	su	4704.69
NE LAW ENFRCMNT TRNG	se	640
NE PUB HLTH ENVRNMNTL	se	105
O'REILLY	se	343.77
OFFICE SRVCS	eq	645.13
P MARTINEZ	reimb	14.96
RGN II HMN SRVCS	se	24655.58

RESCUE ESSNTLS	su	2061.43
R GORDAN	reb	23.4
SCHABEN	su	94.54
SHRFF CO FEES	se	1646.35
SHRAKE BDY SHOP	se	1449
STAPLES BSN CRDT	su	278.7
STERICYCLE	su	95.54
STREICHER'S	su	1407
T FOX	se	280.7
TRNSN RSK & ALT	se	125
TRINITY SRVCS GRP	se	6789.2
UNL	su	26.85
UNMC	se	9850
T MOBILE	se	157.95
VERIZON	se	250.82
VSP INS	ex	86.72
WALMART BSN	su	183.21
WESTFIELD PHRM	se	6579.36
WILKINSON DVLPMNT	su	5947.41
W TRSHYNSKI	cont	4500
WEX BANK	su	4716.85
ROADS		
ACE IRRIG	se	8899.74
ALLO	se	121.39
ALS L&S	su	216
CAR QUEST	se	1280.73
CROELL	se	9921.83
FLOYD'S	se	15699.57
HRSHY COOP TELE	se	79.76
IDEAL LINEN	su	37.56
KUBOTA	se	618.1
LARRYS GLASS	se	26.76
LEVEL	su	6324.12
LNCLN CO WEED CNTRL	su	208.85
MENARDS	se	76.93
MILLER TIRE	su	10593.84
NEAL OIL	su	17945.65
NEWMAN SIGNS	se	4944.05
NMC	se	24893.18
NRTHWSTRN	se	99.75
RDO TRUCK CNTR	se	170.45
SCHABEN	se	304.78
SIMON CONTR	su	2725.17

TROYER ENT	su	130.02
VILLAGE OF HERSHEY	se	144.87
WATERS HRDWRE NP	se	20.28
P&M FUND		
EAKES	se	233.79
SELF FUNDED INS		
FIRST CONCORD	ins	9030.93
BUILDING FUND		
BTS INC	se	7265
WTHRCRFT	eq	6770

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the June 8, 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 June 5, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on June 5, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, June 15, 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