

July 27, 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 Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on July 20, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Wuehler 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 Woodruff, seconded by Hewgley to designate the Nebraska State Print Shop to print and mail the Joint Public Hearing Postcards in September 2026. 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 cyber security insurance renewal application. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Bruns to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of engagement with McChesney Martin Sagehorn PC for 2026/2027 budget services. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Hewgley to authorize the Chair to sign the right-of-way application submitted by Dawson Public Power District. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none.

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

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



The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:17 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.

Deputy County Assessor Pat Collins appeared.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to approve the minutes regarding the Lincoln County Board of Equalization meeting held on July 20, 2026. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

No public comments were received.

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

Motion by Wuehler, seconded by Hewgley to accept the letter of explanation for late filing of the homestead exemption application from Patricia Bentley. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

The Lincoln County Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:22 A.M. and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Lincoln County Assessor’s Office presented the Three Year Plan of Assessment Update for 2026.

Lincoln County Employee Recognition: Lois Block – 40 Years and Brad Ward – 10 Years.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Wuehler to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the elective overtime grant application for the NE Department of Transportation Office of Highway Safety for the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Wuehler, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none.

Motion by Hewgley, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution No. 2026-22 for the application by James Bunyan for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a 2nd Dwelling located at 5330 North Twin Lakes Road in an R-1 Dwelling District on property described as Lot 1, Horizon Estates Replat, Lincoln County, Nebraska based on the following factual findings to wit: 1) the application complies with current Lincoln County Zoning Regulations 2) the application complies with current Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations 3) the application is in conformance with the current Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and Lincoln County Zoning Map. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted “aye”. Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

Motion by Woodruff, seconded by Bruns to adopt Resolution No. 2026-23 for the application by Alex Brown & Sons, LLC, lessor, and DLX Titan II LP, lessee, for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a helium plant consisting of a 40' x 50' steel building to house helium extraction equipment located on North Birdwood Road in an A-1 Agricultural District on property described as part the E ½ E ½ W ½ of Section 14, Township 16 N, Range 33 W 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 2) the application complies with current Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations 3) the application is in conformance with the current Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and Lincoln County Zoning Map. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

Motion by Bruns, seconded by Woodruff to adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 to approve the amendment to the Lincoln County Zoning Regulations Section 4.07 Land Use Categories/Matrix amending data center from a permitted use to a conditional use in the I-1 Industrial District. Upon roll call vote Hewgley, Weems, Bruns and Woodruff voted "aye". Nays, none. Wuehler abstained.

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	su	47.02
ADMS SWNSN	se	1533.61
ALLO	se	236.91
AMAZON BUSN	su	63.05
AMAZON CPTL SRVCS	se	161.56
AMRCN RD CRSS 1	se	252
BRRCKMN & BZTA	se	150
BRLTTE TRSHYNSKI KNGSTN JCKSN	se	12027.13
CPTL BSN STMS	se	3411.23
DAS STE ACNTNG	se	196
CENTURY LINK	se	232.61
CHARM TEX	su	99.9
CMNTY CONS	grant	3361.5
CULLIGAN	su	40.01
D O'BRIEN	se	2357.2
D HANNA	reimb	96.2
EAKES	su	930.31
FIRST CNCRD	ins	285
GRT PLNS COM	su	284.24
HLTH & HMN SRVCS	se	90

HGHSTRT INS	su	40
HME DPT CRDT	eq	59.97
HMTWN LSNG	se	71.51
LNDMR LAW	se	1200
MALY MRKTNG	se	990
M BELLAMY	se	75.3
MENARDS	su	94.32
MENTZER	su	1961.29
MES SRVCS CO	eq	15440
MID PLNS CC	se	20
MDWST CNNCT	se	211.71
NE DEPT OF LBR	se	840
NBRSKLND BNK	su	245.44
NBRSKA HLTH & HMN SRVCS	se	465
OFFICE SRVCS	su	11.13
PHYSCNS LAB	se	3175
R SCHROEDER	se	750
RGSTR OF DEEDS	su	28
T FOX	se	157.5
TRNTY SRVCS GRP	contr	6860.7
VLLY APPRSL ASSC	se	2765
WLMRT CMNTY	su	230.25
WHTL SCRNR PRNT	ex	62.5
ROADS		
AKRS EQPMNT	se	293.21
BOMGAARS	su	149.94
CPTL BSN STMS	eq	126.66
CAR QST OF NP	su	528.81
CROELL	su	5092.87
DAWSON PP	se	63.35
FLOYD'S	se	897.06
IDEAL LINEN	su	166.64
INLND TRCK PRTS	se	5279.34
KELLY SPLY CO	se	54.18
KNAPP ELCTRC	su	52.7
KUBOTA	se	538.08
MENTZER	su	322.6
MILLER RPR	se	1723.4
MRPHY TRCTR	se	715.81
NMC	se	1232.91
NP ACE	su	78.46
ROAD GROOM MNFCTRNG	se	5253.13
RS HYDRCLC SLTNS	se	8.28

STHRLND FRM & AUTO SUP	su	59.94
LODGING		
VISIT NP	se	46019.06
IMPROVEMENT FUND		
VISIT NP	se	46019.06
SELF FUNDED INS		
FIRST CNCRD	ins	4716.13
CO DRUG LAW ENFRMNT		
CMNTY CONS	se	5000

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Advance notice and the agenda for the July 27, 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 July 24, 2026; and was also emailed to the media on July 24, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday, August 3, 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

