

Lincoln County Board of Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 14, 2025, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam present. Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot, was also present.

Chair, Tiffani Landeen, called the meeting to order.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Doug Putnam to add Emergency Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Quarterly Report signature page item to consent agenda.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve Agenda. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Payroll: \$481,529.87

Commissioner's \$8,829.18; FICA 523.72, Medicare 122.48, SDRS 161.78
Auditor's \$16,583.71; FICA 937.29, Medicare 219.20, SDRS 987.82
Treasurer's \$20,561.98; FICA 1,152.26, Medicare 269.48, SDRS 1,225.01
States Attorney's \$79,794.11; FICA 4,607.82, Medicare 1,077.64, SDRS 4,734.03
Gen Gov Bldg \$19,604.25; FICA 1,089.53, Medicare 254.81, SDRS 1,164.56
DOE \$37,994.70; FICA 2,175.54, Medicare 508.80, SDRS 2,213.20
ROD \$10,495.82; FICA 580.90, Medicare 135.86, SDRS 624.05
VSO \$2,311.06; FICA 134.91, Medicare 31.55, SDRS 138.66
GIS \$5,982.36; FICA 342.76, Medicare 80.16, SDRS 357.44
IT \$11,821.75; FICA 703.01, Medicare 164.41, SDRS 705.11
HR \$6,011.16; FICA 345.88, Medicare 80.89, SDRS 359.47
Sheriff's \$111,266.25; FICA 6,481.04, Medicare 1,515.73, SDRS 8,334.22
Jail \$24,822.14; FICA 1,503.70, Medicare 351.67, SDRS 1,751.95
County 4-H \$4,653.90; FICA 274.28, Medicare 64.15, SDRS 276.54
Weeds \$4,682.58; FICA 301.48, Medicare 70.51, SDRS 279.76
P & Z \$13,630.80; FICA 831.58, Medicare 194.48, SDRS 781.85
Highway \$48,971.58; FICA 2,823.34, Medicare 660.30, SDRS 2,925.72
Communications \$32,537.52; FICA 1,863.59, Medicare 435.84, SDRS 1,923.88
EM MGMT \$4,150.17; FICA 235.96, Medicare 55.18, SDRS 246.01
Airport \$2,983.25; FICA 184.96, Medicare 43.26, SDRS 179.00
24/7 \$2,809.27; FICA 174.17, Medicare 40.73, SDRS 224.74

Reports:

Lincoln County Planning and Zoning - Hearing Notice
Dr. Cyrus L & Edna J Wendt House, 604 N Broadway Ave., Canton, Lincoln County,
addition to the National Register of Historic Places

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve Consent Agenda items. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve County Commission Minutes: 10.07.2025. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve Lincoln County Claims in the amount of: 3,754,822.99; General Fund: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$335.53; The Dakota Scout LLC, Publications, \$644.96; SDACC, 09.2025 Publications, \$43,072.06; Lennox Independent LLC, Publications, \$2,465.23; Sioux Valley News Inc, Publications, \$695.46; Peterson Stuart & Klentz, Prof LLC, 09.2025 - PDC Contract, \$75,694.09; Myers Billion, Llp, 10.2025-Ipdc, \$18,025.00; Meierhenry Sargent Llp, Crt Appt Atty, \$4,481.25; Samp Law Office, Crt Appt Atty, \$1,524.00; De Castro Law Office, PLLC, Crt Appt Atty, \$672.00; Salberg, Aaron, Crt Appt Atty, \$5,020.66; Griese Law Firm, Pc, Crt Appt Atty, \$5,138.20; O'leary Law Office, Crt Appt Atty, \$875.00; Duncan Law Firm, Crt Appt Atty, \$8,373.26; Beck Law, Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty-Juv, \$1,778.50; Noedel Scientific, LLC, Crime Scene Reconstructionist, \$7,466.19; All Nations Interpreters Inc, Interpreter Services, \$3,394.70; Compass Consulting Engineers Pc, Consulting, \$2,025.00; Dakota Forensic Consulting, Consulting, \$1,300.00; Thomas L. Price Inc, Competency Eval, \$4,800.00; Sanford Health Pathology Clinic, Forensic Consultation, \$4,533.82; Dakota Law Firm Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty-Juv, \$2,978.00; Roxane Osborn, Court Reporter, Transcript, \$497.15; Jena Skorczewski, Court Reporter, Transcript, \$79.30; Stephanie Moen & Associates, GJ Transcript, \$59.00; Juror/Witness Fees, Fee \$50.00 Mileage \$32.16, \$5,789.30; Century Business Products, Copier Maint, \$1,134.60; Healthpartners, Cobra October Premium, \$1,736.66; Delta Dental Of South Dakota, Cobra October Premium, \$352.66; Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company Corp, Cobra October Premium, \$53.10; Terri Lembcke Schildhauer, Rpr, GJ Transcript, \$85.00; Pat Beck, Court Reporter, GJ Transcripts, \$280.65; Paragon Health & Wellness, Blood Draws, \$2,835.00; Cannabis Chemlab, LLC, Lab Testing, \$390.00; Thomson Reuters-West Publ Corp, Online Software Subscription, \$815.34; Sd Dept Of Health, Lab Testing, \$6,985.00; A To Z World Languages Inc, Interpreter Services, \$200.00; Yellow Robe Consulting Inc, Professional Services, \$3,600.00; Interstate Office Products, Supplies, \$83.58; Riverside Technologies Inc, Toner - Print243, \$783.00; Laguna, Autumn, Mileage, \$56.41; Blue360 Media, Publications, \$643.11; Midwestern Mechanical Inc, Quarterly Fire System Inspection/Check, \$300.00; A & B Pure Water Online Corp, Monthly Drinking Water Machine Contract, \$207.80; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Replacement Batteries For Large Auto Scrubber - Ch, \$2,089.57; Menards-Sioux Falls West, Building Materials For Ec Office Separation, \$1,269.38; Grainger, Hvac Part For Compressor 4., \$1,870.65; G & R Controls Inc, Thermostat Controls Upgrade To Offices 206 & 210, \$4,290.00; Johnstone Supply, Hvac Condensing Fan Motor, \$780.59; Decker Equipment & Rentals LLC, Lift And Trailer Rental For Light Fixtures, \$450.00; Diverse Lawn & Landscaping LLC, Mowing - Round-A-Bout, \$60.00; Jw Niederauer Inc, Hardware, \$83.94; Dust-Tex Services, Inc, Rug Cleaning And Exchange - 2 Months - Ec, \$362.00; Fred The Fixer, Changed Core And Created Keys, \$16.00; Cintas (First Aid), First Aid Supplies, \$188.11; Canton Home & Farm Supply, Button Batteries For Garage Door Openers, \$12.99; Bomgaars, Led Bulbs -, \$13.99; Novak Sanitary Svc Corp, Garbage And Refuse Collection - Ch, \$680.90; Xcel Energy, Electrical Utilities Ch, St, Ec & Fg, \$11,521.55; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water Utilities - Fg, \$180.40; Midamerican Energy Co, Natural Gas Utilities - St, \$965.69; City Of Canton, Water Utilities - St, \$1,509.82; Lorenzen Equipment, Snow Pusher For Loader, \$5,700.00; Autopros Tire & Service Center, 2019 Chevrolet Equinox Vin Ending In 306438, \$187.75; Stitches, County Apparel, \$245.00; Preheim, Austin, Training Reimbursement 9/15 - 9/19, \$72.00; Erdmann, David, Training Reimbursement 9/15 - 9/19, \$33.00; Ekle, Donna, Training Reimbursement 9/15 - 9/19, \$72.00; Nagel, Matthew, Training Reimbursement 9/15 - 9/19, \$105.00; Farmer, April, Training Reimbursement 9/15 - 9/19, \$36.00; Pmb 0112, Executive Mgmt Finance Office, Microfilm, \$762.88; Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Camavision Commercial Module, \$3,017.00; Well365, LLC, Wellness, \$1,434.80; Anderson, Ashley, Shrm Travel Reimbursement, \$97.79; Dakota Data Shred, Sept 2025 Shred, \$59.93; Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Solutions Inc, Trulookup, \$80.90; Tires And More, 23-3 Oil

Change, \$770.50; Two Way Solutions Inc, Reinstall Of Base Radio For Harrisburg Office, \$387.97; Don LLC D/B/A Don Fee, 21-1 Removal Of Equipment From Ford, \$5,970.00; Voyager Fleet Systems Inc, Sept 2025 Fuel, \$3,976.29; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, C Castro Uniforms, \$928.94; Thomas Scientific, Vaporlok Heavy Duty 5mil Nylon Barrier Heat Seal B, \$237.17; Harrisburg Ace Hardware, Fuse Auto Atc 10amp Cd5, \$26.46; Mayer, Keith, Mayer, Keith - Iacp Conference 08.03.25 - 08.07.25, \$1,383.26; Octane Ink LLC, 25-4 Cut Vinyl Lettering Package, \$275.00; Sd Dept Of Revenue, Plate Renewal, \$3.50; Idemia Identity & Security Usa LLC, Livescan Maintenance & Support Inv183596, \$3,199.00; Aj's Automotive LLC, Inv34571 16-3 Oil Change, \$66.56; Law Enforcement Risk Management Group, Winters- Training Inv257672, \$550.00; Usfat LLC, Barthel Transportation - Inv117089, \$2,983.25; Laurie's Cafe, Meal, \$14.50; Davison County Sheriff's Office, Inmate Housing, \$210.00; Minnehaha County Jail, Sep Contract & Aug Overage, \$168,609.34; Avera Surgical Institute Of South Dakota, Inmate Medical Acct# Ita00504411863, \$98.62; Avera, Inmate Medical Mk6001769822, \$12,033.17; Buddi Us LLC, Sd - Lincoln County Sheriff's Department Smart Tag, \$1,668.00; Dakota Embalming & Transport Service Inc, Transportation Fees, \$950.00; Minnehaha Co Human Services, Monthly Poor Relief-Oct, \$7,817.43; Rosecrest Townhomes, Poor Relief-Rent, \$600.00; Enclave Whisper Ridge, LLC, Poor Relief, \$600.00; Sioux Falls Utilities, Poor Relief-Utilities, \$400.00; Chapel Hill Funeral Home Inc, Poor Relief-Funeral, \$2,500.00; Ver Beek Law Prof LLC, Mi Board, \$3,408.00; Anderson, Jennifer Marie, Mi Evals, \$3,950.74; Erin M. Johnson PLLC, Mi Board, \$3,096.00; Helseth, Ramona, Mi Hearings, \$64.00; Katie Johnson PLLC, Mi Board, \$5,970.00; Phillip Loving, Mi Evals, \$3,831.74; Syverson Tricia L, Mi Hearing, \$127.99; Sd State Treasurer, Sdhsc - 09.2025, \$2,515.43; Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare, 09.2025 - Mobile Crisis, \$244.47; Storo, Tracie, Ts Sept Mileage, \$183.25; Hdr Engineering Inc, P&Z - Ps 06.24.2025 - 09.27.2025, \$1,372.50; Imeg Corp, P&Z - Tract 3 Cituk Addition, \$160.00; Lookout Plan + Code Consulting LLC, P&Z - Red Rock & Barnett, \$15,120.00; Billion Southtown Inc, 2019 Gmc Terrain - Brake Service, \$914.75; Road & Bridge Fund: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$34.20; Cintas Corp, Mats, Towels, Uniform, \$295.52; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Cylinder, \$140.40; Tire Motive Service Center, Wo1334, \$65.00; Midwest Petroleum Equipment, Repair Fuel Pumps, \$2,255.60; Transource Truck & Equipment Inc, Wo1330, \$2,685.44; Albers Electric LLC, Replace Ceiling Fans And Light Fixtures (2), \$1,227.81; Istate Truck Center, Wo1346, \$402.47; Cintas (First Aid), Supplies, \$126.33; Century Business Products, Copies 8.19-9.16, \$55.01; Mitchell Repair Information Company LLC, Shopkey, \$5,328.00; Butler Machinery Co, Filters, \$2,247.40; Midwest Motor Supply Co Inc Dbk Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$103.77; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Supplies, \$531.64; Diamond Mowers LLC, Wo1331, \$1,210.22; Benco Products Inc, Wo1326, \$862.84; Napa Auto & Truck Parts Of Sioux Falls, Wo1326, \$2,306.04; Dmg Inc, Wo1312, \$119.94; Bomgaars, Wo1326,1327, \$65.78; Sturdevant's Auto Value, Shop, \$10.63; Sanitation Products Inc, Wo1349, \$671.84; Equipment Blades Inc, Snow Plow Parts, \$921.60; Rdo Equipment Co, Wo1312, \$1,002.74; Fastenal Company, Supplies, \$106.72; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water, \$116.20; Verizon Connect Fleet Usa LLC, Fleet, \$955.54; Culligan Water Conditioning Corp, Water, \$50.00; Novak Sanitary Svc Corp, Trash, \$445.40; Midamerican Energy Co, Gas, \$71.09; Southeastern Electric Co-Op Inc, Electric, \$1,743.43; Xcel Energy, Traffic Lights, \$82.54; Cramer And Associates, Inc, 09rc, \$250,619.40; Sir Lines A Lot, LLC, Traffic Control 134fdr, \$9,600.00; Forterra Concrete Products, Inc, 25.166-150, \$29,390.00; Myrl & Roys Paving Inc, G2, \$8,967.95; Knife River - South Dakota, G2, \$322.32; Houston Engineering, Inc, Ss4a, \$22,538.83; Chs Eastern Farmers, Supplies, \$182.50; Sd Dept Of Transportation, 04n9, \$1,554.38; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$19.80; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, Label, 1/2" Bk/Wht,2pk, \$149.74; Sd Dept Of Public Safety, Teletype Service From 07/01/2025 To 12/31/2025, \$3,090.00; Bluepeak, Lennox/Sf 911 Circuit Trunk, \$1,021.09; Two Way Solutions Inc, Ttc-1: Tone Remote Adapter, \$1,979.98; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$0.55; Octane Ink LLC, Lettering On 2026 Vehicle, \$750.00; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$1.80; The Dakota Scout LLC, Publications, \$18.36; Sdacc, 09.2025 Publications, \$34.76; Sioux Valley News Inc, Publications, \$18.96; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$1.80; Brill, Alexis, Breath Test - Pbt Refund, \$54.00; Weaver, Max, Remote Breath Refund, \$25.00; Winstead, Boue James, Ua - Test Refund, \$30.00; Century Business Products, Monthly

Copy/Printer Fees, \$30.00; Geotek Engineering & Testing Services Inc, Lc Project: 240736-015, \$4,995.00; Henry Carlson Construction LLC, Lc - Justice Center - Pmt - 17, \$1,279,845.00; JLG Architects, Project 21030, \$29,958.09; Imeg Corp, Lc Project 25004048.00-1, \$5,700.00; Tegra Group, 09.2025 - Pmt 11 Of 21, \$12,500.00; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 09.2025 - 24/7 Funds, \$314.00; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 09.2025 - 24/7 Funds, \$2,420.00; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 09.2025 - 24/7 Funds, \$8,190.00; Sdaco, September M & P State Fund, \$1,712.00; Sd State Treasurer, Sd State Treasurer, \$1,368,216.64; Sd State Treasurer, Sd State Treasurer, \$165,728.87; Sd State Treasurer, September Birth/Death State Portion, \$880.00; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$34.20; Cintas Corp, Mats, Towels, Uniform, \$295.52; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Cylinder, \$140.40; Tire Motive Service Center, Wo1334, \$65.00; Midwest Petroleum Equipment, Repair Fuel Pumps, \$2,255.60; Transource Truck & Equipment Inc, Wo1330, \$2,685.44; Albers Electric LLC, Replace Ceiling Fans And Light Fixtures (2), \$1,227.81; Istate Truck Center, Wo1346, \$402.47; Cintas (First Aid), Supplies, \$126.33; Century Business Products, Copies 8.19-9.16, \$55.01; Mitchell Repair Information Company LLC, Shopkey, \$5,328.00; Butler Machinery Co, Filters, \$2,247.40; Midwest Motor Supply Co Inc Dbk Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$103.77; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Supplies, \$531.64; Diamond Mowers LLC, Wo1331, \$1,210.22; Benco Products Inc, Wo1326, \$862.84; Napa Auto & Truck Parts Of Sioux Falls, Wo1326, \$2,306.04; Dmg Inc, Wo1312, \$119.94; Bomgaars, Wo1326,1327, \$65.78; Sturdevant's Auto Value, Shop, \$10.63; Sanitation Products Inc, Wo1349, \$671.84; Equipment Blades Inc, Snow Plow Parts, \$921.60; Rdo Equipment Co, Wo1312, \$1,002.74; Fastenal Company, Supplies, \$106.72; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water, \$116.20; Verizon Connect Fleet Usa LLC, Fleet, \$955.54; Culligan Water Conditioning Corp, Water, \$50.00; Novak Sanitary Svc Corp, Trash, \$445.40; Midamerican Energy Co, Gas, \$71.09; Southeastern Electric Co-Op Inc, Electric, \$1,743.43; Xcel Energy, Traffic Lights, \$82.54; Cramer And Associates, Inc, 09rc, \$250,619.40; Sir Lines A Lot, LLC, Traffic Control 134fdr, \$9,600.00; Forterra Concrete Products, Inc, 25.166-150, \$29,390.00; Myrl & Roys Paving Inc, G2, \$8,967.95; Knife River - South Dakota, G2, \$322.32; Houston Engineering, Inc, Ss4a, \$22,538.83; Chs Eastern Farmers, Supplies, \$182.50; Sd Dept Of Transportation, 04n9, \$1,554.38; Airport Fund: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$1.80; The Dakota Scout LLC, Publications, \$18.36; Sdacc, 09.2025 Publications, \$34.76; Sioux Valley News Inc, Publications, \$18.96; Fund: 248 - 24/7 Sobriety Fund: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$1.80; Brill, Alexis, Breath Test - Pbt Refund, \$54.00; Weaver, Max, Remote Breath Refund, \$25.00; Winstead, Boue James, Ua - Test Refund, \$30.00; Fund: 250 - Modern/Preserv/Relief: Century Business Products, Monthly Copy/Printer Fees, \$30.00; E911 Communications Fund: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life, \$19.80; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, Office Supplies, \$149.74; Sd Dept Of Public Safety, Teletype Service From 07/01/2025 To 12/31/2025, \$3,090.00; Bluepeak, Lennox/Sf 911 Circuit Trunk, \$1,021.09; Two Way Solutions Inc, Ttc-1: Tone Remote Adapter, \$1,979.98; Justice Center Fund: Geotek Engineering & Testing Services Inc, Lc Project: 240736-015, \$4,995.00; Henry Carlson Construction LLC, Lc - Justice Center - Pmt - 17, \$1,279,845.00; Jlg Architects, Project 21030, \$29,958.09; Imeg Corp, Lc Project 25004048.00-1, \$5,700.00; Tegra Group, 09.2025 - Pmt 11 Of 21, \$12,500.00; Fund: 728 - Statewide Sobriety Fund: Sd Attorney General's Office, 09.2025 - 24/7 Funds, \$10,924.00; Modern/Preserv/Relief Fund: Sdaco, September M & P State Fund, \$1,712.00; State Motor: Sd State Treasurer, Sd State Treasurer, \$1,533,945.51; Births, Deaths, & Titles Fund: Sd State Treasurer, September Birth/Death State Portion, \$880.00. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to transfer the following inventory from the Sheriff's Office to the 4H Office: Item# 7311, 2021 Ford Explorer, 114,497 miles, VIN#: 1FM5K8ACXMNA08862. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to declare as surplus and remove from inventory the following item from the Sheriff's Office; Item# 7310, 2021 Ford Interceptor, 134,510 miles, VIN# - 1FM5K8AC8MNA08861 and authorize the Auditor to advertise and proceed with the online auction. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

FIRST READING AND STAFF BRIEFING from Toby Brown, Planning and Zoning Director, for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, amending the code of ordinances of the county by amending chapter 155: Joint Zoning Regulations for Lincoln County and the city of Sioux Falls, Section 155.010: boundaries of joint and platting jurisdiction.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Michelle Burkhart, Finance Manager, came before the Board to answer questions regarding travel reimbursement rates for 2026. Effective October 1st, the State of South Dakota has increased the rate of reimbursement for mileage, to be consistent with the mileage reimbursement rate for business set by the Internal Revenue Service. This would be a \$.01 increase when vehicles are available and a \$.03 increase when vehicles are not available from last year. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the increase of the mileage reimbursement rates for 2026 as follows: \$.31/ mile when a personal vehicle is used, and County vehicles are available, \$.70/ mile when a personal vehicle is used, and County vehicles are not available. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: David Ekle, Veterans Service Officer, asked the Board to approve a proclamation for Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. The proclamation states;
PROCLAMATION BY THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FROM NOVEMBER 4th THROUGH NOVEMBER 11th, 2025. WHEREAS, the residents of Lincoln County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and WHEREAS, Lincoln County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and WHEREAS, Lincoln County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; NOW, THEREFORE, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Lincoln County hereby **PROCLAIMS** November 4th through November 11th, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Lincoln County Courthouse will be illuminated green; and **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that Lincoln County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all

those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through the 11th, 2025. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve proclamation for Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Commissioners and Commission Administrative Assistant gave reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to adjourn at 8:51 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on October 28, 2025. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Tiffani Landeen, Lincoln County Chair

Attest: _____
Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor

Approved: October 28, 2025

Please publish the week of November 3, 2025