THE JANUARY TERM HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2024

The County Commission convened at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on January 16, 2024. Present: Joseph Kaimann, Presiding Commissioner; Mike Mueller, Associate Commissioner District 1; Matt Bass, Associate Commissioner District 2; and Kenny Schulte, County Clerk. The following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Commissioner Bass.

New Business

• Derek Leffert, Head of Safety and Government Affairs, Gateway Fiber: Discussed with the Commission the upcoming broadband expansion projects and payment options. They currently have five (5) contracts, four (4) different grants, of which two (2) are in Lincoln County. Frequency and percentage of monetary dispersal was discussed. The \$10 million project for private roads would require a 100% buy-in. The second round of grants for projects will occur in September and be approved by December. This round is for the harder to reach areas.

Chuck Billings, County Counsel

- Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Bass second. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes to enter into closed session. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Bass made a motion to leave closed session. Commissioner Mueller second. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes to leave closed session. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Monday, January 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Kenneth Schulte Kenneth Schulte County Clerk

Joseph Kaimann Presiding Commissioner

Mike Mueller Associate Commissioner District I

Matt Bass

Associate Commissioner District II