

LINCOLN COUNTY

Study Commission Minutes

June 18, 2025

Commissioners Present: John Boyke, Ernie Anderson, Greg Bruns, Jenn McCully, Corrina Brown

Absent: Mike France

Others Present: Linda Benedict, Beth Mocko, Jennifer Curtiss, Mary Handy, Mary Craig, Jan Ivers, Kathi Hooper, Johnathan Jameson, Ray Stout

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

No public comment on agenda items.

Minutes: John made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Ernie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

April minutes approval postponed.

Regular items:

Interviews: Commissioner interviews are complete.

John and Jenn presented general information about the Study Commission and the scope of the Study commission

Public hearing opened at 5:38 – Comments are summarized. For full transcript, please see the meeting recording.

Linda Benedict – has an issue with the Planning Department. Has had issues for over a year and under cease and desist.

Mary Craig – has a serious concern with how subdivisions are approved. Would be interested in increasing the number of commissions to increase the thought process when reviewing subdivisions and have more people representing the people.

Jan Ivers – asked for clarification on commissioners elected at large vs districts

Johnathan Jameson – things are different in the different districts and would like to see commissioners that are not voted at large.

Ernie asked what individuals thought about local elections being partisan or nonpartisan – there were votes on both sides. John reviewed the process for the Study Commission making recommendations to the voters. Jenn reviewed the history of the change in partisan vs nonpartisan local elections.

Linda Benedict – The phone never gets answered, there are stacks of files on their desk. They need more help.

Johnathan Jameson – wants local elections to remain partisan to know where candidates stand.

Public hearing closed at 5:57.

Member Communications/Proposals for Next Agenda:

- Interview progress and themes to date
- Public hearing data
- Plan for community survey
- Public education campaign

No public comment on non-agenda items.

Meetings of Interest/Announcements: none

Adjourned at 6:15 PM.