

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA)**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Present: Bernie Heier, Chair; Ray Stevens; Chris Beutler; and Doug Emery

Others Present: Dennis Meyer, County Budget & Fiscal Officer; Mike Thurber, Corrections Director; Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney; Trish Owen, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2010 MEETING**

**MOTION:** Emery moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting. Beutler, Emery, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**2 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROCESSED THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2010**

Dennis Meyer, County Budget and Fiscal Officer, said the standard bills were paid to Wells Fargo, Clark Enerson and Sampson Construction. He said additional claims reflect refunds totaling \$924.65 to the State related to property tax collections (homestead exemption refunds).

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Emery seconded approval of the claims. Emery, Stevens, Beutler and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**3 APPROVAL OF LETTER FOR MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT RECEIVED THROUGH THE DISTRICT ENERGY CORPORATION (DEC)**

Meyer said the District Energy Corporation (DEC) received a \$5,000,000 grant from the Department of Energy for its project to provide energy services to the new jail facility. The grant requires a one-to-one match and the DEC will not have the funds available for the match until May, when it will issue approximately \$20,000,000 in long-term bonds to finance the project. He said Lauren Wismer, Bond Counsel, drafted a letter which states the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) has funds available from its issuance of \$65,000,000 in bonds for the correctional facility to cover the match until issuance of the DEC bonds (Exhibit A).

Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney, appeared and said he had some concerns but said Wismer assured him this is permitted since the two projects are intertwined. He said it is not considered a loan and no JPA funds will actually be spent.

**MOTION:** Beutler moved and Stevens seconded approval of the letter. Stevens, Beutler, Emery and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **4 SETTING OF NEXT MEETING**

Consensus was to schedule the next meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. The meeting will be held in Room 112 of the County-City Building.

#### **5 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Beutler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Beutler, Stevens, Emery and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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Cori Beattie  
Lancaster County Deputy Clerk