

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA)**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 , 2010**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

Absent: John Spatz, Vice Chair

Others Present: Dennis Meyer, County Budget & Fiscal Officer; Mike Thurber, Corrections Director; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2010 AND AUGUST 12, 2010 MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Beutler seconded approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2010 and August 12, 2010 meetings. Beutler, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

**2 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROCESSED THROUGH AUGUST 24, 2010**

Dennis Meyer, County Budget and Fiscal Officer, gave an overview of the claims, which total \$1,625,519.39. The claims reflect payments to Wells Fargo for bank fees, Sampson Construction Company, the contractor, and The Clark Enersen Partners, the architect.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, presented bid statistics (Exhibit A). He said all of the bids went through the City/County Purchasing Department and were reviewed by Purchasing and Sampson Construction and their recommendations for award of bids were presented to the County Board. **NOTE:** Sampson Construction serves as the Construction Manager at Risk on the project. Thurber said 84% (\$50,300,000) of the bids was awarded to contractors or suppliers in Nebraska (\$42,600,000 went to contractors or suppliers in Lancaster County) and 16% (\$9,600,000) was awarded to contractors or suppliers outside of Nebraska. He said 85% to 90% of the concrete supply (pre-cast and ready mix) is coming from Lincoln suppliers. The exception is the pre-cast cells which are coming from outside Nebraska.

Thurber noted Beutler had inquired about Sampson's performance bond at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said the performance bond covers material and labor performance and said if Sampson is unable to complete the project, the bond will provide funds to the County to pay for completion of the project within the design and scope of the blueprints.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Beutler seconded approval of the claims. Stevens, Beutler and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

### **3 PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Meyer was administered the oath.

Meyer said property taxes will decrease by approximately \$51,000 from last year's budget. The City and County each had slight increases in valuations this year and the combined levies will be less than three cents, per \$100 of value. He said the budget reflects the portion of the bond proceeds that is being utilized to build the jail and the property tax asking that pays the principal and interest payments on the bonds. The budget document shows a beginning balance of \$53,093,511, with a cash reserve of \$2,238,216. The total property tax asking is \$4,998,000 and budgeted expenditures total \$56,084,095. He noted expenditures have not been as much as projected.

The Chair asked if anyone else would like to testify. No one came forward so the Chair closed the public hearing.

### **4 ADOPT RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Beutler seconded approval of the resolution. Stevens, Beutler and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

### **5 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLAND & ASSOCIATES, LANCASTER COUNTY AND THE LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,234.51 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT IS THREE YEARS (FISCAL YEAR 2010, FISCAL YEAR 2011 AND FISCAL YEAR 2012)**

Meyer said Bland & Associates is the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm used by the County and said the County will cover the expenditure.

Beutler asked whether the County has ever been audited by the State Auditor.

Meyer said he is only aware of the State Auditor performing an attestation audit of Lancaster Manor, a nursing home facility that was owned by the County.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Beutler seconded approval of the contract. Beutler, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

## **6 SETTING OF NEXT MEETING**

Consensus was to schedule the next meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. The meeting will be held in Room 112 of the County-City Building at 9:00 a.m.

## **7 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Beutler moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Beutler, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

/s/Dan Nolte

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Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk