

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Linda Steinman

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization dated February 20, 2001. Campbell, Hudkins, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 6 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Christian Retirement Homes, Inc. d/b/a Eastmont Towers
Family Service**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **DENIAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Christian Record Services, Inc.
First Evangelical Covenant Church
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to deny motor vehicle tax exemptions for Christian Record Services, Inc. and First Evangelical Covenant Church because they were not timely filed and to deny a motor vehicle tax exemption for Immaculate Heart of Mary because the vehicle was not titled in the name of the organization. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding a notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Gordon and Theresa Sawyer.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. regarding a notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Gordon and Theresa Sawyer. Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization was recessed until 2:20 p.m. when it was reconvened.

6) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

League of Human Dignity Metro

The County Assessor recommended a new value of \$198,200.

Tonya Y. and Bradley R. Andrews

The County Assessor recommended a new value of \$31,696.

Terry A. and Lori J. Gustafson

The County Assessor recommended a new value of \$41,801.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and set the following values: League of Human Dignity Metro, in the amount of \$198,200; Tonya Y. and Bradley R. Andrews, in the amount of \$31,696; and Terry A. and Lori J. Gustafson, in the amount of \$41,801. Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

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- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, February 27, 2001.

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. The County-City Volunteer of the Month Award was presented to Kenneth G. Schmidt for his services with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

B. The Commissioners Award of Excellence was presented to Patricia Burns, an employee with the County Treasurer's Office.

4) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. A contract between Region V Systems and the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center for services under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001. (C-01-42)**

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, requested that the contract be held until such time that the County Attorney's Office places it back on the agenda.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to hold the contract until the County Attorney's Office places it back on the agenda. Hudkins, Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Renewal of an agreement between Lincoln Action Program (LAP) and the Lancaster County Extension Office for .5 full-time employee (FTE) nutrition assistant for the LAP Head Start program, beginning May 1, 2001 and ending April 30, 2002. The County will be reimbursed up to \$28,188. (C-01-86)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. An agreement with G.E. Financial Assurance, Long Term Care Division, for long term care coverage, beginning March 6, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001. The agreement permits G.E. Financial Assurance to have access to County employees to offer and administer the plan. (C-01-89)**

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, requested that the agreement be held until such time that the County Attorney's Office places it back on the agenda.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to hold the agreement until the County Attorney's Office places it back on the agenda. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

C. An amendment to contract number C-00-451 with Patricia A. Blakely extending the term of the contract from February 28, 2001 to June 30, 2001. The contract provides for development of the Healthy Families Project. (C-01-88)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. Campbell, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

D. An amendment to contract number C-00-449 with Kathy Dunning extending the term of the contract from February 28, 2001 to June 30, 2001. The contract provides for development of the Healthy Families Project. (C-01-87)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the Emergency Management Director to award a bid for four outdoor warning systems to Schmader Electric Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$62,984. (B-01-7)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. Steinman, Hudkins, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid for channel protection at County Bridge X-132, located on Panama Road east of South 38th Street, to Land Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$21,641.44. (B-01-6)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

G. Authorization of Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee, to disburse \$3,755.69 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Sinclair Hille Architects for architectural services provided for the new juvenile detention facility and \$471,995 to Cheever Construction Company for payment application number 012r as general contractor for the Juvenile Detention Center. (M-01-17)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval.

Workman noted that the total amount paid is \$5,000,000 which is 54 percent of the \$9.3 million contract.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Workman, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

H. A political subdivision tort claim filed by Kathleen M. Neary, on behalf of William Hulka and Laverna Warner, in the amount \$4,800.

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, indicated her office reached a settlement with the plaintiff. She stated the recommended amount for approval is \$2,300. Staab added that the City would be paying the remaining \$2,300.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Attorney's Office and approve the tort claim filed by Kathleen M. Neary, on behalf of William Hulka and Laverna Warner, in the amount of \$2,300. Campbell, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

1. Lincoln City Libraries Monthly Report for January, 2001.
2. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for January, 2001.
3. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for the Combined Weed Program with the City of Lincoln for January, 2001.

B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the inclusion of territory located within the incorporated limits of the Village of Bennet with the boundaries of the Bennet Rural Fire Protection District, as permitted by Neb. Rev. Stat., Sec. 35-530. (A map showing the corporate boundaries of the Village of Bennet is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Items.

Campbell referred to Consent Item 6B and stated Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Director, had been very helpful in providing information to the Village of Bennet and the Rural Fire District regarding the boundaries. She added that Pat Rule, Bennet Village Clerk, has also kept the County informed with regard to the process that is being used.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **EMERGENCY ITEMS :**

A. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid for guardrail construction to Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, in the amount of \$99,641.60. (B-01-08)

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, advised the County Board that the item was not of an emergency nature and could be placed on the March 6th agenda under New Business.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, February 29, 2001 at 8:15 a.m. in Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold the Mid-Year Budget Review on Friday, March 2, 2001, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Lincoln Municipal Airport Board Room, located at 2400 West Adams Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- C. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the automatic renewal of the following retail liquor and beer licenses issued in Lancaster County and outside the corporate limits of any city, pursuant to Resolution 5351 adopted July 2, 1996 for which the County Clerk has received no protests:

Ampride #104	Mike's 66
Big Daddy's Stop	North Forty Golf Club
Branched Oak Marina	Outpost Tavern
Crooked Creek Golf Club	P.O. Pears on the Lake
Firethorn Golf Club	Pawnee Lake Marina
Gas 'N Shop	Pla Mor Ballroom
Hi Mark Golf Club	Princeton Tavern
Hidden Valley Golf Course & Club	Shoemaker's South Truck Stop
Hillcrest Country Club	Star City Hockey L.L.C.
James Arthur Vineyards	Toni's Corner & General Store
Kramer Bar	U-Stop Convenience Shop
Lee's Restaurant	Veterans of Foreign Wars 3606
Lincoln Izaak Walton League	Yankee Doodles
Major Oil Company	Yankee Hill Country Club
Merle's Food & Drink	

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:**

- D. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the renewal of a retail liquor license for DLH, Inc. d/b/a Coaches Sports Bar & Grill for which the County Clerk has received three or more written protests, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 53-135.01.
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting which is broadcast live at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays will be rebroadcast tonight at 6:30 p.m. and again on Saturday afternoon immediately following the City Council meeting rebroadcast on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the Staff Meeting will be held on March 1st, not February 29th.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk