

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006
10:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Larry Hudkins
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman, Vice Chair

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

**1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated November 16, 2006. Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Letter from Lincoln Federal Savings Bank (Exhibit A)
- B. Report on the Farm/City Breakfast
- C. Staff Meeting (Tuesday, December 19, 2006)
- D. Tri-County Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

3 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH PLAN (PEHP) FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS - Dennis Keefe, Public Defender; Gary Lacey, County Attorney; Terry Wagner, County Sheriff; Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney; Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney

Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney, presented the following (Exhibits B, C & D):

- ▶ Current Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) for Elected Officials
- ▶ Proposed Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) for Elected Officials
- ▶ Post Employment Health Benefits
- ▶ Examples of Qualifying Expenses Suitable for Claim Filing and Reimbursement from the Universal Reimbursement Account
- ▶ Examples of Qualifying Expenses Suitable for Claim Filing and Reimbursement from the Insurance Premium Account
- ▶ A Draft Resolution for Adoption of a Post Employment Health Care Plan for Elected Lancaster County Officials
- ▶ A Draft Resolution in the Matter of Adopting Benefits for County Elected Officials

Fox said everyone within a plan must receive the same computation amount so if the Board elects to proceed, a new plan would need to be set up for the elected officials.

Stevens voiced opposition to the proposed plan, contending that the elected officials knew what the benefits were when they decided to run for office.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded to direct the County Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution for the Tuesday, November 28, 2006 Board of Commissioners Meeting instituting a Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) for elected officials.

AMENDMENT: Stevens moved to amend the motion to direct that the resolution adopting benefits for county elected officials be amended to indicate that upon retirement or death of an elected official while in office, a contribution shall be added (paid) into the elected official's premium PEHP account for each year that the elected official has served in an elected Lancaster County office since January 1, 2007, rather than going back to January 1, 1998, as drafted.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

AMENDMENT: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to direct that the resolution adopting benefits for county elected officials be amended to reflect a contribution amount of \$1,000, rather than \$1,500.

ROLL CALL ON THE AMENDMENT: Stevens voted aye. Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted no. Motion failed.

ROLL CALL ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION: Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Stevens voted no. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Letter from Lincoln Federal Savings Bank (Exhibit A)

Board consensus was to send a congratulatory note to Lincoln Federal Savings Bank employees.

B. Report on the Farm/City Breakfast

Hudkins said Todd Sneller, Nebraska Ethanol Director, was the featured speaker. Information on ethanol production was distributed (Exhibit E).

C. Staff Meeting (Tuesday, December 19, 2006)

Board consensus was to hold a Staff Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

D. Tri-County Meeting Agenda

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said Sarpy County has requested an update on plans for a new jail facility.

Board consensus was to ask JoAnne Kissel, The Clark Enersen Partners, to give a brief presentation.

It was noted that Gage and Seward Counties have also expressed interest in the facility.

4 POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. for discussion of potential litigation. Heier, Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Appointment of Detective Tim Kennett to Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Advisory Committee

The Board scheduled the appointment on the Tuesday, November 28, 2006 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

6 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Stevens, Schorr

Schorr said the United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County plans to keep allocations the same next year while it does long-term, strategic planning. No new agencies will be funded, except on an emergency basis.

Stevens said United Way is forming a 501c(3) foundation and hopes to endow administrative expenses.

Schorr also reported that the Boys and Girls Clubs of America plans to set up services in the community.

- B. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) - Stevens

Stevens said the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is working on multi-year contracts to host Americruise and the United States Amateur Roller Sports National Speed and Figure Skating National Championships. He said the CVB plans to ask the County Board for part of the lodging tax increase to pay bid fees.

- C. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Stevens, Hudkins

Stevens said discussion focused on the Arena Task Force's recommendations.

6 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to adjourn the Staff Meeting at 11:36 a.m. Stevens, Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk