

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

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

Others Present: Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:30 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 16, 2007. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 23, 2007.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of all claims processed through January 23, 2007. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Chaplain Tom Beatty with the Good News Jail & Prison Ministries was introduced by Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, to the County Board.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:**

B. A resolution in the matter of proclaiming Lancaster County a Food Stamp Friendly County. (R-07-0007)

Sarah Sibley, Congressional Hunger Fellow with Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law and the Public Interest, commended the County Board for their leadership and support in proclaiming the County as 'Food Stamp Friendly'.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of Resolution 07-0007 in the matter of proclaiming Lancaster County a Food Stamp Friendly County. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Street Name Change No. 06011, requested by the Director of Planning on behalf of Dennis Roth, with Emergency Communications/9-1-1, to change the name of Northwest 98th Street from West Davey Road to West Raymond Road to Northwest Crouse Road, and to name the access road as West Branched Oak Road, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (See New Business Item 5A for correlating documentation.)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

The Clerk administered the oath to Ray Hill with the Planning Department.

Hill briefed the County Board regarding the proposed name change stating the Street Name Committee reviewed the request and found no duplications with the proposed street names. Offered and marked for the record was an aerial map of the area showing which streets are being renamed (Exhibit A).

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to testify.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A resolution in the matter of Street Name Change No. 06011, requested by the Director of Planning on behalf of Dennis Roth, Emergency Communications/9-1-1, to change the name of Northwest 98th Street from West Davey Road to West Raymond Road to Northwest Crouse Road and to name the access road as West Branched Oak Road. (R-07-0006)

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 07-0006 in the matter of Street Name Change No. 06011, requested by the Director of Planning on behalf of Dennis Roth, Emergency Communications/ 9-1-1, to change the name of Northwest 98th Street from West Davey Road to West Raymond Road to Northwest Crouse Road and to name the access road as West Branched Oak Road. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

B. A resolution in the matter of adopting the updated Lancaster County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). (R-07-0008)

Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director, explained that every five years the Local Emergency Operations Plan must be reviewed, updated and submitted to the State of Nebraska.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Resolution 07-0008 in the matter of adopting the updated Lancaster County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Heier, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

C. An application for a Special Events Permit from 2007 Animal Run to hold a fund raiser for a local charity on Saturday, February 3, 2007 beginning at 10 a.m..

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of an application for a Special Events Permit from 2007 Animal Run to hold a fund raiser for a local charity on Saturday, February 3, 2007 beginning at 10 a.m.. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

D. A grant contract with Catholic Social Services for a case manager and cultural orientation classes to 50 refugees entering the workforce, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$22,500. Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. (C-07-0024)

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with Catholic Social Services for a case manager and cultural orientation classes to 50 refugees entering the workforce, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$22,500. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

E. An interlocal agreement with Hall County for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of juveniles while at the Youth Services Center. Lancaster County will be reimbursed \$244.50 per youth, per day. The agreement is effective upon execution and has a 30-day termination provision. (C-7-0025)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an interlocal agreement with Hall County for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of juveniles while at the Youth Services Center.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Heier offered a friendly amendment that the reimbursement rate be amended from \$244.50 per youth, per day to \$240.

The maker of the motion did not accept the friendly amendment.

Heier stated he would be voting against the motion because he feels the County's cost of \$240 should be shared with other counties.

Schorr concurred.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Schorr and Heier voted no. Motion carried.

F. A license renewal application through Nebraska Health and Human Services to operate the Community Mental Health Center, Crisis Center. The County will pay \$250 for the license renewal. (C-07-0026)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of a license renewal application through Nebraska Health and Human Services to operate the Community Mental Health Center, Crisis Center. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

G. An agreement between Olsson Associates and Lancaster County to allow Olsson to utilize the County's right-of-way for soil boring tests at the following locations: 2,000 feet on the north side of Holdrege Street and 3,880 feet west of North 98th Street. The work will commence upon execution of the agreement and be completed by February 6, 2007. (C-07-0028)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of an agreement between Olsson Associates and Lancaster County to allow Olsson to utilize the County's right-of-way for soil boring tests at the following locations: 2,000 feet on the north side of Holdrege Street and 3,880 feet west of North 98th Street. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

H. Utility Permit No. 841 for the City of Lincoln for water main construction on Folsom Avenue from West Pioneers Boulevard to the City limits, one-half mile north of West Denton Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (C-07-0029)

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of Utility Permit No. 841 for the City of Lincoln for water main construction on Folsom Avenue from West Pioneers Boulevard to the City limits, one-half mile north of West Denton Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

I. An amendment to an agreement with the Social Security Administration, under County Contract Number C-05-0392, to provide the Lancaster County General Assistance Office with electronic access to Social Security Administration (SSA) information through the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. The amendment extends the agreement through June 30, 2007. (C-07-0027)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Social Security Administration, under County Contract Number C-05-0392, to provide the Lancaster County General Assistance Office with electronic access to Social Security Administration (SSA) information through the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Stevens, Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

J. Credit Authorization Form with LexisNexis to allow the electronic deposit of fees collected from the E-filing users into the Clerk of the District Court's bank account. The State Court Administrator has contracted with LexisNexis for electronic filing and service of pleadings, motions and other documents via the Internet for a three month pilot project in the Lancaster County District Court.

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of a credit authorization form with LexisNexis to allow the electronic deposit of fees collected from the E-filing users into the Clerk of the District Court's bank account. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

K. Authorization of Wells Fargo Bank, as trustee, to disburse and make payment from the Lancaster Leasing Corporation Renewal and Replacement Fund to NIFCO Mechanical Systems, Inc, in the amount of \$6,310, for fire sprinklers in the entrance canopy at Lancaster Manor and to Johnson Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$7,425.15, for replacement of a compressor located at Lancaster Manor. Total amount of the disbursement is \$13,735.15.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval to authorize Wells Fargo Bank, as trustee, to disburse and make payment from the Lancaster Leasing Corporation Renewal and Replacement Fund to NIFCO Mechanical Systems, Inc, in the amount of \$6,310, for fire sprinklers in the entrance canopy at Lancaster Manor and to Johnson Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$7,425.15, for replacement of a compressor located at Lancaster Manor. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

L. Request from Scott McIntyre for a refund of real property taxes for property located at 16700 Northwest 48th Street, Raymond, Nebraska.

Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, explained the property was replatted several years ago and that one acre of land was sold. He recommended a refund for 2005 of approximately \$20 and noted that a correction has been made for tax years 2006 and 2007.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor/Register of Deeds and approve a refund of real property taxes for 2005, in an approximate amount of \$20. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** *These are items of business that are routine 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. Requests from the following individuals to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan having met the requirements:

- ▶ **Phyllis I. Buss with the Lancaster County Engineering Department**
- ▶ **Billie D. Hawkins with the Lancaster County Election Commission Office**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Item. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

CLERK'S NOTE: The public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room regarding County Special Permit No. 06058, requested by U.S. Cellular Wireless Communications, to construct a tower on property located southwest of the intersection of West Alvo Road and Northwest 126th Street will be held in Room 112 instead of Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:58 a.m.. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING**

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

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds
Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order at 9:58 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on January 16, 2007. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 147 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachment "A".

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**BryanLGH Medical Center
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
The Salvation Army
YWCA of Lincoln**

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

4) **NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGE FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES FOR DONALD E. AND LYNETTE J. LOSH:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor/Register of Deeds and send notice of assessed valuation change for property taxation purposes to Donald E. and Lynette J. Losh. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 10 a.m.. Stevens, Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk