

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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
Deb Schorr
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 and the minutes of the public hearing regarding Lancaster County's proposed One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on November 20, 2007 and the minutes of the public hearing regarding Lancaster County's proposed One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, November 27, 2007.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of all claims processed through November 27, 2007. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. An agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Behavioral Health Services to provide youth problem gambling prevention services for the Gamblers Assistance Program. The County will receive \$50,000 from HHS through Legislative Bill (LB) 321, Health Care Cash Funds. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. (C-07-0511)

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of an agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Behavioral Health Services to provide youth problem gambling prevention services for the Gamblers Assistance Program. Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

B. An appraisal contract between the County Engineer and Johnson Appraisal, LLC for appraisal services, in the amount of \$15,475, in connection with the appraisal of right-of-way for a project located on Pine Lake Road from So 112th to So 148th Streets; Project C55-Q-409(1). (C-07-0515)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of an appraisal contract between the County Engineer and Johnson Appraisal, LLC for appraisal services, in the amount of \$15,475, in connection with the appraisal of right-of-way for a project located on Pine Lake Road from So 112th to So 148th Streets; Project C55-Q-409(1). Schorr, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

C. A grant contract with the City of Lincoln, Nebraska (Lincoln Police Department) to provide funding for Lincoln Police Department's Domestic Violence Specialist position in the amount of \$34,949. Term of the grant contract is June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008. The City of Lincoln will contribute \$16,987 in matching funds. (C-07-0513)

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with the City of Lincoln, Nebraska (Lincoln Police Department) to provide funding for Lincoln Police Department's Domestic Violence Specialist position in the amount of \$34,949. Term of the grant contract is June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008. Stevens, Heier, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

D. A grant contract with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services Federation to provide support for the Creating Assets, Savings and Hope project (CASH) in the amount of \$10,000. The term of the grant contract is July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. (C-07-0514)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of a grant contract with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services Federation to provide support for the Creating Assets, Savings and Hope project (CASH) in the amount of \$10,000. Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

E. An amendment to the 2007/2008 Network Provider contract with the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (Region V), found at County Contract No. C-07-0447, for certain behavioral mental health services at the Community Mental Health Center. The amendment amends Appendix A of the contract to the revision made to Appendix A on October 1, 2007. The revision provides that the County shall be reimbursed for services up to the amount of \$5,202,462 rather than \$5,199,056. (C-07-0512)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of an amendment to the 2007/2008 Network Provider contract with the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (Region V), found at County Contract No. C-07-0447, for certain behavioral mental health services at the Community Mental Health Center. Schorr, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Setting the salary of Tyler G. Jacobsen, Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$56,000 per year, effective December 3, 2007.

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval to set the salary of Tyler G. Jacobsen, Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$56,000 per year, effective December 3, 2007. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

G. A claim against Lancaster County from the Seventh Judicial District Mental Health Board for costs incurred in a mental health board hearing, Case No. 13-236, in the interest of B.U., totaling \$264.90.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to deny a claim against Lancaster County from the Seventh Judicial District Mental Health Board for costs incurred in a mental health board hearing, Case No. 13-236, in the interest of B.U., totaling \$264.90. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

H. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Lancaster County Corrections Department by Duane Hansen, in the amount of \$200, for lost property.

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded to accept the recommendation of the Corrections Director and deny the political subdivision tort claim filed by Duane Hansen, in the amount of \$200, for lost property. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

I. Reappointment of Brad Roth, Sean Brennan and Janelle Lust to the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Advisory Committee, for three year terms, expiring on May 1, 2010.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the reappointment of Brad Roth, Sean Brennan and Janelle Lust to the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Advisory Committee, for three year terms, expiring on May 1, 2010. Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

J. A request from Charles B. Dalby, Jr., an employee in County Engineering, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan having met the requirements.

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of a request from Charles B. Dalby, Jr., an employee in County Engineering, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan having met the requirements. Schorr, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:40 a.m.. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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
Deb Schorr
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney
Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on November 20, 2007. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **APPEAL FILED REGARDING THE REJECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Richard Meyer on behalf of Lora B. Holloway

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, appeared and gave an overview of the appeal recommending that it be denied because the owner/occupant (Lora B. Holloway) did not meet the occupancy requirements set by statute. He added that Mr. Meyer, as the new owner/occupant, could submit a homestead exemption application for 2008.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to accept the recommendation of the Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds and deny the appeal for homestead exemption filed by Richard Meyer on behalf of Lora B. Holloway. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Donald E. And Margaret P. Henninger

Gaines recommended approval of the appeal.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to accept the recommendation of the Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds and approve the appeal filed on a homestead exemption for Donald E. and Margaret P. Henninger. Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **APPEAL FILED ON LATE FILING PENALTY ON PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

Estate of Alan L. Plessman

Gaines gave an overview of the appeal indicating that due to the lateness of filing the statutory penalty of 25 percent was applied. He stated that the statutes do not provide the Board of Equalization to waive the penalty unless there is an error in the calculation or it was wrongly imposed. In addition, Gaines stated the penalty for 2005 and 2006 would be approximately \$20. Recommendation was denial.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to accept the recommendation of the Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds and deny the appeal filed on a late filing penalty on personal property for the Estate of Alan L. Plessman. Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:48 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk