

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioners Absent: Ray Stevens

Others Present: 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 9:35 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 24, 2008. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, July 1, 2008.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of all claims processed through July 1, 2008. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. An agreement between the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) and Mary Hepburn O'Shea for transition services for individuals with severe mental illness to transition them from inpatient hospitalization to community living. The County will provide direct and indirect staff. Mary Hepburn O'Shea will provide bedroom units and ancillary services to include up awake staff. The County will pay reimbursement at a rate of \$15 per hour for up to 65 hours for up awake staff. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. (C-08-0248)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of an agreement between the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) and Mary Hepburn O'Shea for transition services for individuals with severe mental illness to transition them from inpatient hospitalization to community living. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A supplemental agreement with Dobson Brothers Construction Company, in the amount of \$14,688.39, for paving of South 56th Street between Yankee Hill Road and Shady Hollow Road in conjunction with the resurfacing of South 56th Street; Project No. 08-28. (C-08-0259)**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, stated the agreement is for the shoulders on South 56th Street and explained the project was first bid as rock, however, Dobson Brothers made a Value Engineering Proposal to asphalt which also resulted in a savings of approximately \$14,000. The savings, he said, would be split between the County and Dobson Brothers.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of a supplemental agreement with Dobson Brothers Construction Company, in the amount of \$14,688.39, for paving of South 56th Street between Yankee Hill Road and Shady Hollow Road in conjunction with the resurfacing of South 56th Street; Project No. 08-28. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Disaster declaration for Lancaster County for storm damages during the time period of May 22 to June 22, 2008.

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a disaster declaration for Lancaster County for storm damages during the time period of May 22 to June 22, 2008. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

B. An application for a Special Events Permit from the Nebraska Sports Council to hold the Cornhusker State Games Cycling Tour Event on Saturday, July 26, 2008 beginning at 7:30 a.m..

Dave Mlnarik, Executive Director of the Nebraska Sports Council, appeared and gave a brief overview of the application indicating they expect no changes from previous years.

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an application for a Special Events Permit from the Nebraska Sports Council to hold the Cornhusker State Games Cycling Tour Event on Saturday, July 26, 2008 beginning at 7:30 a.m.. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

C. An affiliation agreement with the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, on behalf of the Clinical Psychology Training Program, for three graduate psychology students who will provide services such as psychotherapy, counseling and psychological testing for the Community Mental Health Center. Term of the agreement is June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 and the County will pay \$64,408 for these services. (C-08-0288)

Heier suggested the item be held due to a budget deficit.

Schorr asked for clarification as to whether the funding comes from County property tax dollars or if there is another funding source.

Board consensus was to hold the item and request it be placed on the Staff Meeting agenda for Thursday, July 3rd for further information.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

D. An interlocal agreement between Lancaster County and the State of Nebraska, Administrative Office of the Courts, for administration of the Adult Drug Court for the District Court of Lancaster County through the provision of one Drug Court Coordinator, two Drug Treatment Court Caseworkers, and one Clerk. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The Administrative Office of the Courts will pay the County \$172,039 for the services. (C-08-0289)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of an interlocal agreement between Lancaster County and the State of Nebraska, Administrative Office of the Courts, for administration of the Adult Drug Court for the District Court of Lancaster County through the provision of one Drug Court Coordinator, two Drug Treatment Court Caseworkers, and one Clerk. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

E. A contract between Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc. for annual requirements of fuel. The County will pay for fuel according to the pricing in the contractor's accepted proposal. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. (C-08-0290)

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a contract between Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc. for annual requirements of fuel. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. An application and agreement for nutrition services with the State of Nebraska, Department of Education Nutrition Services System. The application is under the Adult Care Food Program, on behalf of the Community Mental Health Center. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The State will reimburse the County up to \$26,000 for the program. (C-08-0291)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded approval of an application and agreement for nutrition services with the State of Nebraska, Department of Education Nutrition Services System. The application is under the Adult Care Food Program, on behalf of the Community Mental Health Center. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- G. An agreement between Lancaster County and Terracon Consultants, Inc. to conduct soil boring tests at the following locations: 2,100 feet east of North 14th Street on Waverly Road, 2,400 feet east of North 27th Street on Waverly Road and 2,700 feet south of Waverly Road on North 27th Street. The work will be completed by August 29, 2008 and there will be no cost to the County. (C-08-0292)**

In response to a question asked by Heier, Thomas stated the project is in connection with the City of Lincoln and the Natural Resources District (NRD) study of the Little Salt Basin.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of an agreement between Lancaster County and Terracon Consultants, Inc. to conduct soil boring tests at the following locations: 2,100 feet east of North 14th Street on Waverly Road, 2,400 feet east of North 27th Street on Waverly Road and 2,700 feet south of Waverly Road on North 27th Street. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. An addendum to a contract with Industrial Services Inc., found at County Contract No. C-04-0257, for the removal of dead animals from County roadways. The addendum renews the contract for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (C-08-0293)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an addendum to a contract with Industrial Services Inc., found at County Contract No. C-04-0257, for the removal of dead animals from County roadways. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. An addendum to a contract between Lancaster County and Cash-Wa Distributing Co., found at County Contract No. C-07-0195, for food service and related items for Lancaster Manor using a cooperative purchasing agreement with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Contract No. 10822). The addendum extends the contract for an additional 76 days from June 18, 2008 to September 1, 2008. (C-08-0294)**

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

In response to a question asked by Schorr regarding the time period, Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent, stated it was to realign with other contracts. He added they will be going out for bid for food service.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of an addendum to a contract between Lancaster County and Cash-Wa Distributing Co., found at County Contract No. C-07-0195, for food service and related items for Lancaster Manor using a cooperative purchasing agreement with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Contract No. 10822). Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

J. An amendment to a grant contract between Lancaster County and the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees to provide funding for operational costs, travel expenses, and professional services to provide coordination and support services for the Medical Translation and Interpretation (MTI) Leadership Group and to facilitate the implementation of action strategies of the MTI plan. The amendment lowers the amount of community donations that are necessary in both the second and third years of the contract from \$10,000 to \$8,000 in the second year and \$5,000 in the third year. (C-08-0295)

Fox stated the contract came from Kit Boesch, Human Services Director. He explained the County and the Community Health Endowment entered into the contract in 2007, however, an amendment is being requested to lower the amount of community donations.

Schorr asked if the County would be required to fill in the gap if the "Endowment" doesn't receive enough community donations.

Fox responded he didn't know.

Board consensus was to hold the item for one week and place it on the Staff Meeting agenda for July 3, 2008 for further information.

K. A utility relocation agreement between Lancaster County and Norris Public Power District to relocate a power line to accommodate a bridge replacement project at approximately South 82nd Street and Panama Road; Project BR-3270(4) - Hickman Southeast. The cost of the project will be \$6,162.01. (C-08-0298)

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of a utility relocation agreement between Lancaster County and Norris Public Power District to relocate a power line to accommodate a bridge replacement project at approximately South 82nd Street and Panama Road; Project BR-3270(4) - Hickman Southeast. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

L. Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, found at County Contract No. C-07-0127, to implement Citizen Corps Program services through the local Citizen Corps Council to provide a community-based organization to give citizens opportunities to work with local first responders to make local communities safe. The amendment amends the term of the agreement so that the term is from January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008. (C-08-0299)

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, found at County Contract No. C-07-0127, to implement Citizen Corps Program services through the local Citizen Corps Council to provide a community-based organization to give citizens opportunities to work with local first responders to make local communities safe. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Amendment No. 2 of an agreement with the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, found at County Contract No. C-07-0127, to implement Citizen Corps Program services through the local Citizen Corps Council to provide a community-based organization to give citizens opportunities to work with local first responders to make local communities safe. The amendment amends the term of the agreement so that the term is from January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. (C-08-0300)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Amendment No. 2 of an agreement with the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, found at County Contract No. C-07-0127, to implement Citizen Corps Program services through the local Citizen Corps Council to provide a community-based organization to give citizens opportunities to work with local first responders to make local communities safe. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

N. An agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield Inc. and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Community Mental Health Center, to participate as a provider in Blue Cross Blue Shield's network for Tricare beneficiaries. Tricare is the uniformed services health care program for active duty service members and their families. Term of the agreement is for two years from the date of execution. (A copy of the Tricare Provider Handbook is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public inspection.) (C-08-0301)

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield Inc. and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Community Mental Health Center, to participate as a provider in Blue Cross Blue Shield's network for Tricare beneficiaries. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

O. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent to award a bid and issue unit price contracts with Progressive Electric, Ensley Electrical Services and Innovative Electrical Technologies, for electrical services on an as-needed basis by all agencies. (B-08-0039)

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to award a bid and issue unit price contracts with Progressive Electric, Ensley Electrical Services and Innovative Electrical Technologies, for electrical services on an as-needed basis by all agencies. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

P. Request from Envision Open MRI for a refund of personal property taxes for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, explained the item is a piece of equipment which is located in Sarpy County. Recommendation was for approval, in the approximate amount of \$18,467.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor/Register of Deeds and approve a refund of personal property taxes for Envision Open MRI, in the approximate amount of \$18,467. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Q. Request from Deloitte, on behalf of Dan and Patricia Kreitman, for a refund of personal property taxes for 2005, in the approximate amount of \$141.07; for 2006, in the approximate amount of \$84.52, and for 2007, in the approximate amount of \$32.67.

Agena gave a brief overview of the request recommending approval.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor/Register of Deeds and approve a request from Deloitte, on behalf of Dan and Patricia Kreitman, for a refund of personal property taxes for 2005, in the approximate amount of \$141.07; for 2006, in the approximate amount of \$84.52 and for 2007, in the approximate amount of \$32.67. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **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. Receive and Place on File:

1. Lincoln Electric System's Annual Report for 2007.

B. Right-of-way contracts relating to road improvements between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and Walter J. Duffy and Rosalie Shuh Duffy on South 98th Street between Old Cheney Road to Calvert; Project C55-KP-412(1). (2 contracts) (C-08-0296) (C-08-0297)

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

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:03 a.m.. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008
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
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Ray Stevens

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

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on June 24, 2008. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 1 addition and deduction to the tax assessment rolls per Attachment "A".

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

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Catholic Bishop of Lincoln
Christ's Place
First Presbyterian Church
Gates of Praise (2 applications)
Sesostris Shrine**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Catholic Bishop of Lincoln, Christ's Place, First Presbyterian Church, Gates of Praise (2 applications) and Sesostris Shrine. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:05 a.m.. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk