

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010
COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

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, January 19, 2010.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 26, 2010.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the claims. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

A. **Winter storm update – Don Thomas, Lancaster County Engineer; Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director**

Don Thomas recognized his employees for their work and displayed pictures of the snow removal process. He said the northern County roads should have all lanes open by next week; most lanes of southern County roads are already open. Thomas expressed his appreciation for the farmers who worked on clearing their own roads.

Thomas reviewed the expenses for the period of December 7, 2009, to January 15, 2010.

- \$84,550 for overtime
- \$44,800 for sand and salt
- \$23,246 for motor grader blades

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

- \$86,400 for diesel fuel
- \$18,200 for tire changes
- \$33,860 for equipment repair
- \$18,150 for front end loader rental

Workman said total expenses divided by 1400 miles of County roads equals a cost of \$200-\$250 per mile.

Heier asked Thomas to extend the Board's appreciation to his employees for their efforts. He noted he did not receive any complaints regarding snow removal. Hudkins also thanked Thomas and his staff for their work.

Doug Ahlberg said Post Disaster Assistance (PDA) was submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and he thought they would have an answer within a few weeks. He noted there are 48 Nebraska counties applying for disaster declaration, and the storms affected 22 states. The Lincoln and Lancaster County threshold for federal assistance is \$800,000; currently cost estimates are \$3,436,000. Ahlberg discussed changes FEMA made in their snow emergency policies, which included setting a record snowfall and associating snow removal with emergency calls. He felt the County would not have a problem meeting these standards. Based on preliminary cost estimates provided to FEMA, the County Engineer's office could receive around \$400,000 in disaster assistance.

Ahlberg praised the County Engineer's office for going above and beyond their duties, specifically by providing assistance with a medical emergency in Otoe County. Thomas said his office will continue to work closely with Emergency Management in prioritizing future emergencies.

Ahlberg noted over 100 volunteers transported 212 people during the winter storms. Heier asked Ahlberg to extend the Board's appreciation to the volunteers.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- G. A satellite telephone service contract with Sky Terra LP for two satellite telephones for Lancaster County Emergency Management. The County shall pay a total of \$1,880.44 in access and service fees over a twelve month period plus \$1.19 per minute for telephone use. (C-10-0037)**

Ahlberg said he worked with Metropolitan Medical Response to purchase two satellite phones and radio combinations that allow communication directly with state agencies during catastrophic events. He said the cost was covered by a grant.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the contract. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- A. **A resolution approving the vacation of a portion of N. 98th Street from Ashland Road to a point approximately 1600 feet south of Ashland Road lying in the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 7 East of the 6th Principal Meridian. (R-10-0006)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the resolution. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. **A resolution in the matter of designating a responsible charge to secure federal funding for West Denton Road; Project STPE 3305(9). (R-10-0007)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the resolution. Stevens, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. **A resolution in the matter of approving annual salary increases for directors, assistant directors, psychiatrists, sheriff captains, bailiffs, the child support referee and attorneys. (R-10-0008)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the resolution. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. **An agreement with Intelligent Buildings, L.L.C., in the amount of \$18,782, for HVAC controls for the County Engineer. Project shall be completed by March 26, 2010. (C-10-0030)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. **A Region V network provider contract for services under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant Program. The County, through the services of the Community Mental Health Center, will provide outreach services, community mental health services, screening and diagnostic services. The term of the agreement is October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010. The County shall be compensated up to \$32,500 for the services and is required to match \$10,834 in cash or in kind. (C-10-0031)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the contract. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. **An amendment to an affiliation agreement with the Fielding Graduate University, Practicum Training Program, for graduate psychology students who will provide 1200 hours of psychological services for the Community Mental Health Center. The amendment extends the ending date of the term of the agreement from December 31, 2009, to August 31, 2010. There is no cost to the County. (C-10-0032)**

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the amendment. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. **A satellite telephone service contract with Sky Terra LP for two satellite telephones for Lancaster County Emergency Management. The County shall pay a total of \$1,880.44 in access and service fees over a twelve month period plus \$1.19 per minute for telephone use. (C-10-0037)**

Item G was moved forward on the agenda.

- H. **An interlocal agreement between Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln, and the United Way of Lincoln/Lancaster County to jointly provide funding for the oversight and administration of the Community Services Initiative (CSI) Project. The County and the City of Lincoln will each contribute \$45,000, and the United Way will contribute \$40,000 for a total contract fee of \$130,000. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010. (C-10-0038)**

Stevens said the amendment specifically outlines the contribution of the County in reference to an earlier agreement.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the agreement. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. **A request for a one-step pay increase for Patti Talamante, an employee with Emergency Management Services, due to exceptional circumstances.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the pay increase. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- J. **2010 committee assignments for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the 2010 committee assignments. Stevens, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- 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:*

5) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

A. **Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and the following:**

1. **James and Susan Wambold, in the amount of \$35, located 244' south of W. Agnew Road on NW 12th Street; Project No. CP-C-211A. (C-10-0033)**
2. **James and Susan Wambold, in the amount of \$26.25, located 915' south of W. Agnew Road on NW 12th Street; Project No. CP-C-21. (C-10-0034)**
3. **Loren and Lavina Schwaninger, in the amount of \$145, located 562' north of W. Pella Road on SW 2nd Street; Project No. CP-W-81. (C-10-0035)**
4. **Kimberly and Bruce Topp, in the amount of a donation, located 562' north of W. Pella Road on SW 2nd Street; Project No. CP-W-81. (C-10-0036)**

B. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the amendment of the Lancaster County General Assistance Guidelines.**

Hudkins thanked Kimberly and Bruce Topp for their right-of-way donation on West Pella Road.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the consent items. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

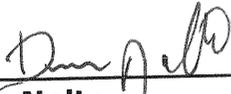
No public comments were offered.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesdays and rebroadcast at 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., as well as on Saturday afternoon on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, this meeting may be viewed on Nebraska On Demand Time Warner Channel 101 and is available on the internet 24 hours a day at www.lancaster.ne.gov. Click on 5 City-TV Video on Demand.**

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:04 a.m. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



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LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney
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The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS: Approval of four additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachments "A" and "B".**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS:**

BryanLGH Medical Center
Center Pointe, Inc.
Evangelical United Lutheran Church (ELCA)
People's City Mission
Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
Sesostris Shrine
Tabitha, Inc.
Wyuka Funeral Home & Cemetery

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:07 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



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