

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010  
COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
9:30 A.M.**

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

Commissioners absent: Ray Stevens, Vice Chair

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy 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, May 25, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, June 1, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the claims. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Presentation of the Commissioner's Award of Excellence for April, 2010, to Georgetta Shaw, Corrections.**

The Clerk read the nomination for the record. Commissioner Workman presented a plaque to Georgetta Shaw. Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, commended Shaw for her 25 years of service. Shaw thanked everyone for the award.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **Issuance of Healthcare Revenue Bonds (Tabitha, Inc. Project), Series 2010B and Series 2010C in the maximum principal amount of \$5,000,000 by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County, Nebraska for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. (See New Business Item 5A)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Lisa DeBuse, Gillmore & Bell, was administered the oath. She stated the County Board is required to approve the issuance of bonds for Tabitha.

Dave Jackson, Chief Financial Officer of Tabitha, Inc., was administered the oath. He explained the bonds would be used for two new Tabitha Green Houses and for a 12-bed skilled nursing hospice facility. Jackson said a grant is being given by the Federal Home Loan Bank for one of the homes, which is a 12-bed home; eight of the beds will be filled by Medicaid patients. He noted the projects total a little over \$4,700,000. In addition, furnishings are being funded from the federal grant for around \$240,000. Schorr questioned the Green House name. Jackson explained the Green House name was given to the program which takes long term care out of the institution and puts it into a more homelike setting. Workman discussed the facility's changes with Jackson.

Blaine Spady, Smith Hayes, was administered the oath. Hudkins questioned the timing of the bond issuance. Spady said constructions bids are low and interest rates are good. He said Series B would be a 20-year serial bond for \$4,000,000 and Series C would be a 7-year term bond with a sinking fund for \$1,000,000. Workman asked for an average figure on current interest rates. Spady said they are around 5-6%.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **A resolution approving the issuance of Healthcare Revenue Bonds (Tabitha, Inc. Project), Series 2010B and Series 2010C in the maximum principal amount of \$5,000,000 by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County, Nebraska for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. (R-10-0039)**

Heier noted this would provide no liability to the County.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the resolution. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. **An addendum to an interlocal agreement between the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County for the grading, paving and bridge construction of SW 40th Street from West A Street, north to the existing City limits. The County will contribute \$197,568 to the City as its share of the project. The agreement is effective upon execution and will continue until the completion of the project. The addendum extends the agreement for an additional five years and shall end July 13, 2015. (C-10-0222)**

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the addendum. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. **An agreement between Kissel/E & S Associates (contractor) and Lancaster County for the provision of legislative consulting services to the County. The agreement shall be for a two (2) year period, commencing November 1, 2010 and terminating October 31, 2012. The County shall pay the contractor \$53,000 for year one and \$53,000 for year two of the agreement. (C-10-0223)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the agreement. Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Schorr abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

- D. **A contract with Ikon Office Solutions, Inc., for the annual supply of printer cartridges, Bid No. 09-243. The County will pay for services according to the pricing provided in the contractor's accepted proposal. Term of the contract is one (1) year from the date of execution by both parties. (C-10-0224)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the contract. Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. **An agreement with Dr. Edward DeSimone to conduct a training workshop for the Lancaster County Corrections Department on "Issues in Medication Prescribing, Dispensing, and Administration in Nebraska Jails." The training shall take place on June 17, 2010. The County will pay \$1,750.00 for the training. (C-10-0225)**

John L. Austin discussed allowing inmates to use their own medication. Hudkins said Corrections does not allow this because people may tamper with the medication.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. **An agreement between Kristen Krupicka and Lancaster County, for a professional, non-paid internship at the Community Mental Health Center. In order to complete the 1,500 hours necessary to obtain a professional license, Ms. Krupicka will serve twelve (12) hours per week at the Community Mental Health Center, providing evaluation and counseling services to individuals in the outpatient therapy department. (C-10-0226)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. **An agreement between The Crowley Company and Lancaster County for 35 mm roll film imaging. The County shall pay for services on an as needed basis and according to the pricing as listed in the contractor's proposal, up to a total cost of \$28,004.78. The term of the contract shall begin on the date of execution of the contract and end on December 15, 2010. (C-10-0227)**

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- H. **An agreement between G & M Window Service, L.L.C., and Lancaster County, for the annual requirements for window cleaning. The County shall pay for services on an as needed basis and according to the pricing as listed in the contractor's proposal. The term of the contract shall be four (4) years from the date of execution of the contract. (C-10-0228)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- I. **An addendum to the Business Associate Agreement Flexible Benefit Plan Administrative Services Agreement between PayFlex Systems USA, Inc., and the County. The addendum amends the business associate agreement to ensure compliance with the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act). (C-10-0229)**

Hudkins said he has received complaints regarding the use of PayFlex.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the addendum. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- J. **A recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to issue an order with Vogel Paint & Wax Company, Inc., for traffic paint from State of Nebraska Contract 12717 OC. The total cost of the order is \$66,405.00.**

Hudkins noted the high cost of paint. He said the new type of paint does not last as well as the oil-based paint previously used and must be replaced more often.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the recommendation. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- 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. **Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and Martin E. and Marilyn S. Dye in the total amount of \$7,773.60, located on Saltillo Road from South 98th to South 120th Street; Project No. C55-PQ-406 (2). (C-10-0231) (C-10-0232)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the consent items. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

## 7) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Becky Simerly, Vice President of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), discussed concerns of non-union employees regarding wages. She read examples of public comment from the Lincoln Journal Star on the sale of Lancaster Manor.

Melvin Moore read and submitted examples of public comment from the Lincoln Journal Star on the sale of Lancaster Manor (Exhibit A).

Kim Kaspar, President of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), expressed her concerns over the sale of Lancaster Manor. She submitted her testimony and examples of public comment from the Lincoln Journal Star on the sale of Lancaster Manor (Exhibit B).

John L. Austin commented on the sale of Lancaster Manor. He questioned the procedures of executive sessions held by the County Board. Schorr explained there is a provision in state statute allowing the Board to go into executive session to discuss certain matters in the best interest of the County, including legal action, purchase or sale of real estate and personnel matters. Austin questioned the regulation regarding building a home on 20 acres or less. Hudkins explained the County Board has the authority to overrule the regulation.

## 8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.**
- B. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building, regarding a request for an addition to licensed premise from Prime Country Winery, L.L.C., located at 12120 SW 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, Denton, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
- C. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 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 proposed sale of surplus Lancaster County property located at 2331 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, legally described as Seymour addition, Lot 36 except E 134.90 feet.**
- D. 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](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov). Click on 5 City-TV Video on Demand.**

9) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:17 a.m. Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

  
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**Dan Nolte**  
**Lancaster County Clerk**



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010**  
**COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

Commissioners absent: Ray Stevens, Vice Chair

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
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1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS: Approval of 10 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachments "A" and "B".**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Family Service Association of Lincoln**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemption applications. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

4) **APPEAL OF LATE FILING PENALTY FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:**

**Williamsburg Behavioral Psychology, L.L.C.**

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, said the personal property return was filed late, and the state statute does not allow the penalty to be waived unless it is proved it was timely filed. He recommended denial of the \$5 penalty appeal.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded denial of the appeal based upon the recommendation of the County Assessor's Office. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

5) **NOTICE OF TAXABLE STATUS:**

**City of Lincoln, Nebraska**

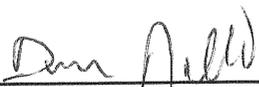
Scott Gaines said the City acquired this property. The current house on the property will be torn down and a new one will be constructed. It will remain taxable unless the City uses it for public purpose.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval to send the notice. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

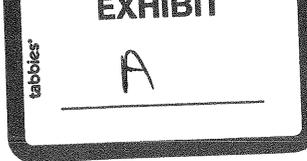
Hudkins questioned the listing for Land & Sky under Additions and Deductions (Agenda Item 2). He said the listing shows an increase around \$4,000 and a decrease around \$40,000. Gaines said it was double-reported and previously approved for a refund. Hudkins questioned the large difference in the increased and decreased amounts. Gaines said he would check into it further.

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:22 a.m. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

  
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**Dan Nolte**  
**Lancaster County Clerk**





# County board gives buyer till Oct. 15 to close Lancaster Manor sale

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1.

wordsworth said on: May 28, 2010, 3:33 pm

Please remember this at election time. This county board (with the exception of Larry Hudkins) couldn't organize a 2-car funeral. Vote them all out in November.

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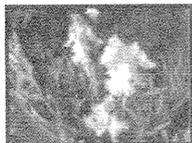
Am said on: May 27, 2010, 9:00 pm

This was a sweetheart deal pushed by LIBA because they believe the private sector can do a better job than the public sector. Really the county board made sure that the Manor would not be administered properly to ensure they could provide a reason to sell the Manor. However, their chosen buyer is not very solid. To make it work financially for the new buyer they sold the Manor below appraised value. When a buyer has to get a loan from a failing bank that should send up some red flags. But it doesn't for this county board. They have to save face thus the extra added time to get the loan. A loan no credible financial organization will approve except at very high

interest rates. Be prepared to have the county lower the price even further to make up for the higher costs to the buyer. This board needs to be investigated!

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3.

Justice-seeker said on: May 27, 2010, 8:26 pm

The quality of care has faltered. The contracts have failed. Workman and Schor have railroaded a sale that should not have happened in the first place. This is a disaster brought on by incompetence and greed. An asset is being sold at a "fire Sale" price because some Commissioners don't want to invest the time or energy in searching for good management. Meanwhile the residents have to suck it up and persevere with curtailed service and shoddy attention. Makes you proud of who you elected doesn't it. Larry is the only one with an ounce of sense.

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4.

Jo Beth said on: May 27, 2010, 6:47 pm

How many roads would \$250,000. fix? How many fired and laid off employees unemployment would \$250,000. pay? Just because you have the big bucks, doesn't mean the rest of us do. Think of the care \$250,000. would provide to Manor residents. THIS IS WRONG! Get the money. A contract is a contract (wink, wink). Oh, how much of the jail would \$250,000. pay for?

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5.

FirstNews said on: May 27, 2010, 5:17 pm

No problem going hundreds of millions of dollars in debt for the arena, but when it comes to a quality place that serves our Senior citizens, since at least the 1970's, that being Lancaster Manor, we can't wait to sell it.

What values Lincoln has!

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6.

Max A. said on: May 27, 2010, 3:50 pm

This vote should not have taken place! Commissioner Hudkins was right, the others were wrong. No way should the \$250,000 be waived. I wonder if Shor and Workman would waive that kind of money if it were owed to their businesses? Nope, didn't think so. So, why are they waiving it as County Commissioners? I know, they just want to unload the Manor. This is a lousy way to do the County's business!

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7.

Comm UnSense said on: May 27, 2010, 12:19 pm

What a bunch of clowns. Uh-oh, we're meeting about the manor again. I took a beating the last time, so I'm going on vacation this time. How often do they meet? Would it be

asking too much for them to schedule their vacations when there aren't any meetings scheduled?

Hudkins is the only one with any sense. My dog could represent the county better than the others.

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For several months we have heard you tell us how the Manor is bleeding us of \$100,000 a month. It has some great big gashing wound and no way to control it. So you went to the emergency room, found a new doctor, and paid them to take care of your problem. You stopped the problem by giving them \$3,000,000 (three million dollars). Yes, three million dollars. And they didn't stop the bleeding. This really figures out to 30 months to stop the bleeding yourselves. And if you would have looked instead of passing out at the sight of it, you could have applied a tourniquet, stopped the bleed and saved lives.

Because of your incompetency, you have created another bleed in the County, a budget bleed of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) plus. And what will you do with this bleed? Can you sell it to the only bidder and hope they know how to fix it and make it go away? Or will you just keep spending foolishly and make others clean up your mess?

It is very obvious you don't know how to apply a tourniquet or even a band-aid. You have proven this over and over again and continue to make the same mistakes. The money is owed to the taxpayer, not you, and before you get it in hand you are spending it. This is ever so apparent when you give one of your own a 15% raise and can't even use the same array that you force the Unions to use. Tell us, how many County employees received a 15% raise this year or even in the last 10 years?

You have given away \$3,000,000 to a firm who stated they didn't need a bank to finance the Manor. Yet they can't even find a bank that is not bankrupt. We all ponder this question, "Who would want to give a loan to someone who filed a multi million dollar bankruptcy and also lost multi millions in nursing home closures?"

There is no hesitation for the County to collect from the taxpayer or the employee who was overpaid or paid wrong. In fact, I just paid back \$67.00 to the County for errors they made. No choice really, you would have just taken it out of my paycheck either way. Yet you don't seem to want to collect from the firm buying the Manor and would rather just keep padding their pockets. Are you so desperate that this buyer who keeps making money off us will leave? Let them go, it will be less costly to the taxpayers.

When will you figure it out? The Manor wasn't bleeding the county, it was you. You stated repeatedly, you didn't know how to run a nursing home. So tell us, how then can you run a jail, detention center, crisis center, engineering, taxes, employees and more? Maybe it is time to just retire and let someone else do this that might just know what they are doing.



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## Hunter Management asks for extension on closing sale of Lancaster Manor

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1.

wordsworth said on: May 28, 2010, 3:37 pm

And what does Holy Holy Foley have to say about this? Or is it off limits because it's being done by Rethuglicans?

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2.

Nina said on: May 27, 2010, 3:59 pm

And it might prove interesting to interview those 15 nurses and publish the results, for those who (a few days ago here) didn't believe that undesirable conditions can and do occur at some of Nebraska's nursing homes.

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3.

Nina said on: May 27, 2010, 3:55 pm

Red flag alert!

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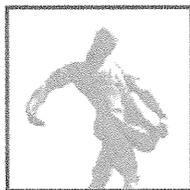
4.

Peanutbutter said on: May 26, 2010, 8:20 pm

Maybe the State needs to pay a little visit and see how things are really going.....

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5.

Guess what said on: May 26, 2010, 7:23 pm

Put this albatross back on the tax roles. Get this thing over with so people will quit whining. Oh wait - they will still whine about the arena. Never mind.

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6.

slwags said on: May 26, 2010, 6:52 pm

What they should really look into is the firing of nearly half the staff. I have suggested this to the LJS but they dont want to look into it. Anyone that was at the top of the pay scale has been fired. Thats where the real story is.

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7.

jdjh said on: May 26, 2010, 6:08 pm

Workmen you are so full of it. If you wanted a well run facility you would not have pushed to sell the Manor to Hunter.

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8.

FirstNews said on: May 26, 2010, 6:03 pm

Let's see.....

No cost, price, tax, or length of debt too great for the arena.

Yet we can't wait to sell Lancastor Manor that serves well our Senior Citizens.....

Wow.

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9.

Voice of Reasonbe803 said on: May 26, 2010, 5:55 pm

... "We want a well-run, sustainable business that will serve Lancaster County many years from now." Humm, let's see, they, Hunter Management, can't get a loan to maintain this sustainable business. How sustainable will "this thing" be if they can't pay their bills or get credit? You won't take \$250,000 of an agreed amount yet the brainacs are willing to raise the rent. I hope you got a damage deposit! Wow what a deal:(

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10.

Wisdom said on: May 26, 2010, 5:38 pm

In a day and age when properties are devalued, tax revenue reduced, and County agencies are struggling, a quarter of million is not significant? Next time a candidate runs for a local government office on the "I am a business person; government must be run like a business" platform, my vote is going to lay rubber in the opposite direction. Ho-hum, a quarter million? Sustainable business, Ray? How about patient care? More than 15 Registered Nurses and LPNs have quit. Five last week.

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11.

Jo Beth said on: May 26, 2010, 5:14 pm

OH my goodness. Our County Board keeps making bad choices. Hunter Management should pay. We as individuals would have to pay. Does the Board want to be rid of the Manor so badly that they are willing to just give it away? Oh wait, they already did that. MAKE THEM PAY!

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12.

Am said on: May 26, 2010, 4:37 pm

Someone needs to investigate this deal further! If Hunter Management can not get the loan now, they will not be able to get one later. Something is not right with this deal. How do we know that the rent being charged is appropriate for the size of the facility? I bet the building is still tax exempt and not contributing to the tax base as promised. If ever there was a story the Journal Star should investigate with all hands on deck, this is the story.

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13.

Max A. said on: May 26, 2010, 3:59 pm

Commissioner Workman, since when is a quarter of a million dollars not a big deal?! How soon are you out of office?! No way should the County Board let Hunter Management out of paying the \$250,000.00! I supported Commissioner Hudkins on his vote and it appears more and more that he was absolutely right! And by the way, since \$250,000 is no big deal to Workman, I think I'll not pay my property taxes, for a number of years, since the County doesn't need their portion of that. This is beyond stupid on Workman's part!

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14.

Come on Now said on: May 26, 2010, 3:28 pm

Link Lincolnite said on: May 26, 2010, 1:15 pm

Put the \$250,000 towards the new Arena. Does this city not know how to negotiate or run anything?

The City has no part of this issue. This one is square on the County Board. Who except for Larry Hudkins, all have their heads in the sand. Hudkins was the only one who smelled something fishy on this deal from the start. Now it will cost them \$250,000. The board could have invested \$250,000 into Lancaster Manor and been better off.

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16.

Garage Dweller said on: May 26, 2010, 12:53 pm

"...\$250,000 not important..." ??? If it wasn't important, why was it put in the contract? If Hunter Management was such a good company, why can't they afford to finance the Manor? I was neutral on this Manor deal at first, but now I'm thinking Hudkins should have received more support for his stance. If Hunter couldn't pay they should have never made the deal. Listen up County Board, take the penalty \$\$\$, and keep the manor.

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17.

E Jr said on: May 26, 2010, 12:29 pm

Let me get this straight. Not only did the county board make a terrible decision in selling Lancaster Manor, but they are now throwing away \$250,000 because the deal didn't go through by the deadline agreed to. They are an impressive group, aren't they????

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