

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brittany Behrens, 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, October 12, 2010.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman 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, October 19, 2010.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

A. **Presentation on Foreign-Trade Zone Status for Lancaster County – Jason Smith, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Vice President for Economic Development; Mike Lang, Mayor's Aide for Economic Development.**

Jason Smith explained the Foreign-Trade Zone program is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Foreign-Trade Zone Board in Washington D.C. It was established 75 years ago to help U.S. companies compete with foreign companies. He said the Trade-Zone Board formulated a new program last year called Alternative Site Framework. A Foreign-Trade Zone designation is currently on 300 acres at Air Park, but the new program allows up to 1000 acres for a Trade-Zone. This would give other companies the opportunity to receive a sub-zone, which provides certain benefits when they import and export products. Smith requested the Board's approval of a letter to go with the Alternative Site Framework application.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **A letter supporting designation of Foreign-Trade Zone Status for Lancaster County.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the letter.

Workman asked if the 1000 acres includes the current 300 acres. Jason Smith explained 1000 acres would be requested, but not that many acres may be designated. He felt the 300 acres at Air Park would be maintained as part of the Trade-Zone, but additional acres would allow other property owners to apply. A three-year window would be given to use the Trade-Zone designation or it would need to be justified for additional time. Stevens asked if the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development managed the Trade-Zone. Smith said the parent organization, the Lincoln Chamber of Economic Development Corporation, manages the Trade-Zone.

ROLL CALL: Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

B. **Adoption of County of Lancaster, Nebraska Employee Retirement and 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, Statement of Overall Investment Objectives and Policy, revised and effective October 19, 2010.**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the primary objective was to update the benchmarks against which investments are measured. He noted an additional change on Page 4 of the plan, which added "(Large Cap Blend Equity)" to the "Socially Responsible" category.

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

C. **Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent to award a bid, in the amount of \$106,400, for five 2011 Ford F-250 trucks for the Lancaster County Engineering Department. (B-10-0045)**

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

D. **A resolution adopting a policy mandating that Lancaster County employees accept payment of wages by electronic funds transfer or a similar means of direct deposit. The policy shall be effective January 1, 2011. (R-10-0090)**

Item was held per request of the County Attorney.

E. **A resolution authorizing the installation of traffic signs at the following locations in Lancaster County: Install two guide signs (D1-1) to the Lincoln Electric System (LES) Bluff Road Power Station entrance located on Bluff Road approximately ½ mile east of N. 70th Street. One sign will be placed east of the drive for westbound traffic and one sign will be placed west of the drive for eastbound traffic. Lincoln Electric System will provide and install the signs and posts and will be responsible for their perpetual maintenance. Signs will be in compliance with guidelines set forth in the Manual on Traffic Control Devices. (R-10-0091)**

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

- F. **Change order supplemental agreement No. 2 with Hawkins Construction Company, for an increase of \$630 on the Hickman Viaduct; Project No. C55-S-401(6). (C-10-0534)**

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

- G. **A grant contract with the Asian Cultural and Community Center, in the amount of \$28,500, to provide funding to assist youth currently, or at risk to become, involved in the juvenile justice system, through the Sudanese Advocate Project. The Asian Cultural and Community Center will provide \$3,500 in matching funds. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. (C-10-0535)**

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

- H. **A grant contract with Clyde Malone Community Center, Inc., in the amount of \$6,000, to provide funding for the Truancy Intervention Program. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. (C-10-0536)**

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

- I. **2010-2011 Nebraska Refugee Resettlement Targeted Assistance Grant Program award agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The County has been awarded \$77,420 for the period of October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2011. (C-10-0537)**

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

- J. **A grant application for the Nebraska Crime Commission 2010 State County Aid Enhancement Grant to fund diversion enhancement at the Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska – Omaha. The total project cost is \$51,188, including a \$14,625 in-kind match by the County.**

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

- K. **Interview of Brent Meyer for position of Deputy Weed Control Superintendent.**

By order of the Chair, this item was held until the end of the meeting.

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. **Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and Vicky Hundt, in the amount of \$12,564, located at 98th Street & Van Dorn Street; Project No. C55-KP-412(1). (C-10-0538) (C-10-0539)**
- B. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, November 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 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10014, to vacate the portion of W. Waggoner Drive which abuts Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1, Waggoner Subdivision, generally located ¼ mile south of West O Street, on the east side of SW 98th Street.**

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

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will not hold a staff meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010. Instead a Management Team Retreat will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Pioneers Park Nature Center, Malinovskis Auditorium. The next staff meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 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, October 26, 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 Class C liquor license application for Yankee Hill Country Club, 4200 San Mateo Lane, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
- C. **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.**

The Chair recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:47 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened in Room 113 at 10:20 a.m.

RETURNING TO ITEM 4K:

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to enter executive session at 10:20 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues (interview of Brent Meyer for position of Deputy Weed Control Superintendent) at the request of the personnel. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to exit executive session at 11:27 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:27 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

/s/Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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
Ray Stevens, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr
Bob Workman

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

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1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.**

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

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS: Approval of 21 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, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Northern Lighthouse
Saint Paul United Methodist Church
Shepherd of the Hills

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: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:48 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

/s/Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk