

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010
9:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Ray Stevens, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the September 30, 2010 Staff Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Workman was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Flu Shot Reminder (Exhibit A)
- B. Request from Mayor Beutler to Appoint Judy Halstead, as Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director (Exhibit B)
- C. Tri-County Meeting

Workman arrived at the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

3 JUVENILE JUSTICE REVIEW COMMITTEE (JJRC) OVERVIEW -Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator; Sara Hoyle, Juvenile Justice Coordinator; Anne Hobbs, Director, Juvenile Justice Institute, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL); Alicia Henderson, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Anne Hobbs, Director, Juvenile Justice Institute, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), presented Report on Effective Programs and Best Practices (Exhibit C). **NOTE:** The report is an assessment of the County's graduated sanctions programs and the early assessment process for juveniles. She stated overall the system appears to be working.

Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, appeared and said juvenile justice representatives have been meeting to review policies and discuss what needs to be done.

Stevens asked whether it would be cost effective to implement some of the model practices the County is not engaged in.

Hobbs said that has already begun.

Sara Hoyle, Juvenile Justice Coordinator, reported that the County's assessment program has been nominated for an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) best practice award.

In response to a question from Hudkins, Alicia Henderson, Chief Deputy County Attorney, said the City Attorney's Office handles cases involving youth 16 and 17 years of age who are charged with city ordinance violations. She said the County Attorney's Office handles all cases involving felonies and any cases involving youth who are 15 years of age or younger. Henderson added she is tracking how information from the early assessment process is impacting decisions on whether her office files charges.

It was noted that the City Attorney's Office has been sending out subpoenas by mail and Henderson said the County Attorney's Office is looking into doing so as well, as a cost-saving measure.

Heier said he would like to see a similar evaluation of the alternatives to incarceration programs for adults.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

C. Truancy Grant (\$295,017) and Pass-Through Grant from Nebraska Crime Commission (\$35,000)

Hoyle said the County's application for a two-year Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (stimulus funds) Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the Nebraska Crime Commission to implement a Truancy Diversion Program for youth at Park Middle School in an effort to reduce the number of truancy filings in Juvenile Court has received a recommendation for funding in the amount of \$295,017.

Hoyle also reported on receipt of a pass-through grant in the amount of \$35,000 from the Nebraska Crime Commission. The funds will go to the Evaluation Center in Omaha and a portion will be used to upgrade the diversion database.

4 MICROCOMPUTER REQUEST C#64195, \$6,718.95 FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM THE MICROCOMPUTER FUND - Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Captain Todd Duncan

Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff, said the request has been amended to include replacement of a laptop computer that is no longer functional. The total request is now \$7,362.00.

Captain Todd Duncan explained they are seeking to replace computers in their department that have experienced problems and are more costly to maintain than replace.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the revised request. Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

5 DEPUTY WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT - Russ Shultz, Weed Control Authority Superintendent

Russ Shultz, Weed Control Authority Superintendent, said the Personnel Department received 31 applications for the deputy weed control superintendent position. He said only 10 completed the supplemental questionnaire and said he feels only two are viable candidates. Shultz recommended that the Board interview only the top candidate.

Board consensus was to review all of the applications and make a decision at the next Staff Meeting on how many candidates to interview.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Flu Shot Reminder (Exhibit A)

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, has suggested that a reminder be sent to all county employees, via email, regarding flu shots.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval. Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Request from Mayor Beutler to Appoint Judy Halstead, as Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director (Exhibit B)

Board consensus was to schedule the item on the October 12th County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

C. Tri-County Meeting

Eagan said the meeting, which will be hosted by Douglas County, will be held on November 12th at a location in west Omaha.

6 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

7 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Names for Lancaster Manor Proceeds Committee

Hudkins submitted Ron Ecklund's name for the Committee. Ecklund is a CPA with HBE Becker Meyer Love, LLP. He said he also approached Coby Mach, Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Executive Director; and Ron Krejci, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of First State Bank of Hickman and a member of the Budget Monitoring Committee, about serving. Stevens submitted the following names: John McHenry, an attorney with the McHenry, Haszard, Roth & Hupp, P.C., LLO law

firm who served as Chairman of the Lancaster Manor Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Committee; and Linda Robinson Rutz, President, Union Agency, Inc. (Insurance Agency). Workman submitted Kathy Campbell's name. Campbell is a State Senator and former Lancaster County Commissioner.

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded to appoint Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer; and Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent, as ex-officio members of the Lancaster Manor Proceeds Committee.

AMENDMENT: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded to amend the motion to appoint Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer; and Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent, as ex-officio members of the Lancaster Manor Proceeds Committee and to make Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; and Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, available to the Committee, if needed. Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Stevens and Workman voted nay. Vote tied 2-2. Motion failed due to the lack of a majority.

ROLL CALL ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION: Workman and Stevens voted aye. Hudkins and Heier voted nay. Vote tied 2-2. Motion failed due to the lack of a majority.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to appoint Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, as an ex-officio member of the Lancaster Manor Proceeds Committee. Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Potential Lancaster Manor Medicaid Repayments

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, said an audit revealed the County billed Medicaid incorrectly for a Lancaster Manor resident. The County is required to repay the amount (\$1,713.77).

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said there are sufficient funds in the Manor Fund to cover the expense but said any further claims for repayment may need to be paid out of the General Fund.

C. Truancy Grant (\$295,017) and Pass-Through Grant from Nebraska Crime Commission (\$35,000)

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

9 PENDING

There were no pending items.

10 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee (EAC) - Heier

Heier said the EAC plans to create a separate committee to review three scenarios for future growth patterns that came out of the LPlan 2040 process (Exhibit D): 1) Multi-Directional Growth; 2) Stevens Creek Growth; and 3) Compact Growth. **NOTE:** LPlan 2040 is the ongoing public process and planning effort to update the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan.

B. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Oversight Committee - Schorr

No report.

C. Chamber Coffee - Stevens

Stevens said Dan Marvin, Program Administrator, gave an update on the Haymarket Arena Project. City Councilman Jon Camp discussed the pros and cons of the proposal to purchase the Experian Building in northwest Lincoln to house some city offices. Stevens said he reported on the new penguin exhibit at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. **NOTE:** The exhibit was paid for in part with a \$150,000 grant from the County's Visitor Improvement Fund.

11 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

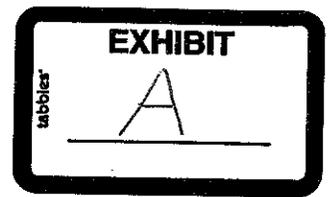
There were no emergency items or other business.

12 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

/s/ Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



A reminder to all County employees. Flu shots will be given free of charge to all County employees.

The on-site clinics are as follows:

**Tuesday, October 12, 2010 County/City Building - Room 113
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010 County Extension Office - 444
Cherrycreek Road

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

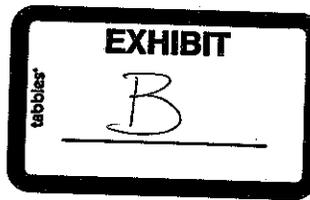
**Thursday, October 14, 2010 Lancaster County Jail
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

You may also go to Any Lab Test Now, 6125 Apples' Way and get your flu shot there as well. The hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 to 5:30 and Saturdays 9:00 - 2:00.

Family members may go to Any Lab Test Now and receive their flu shots at a cost of \$16.00.

The on-site clinics are for employees only.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR COMPLETED CONSENT FORM TO THE ON-SITE CLINICS.



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October 6, 2010

Bernie Heier, Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 S. 10th St., Ste. 110
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Heier:

I respectfully request the County Board's approval of Judy Halstead's appointment as Health Director for the City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Department of Health, effective October 23, 2010.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding the appointment.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

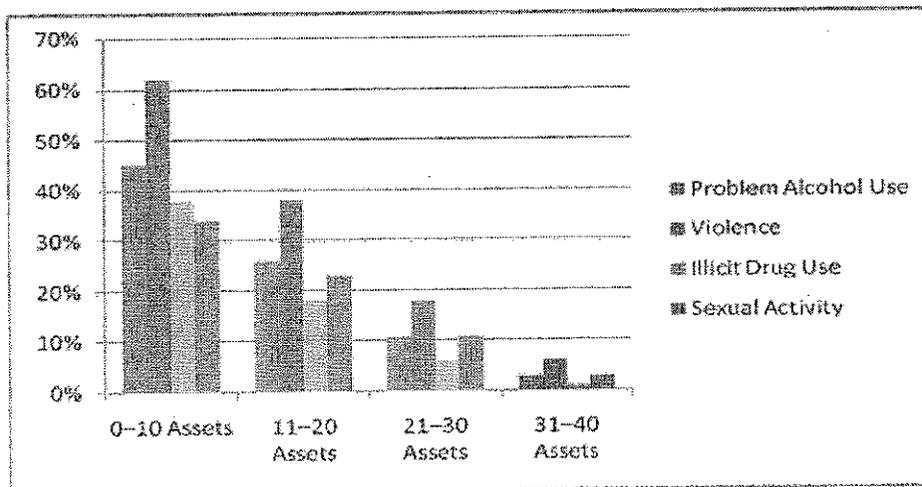
Cc: Kerry P. Eagan
Judy Halstead

Lancaster County Board – October 7, 2010
Report on Effective Programs & Best Practices

	2005-06	2006- 07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Change
LPD arrest for juveniles under 15 (felony)*	144	127	142	105	-	-27%
LPD arrest for juveniles under 15 (misdemeanor)*	1,951	1,951	1,838	1,794	-	- 8%
Number of juvenile charges where youth cited within a local school	562	461	479	496	497	-12%
Cases referred to juvenile diversion by the County Attorney	715	654	629	530	452	-26%
Cases referred to Juvenile Diversion by City Attorney	389	381	424	393	415	+ 6%
Number of youth sent through the early assessment process	0	0	0	483	765	+58%
Number of youth placed in Detention Alternatives	179	117	189	304	209	+17 %

Trends in Juvenile Case Processing

Recent research on juvenile justice processing indicates that official processing of a juvenile law violation may be the least effective means of rehabilitating juvenile offenders. Processing a juvenile through formal juvenile court proceedings appears to result in later acts of delinquency. "Rather than providing a public safety benefit, processing a juvenile through the system appears to have a negative or backfire effect" (Campbell 2010, pg. 38). What works? Alternative programs, especially ones that develop resiliency or assets that help youth deflect delinquent peers and situations.



OJJDP Model Practices for Truancy Prevention Programs

Strategy Employed	Model Program employed
Parenting Education	Yes
Homework Hotlines	No
Parent Liaison	No
Zero Tolerance for Truancy	Yes
Community-Run Detention Center	No
Parent-Teacher Communication Enhancement	Yes
Law Enforcement Participation	Yes
Dealing with Root Causes (mentoring, academic, parental involvement, tutoring)	Yes

Model Practices for Truancy Prevention - JDS Strategies

OJJDP Model Practices for Day and Evening Reporting

Strategy Employed	Model Program employed
Individual/ Group Counseling	No
Vocational training	No
Recreation	Yes
Educational	Yes
Substance Abuse treatment	No
Cognitive Skills	Yes
Community Resource Referrals	Yes
Weekday Supervision	Yes
Weekend Supervision*	No

Model Practices for Day and Evening Programs

*Supervision will be scheduled for Saturdays beginning early Fall 2010.

OJJDP Model Practices for Employment Skills Programs

Strategy Employed	MP adopted by Project Hire
Academic resources / tutoring	Yes
Vocational training	No
Tools for Independent Living	Yes
Education on Health Care	No
Job Counseling	Yes
Specific Skill Enhancement (computer, construction)	No
Social Skills Training	No

Model Practices for Employment Programs

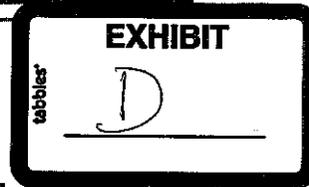
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LPlan 2040 Growth Scenarios

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OVERVIEW



Purpose of Scenario Work

- ❖ Provide a range of future growth options that can be assessed regarding impacts on land consumption rates, infrastructure costs, and land use patterns
- ❖ Different aspects of each scenario may ultimately be part of a single preferred scenario

General Assumptions

- ❖ Additional 126,000 Lancaster County population by 2040. Additional 100,000 population from 2040 to 2060.
- ❖ 90% population in Lincoln, 6% in Rural County and 4% in Small Towns
- ❖ 47,500 residential unit demand for urbanizing area by 2040; 4,500 residential unit demand for remaining county
- ❖ Current committed residential unit supply built-out in each scenario (16,000 dwelling units)
- ❖ Each scenario includes approximately 6 miles of predominantly commercial and industrial land in Tier I for future employment growth
- ❖ Each scenario continues use of gravity sewer and contiguous development policies
- ❖ Additional land area equivalent to 25% of the demanded residential area added to each scenario for choice and supply opportunities

Process

- ❖ Various departments and agencies will be asked to assess the scenarios. Pros and Cons will be identified and discussed for each scenario. A written report will be shared with LPAC and the public.
- ❖ Results of the analysis and input from the community will be used to refine down to a single preferred scenario. This will be the basis of development of a draft land use plan.

Scenario Descriptions

A. Multi-Directional Growth Scenario

- ❖ Future growth demands met in multiple directions
- ❖ New housing will continue trend of 70% single family and 30% multi-family
- ❖ 96% of new housing will be located on the edges with 2,000 infill units in the Downtown Core and throughout the community
- ❖ Continued 3 units per gross acre density for new urban development
- ❖ Approximately 26 square miles of land added to urban area in Tier I
- ❖ Rural acreage development in multiple directions
- ❖ Recognizes vacant land in rural county zoned for acreages, but not necessarily other land currently designated for acreages in 2030 Comprehensive Plan
- ❖ Approximately 9 additional square miles of rural land area is identified to satisfy the next 50 years of demand for acreages

B. Stevens Creek Growth Scenario

- ❖ Future growth demands met mainly in the Stevens Creek watershed and in currently identified areas to the south of the existing city
- ❖ Growth from 2040 to 2060 almost exclusively in Stevens Creek
- ❖ Southwest area of current plan no longer identified as a growth area
- ❖ Potential cost savings for utility infrastructure compared to multi-directional scenario
- ❖ Approximately 26 square miles of land added to urban area in Tier I
- ❖ Rural acreage development accommodated in the eastern and southern areas of the county where water services available
- ❖ Recognizes vacant land in rural county zoned for acreages, but not necessarily other land currently designated for acreages in 2030 Comprehensive Plan
- ❖ Approximately 9 additional square miles of rural land area is identified to satisfy the next 50 years of demand for acreages

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C. Compact Growth Scenario

- ❖ **Approximately 1/3 of future residential demand is accommodated within the existing city**
- ❖ **2/3 of residential demand accommodated on the edges of the community**
- ❖ **Infill development to occur in the Downtown Core area (7,500 units) and throughout the community (9,500)**
- ❖ **Future split of new housing unit types is 50% single family and 50% multi-family**
- ❖ **Higher density of 4 residential units per gross acre for new urban edge development**
- ❖ **Approximately 14 square miles of land added to urban area in Tier I**
- ❖ **Rural acreage development accommodated by directing acreage development inside the planning jurisdictions of those small towns that allow for acreages**
- ❖ **Recognizes vacant land in rural county zoned for acreages, but not necessarily other land currently designated for acreages in 2030 Comprehensive Plan**
- ❖ **No additional land is designated for acreages**

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Draft Growth Scenarios

Three growth scenarios have been developed for review by the community and various agencies. These scenarios depict three possible future growth patterns for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County. In each case, the future population of 413,000 people in the county has been accommodated, but the direction and pattern of growth varies. The scenarios will be analyzed by local, state and federal agencies and the analysis will be posted on this site. For further information on assumptions and the analysis process, please read this handout.

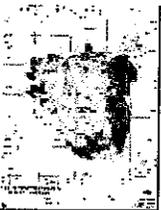
Scenario A: Multi-Directional Growth Scenario



*Draft Growth Scenario A
Urban and Countywide maps*

- Future growth demands met in multiple directions
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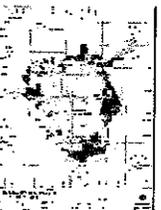
Scenario B: Stevens Creek Growth Scenario



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Scenario C: Compact Growth Scenario



*Draft Growth Scenario C
Urban and Countywide maps*

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Growth Scenarios Public Meetings

The public is invited to join Planning Department staff for an open house style meeting to receive public input on three possible growth scenarios for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County. The public is invited to share their ideas for the community's future to the year 2040. Five public meetings will be held; all meetings will have the same format.

- October 26, 2010, Walt Library, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm (Presentations at 5:15 pm and 6:00 pm)
- October 28, 2010, Hickman Community Center, 6:30 pm-7:30pm (Presentation at 6:45 pm)
- November 2, 2010, Energy Square, 11:00 am-12:30 pm (Presentations at 11:15 am and noon)
- November 3, 2010, Eisely Library, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm (Presentations at 5:15 pm and 6:00 pm)
- November 4, 2010, Davey Community Hall, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm (Presentation at 6:45 pm)



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