

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013
COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
10:30 A.M.**

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on October 18, 2013.

Commissioners present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair
Roma Amundson
Deb Schorr

Commissioners absent: Jane Raybould

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 10:31 a.m.

1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.**

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, October 22, 2013.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the claims. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

3) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **Automatic renewal of retail liquor licenses issued in Lancaster County and outside the corporate limits of any city, for which the County Clerk has received no protests: Bluestem Landscaping & Vineyard, Crooked Creek Golf Club, Sesostris Temple and Yankee Hill Country Club.**

The Chair opened the public hearing. No one appeared to testify, so the Chair closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, said no formal action is required; however, the Board has historically made a motion to approve the renewals.

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded approval of the liquor license renewals. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Reappointment of Larry Hudkins to the District Energy Corporation for a two-year term from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2015.**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the reappointment. Smoyer, Schorr, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Appointment of John Watson and William (Russ) Bell to the Lancaster County Pension Review Committee.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the appointments. Schorr, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. **2013 sub-recipient agreement for the Southeast Region in the amount of \$452,101 for the 2013 State Homeland Security Program from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Term of the agreement is September 1, 2013, to January 31, 2015. (C-13-0519)**

Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director, said a lot of the funding would be sent back to the State with a portion used for interoperable communications. All the equipment has been delivered to Lincoln and contractors are in the process of installing the system.

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. **Universal membership agreement between TALX Corporation and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Attorney's Office Child Support Division, for automated access to certain employment and income data. There is no cost to the County. (C-13-0520)**

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. **Agreement with UNICO Group, Inc., for professional brokerage services to support and assist Lancaster County with matters dealing with insurance and Risk Management. Term of the agreement is September 1, 2013, to August 31, 2018. Total compensation for the first year will be \$33,568.32 with no more than a three percent increase for each subsequent year of the agreement. (C-13-0521)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the agreement. Smoyer, Schorr, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln, which establishes a policy for the contribution and use of proceeds in the Keno Prevention Fund. (C-13-0522)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the amendment. Schorr, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Agreement between Region V Systems, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc., and Lancaster County for the purpose of defining the transition of certain behavior and mental health services, as well as defining the funding responsibilities of the parties as they relate to such services. The Region will contribute up to \$100,000, the County will contribute up to \$450,000 and Lutheran Family Services will contribute \$125,000 of in-kind funding toward the transition. The agreement is effective until June 30, 2014. (C-13-0523)**

Schorr said she would abstain from the vote since her husband works for the law firm that represents Lutheran Family Services.

Brittany Behrens said the arrangement for the first \$100,000 from Region V was left as part of the agreement. Per the Board's direction, the computer component of the agreement was removed and a provision was included that no computer purchases or hardware purchases be made prior to a separate agreement and understanding of parties. The software expenditures are separate allowable reimbursements outlined in the agreement. She said fully executed agreements were not received back from the other parties so approval by the Board would be conditioned upon receipt of signed agreements.

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement contingent upon receipt of the necessary signatures from all parties. Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Schorr abstained. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

- H. Political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County Corrections by Damien R. Wilkins for lost property in the amount of \$15.**

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Schorr seconded denial of the tort claim based on the County Corrections Director's recommendation. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- I. Political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County Corrections by Cameron K. Chrisp for lost property in the amount of \$120.**

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Schorr seconded denial of the tort claim based on the County Corrections Director's recommendation. Smoyer, Schorr, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

J. Personal property tax refund request from Ameritas.

Scott Gaines, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, said the tax was paid by both the lessor and the lessee. The money would be refunded back to the lessee for 2011-2012.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the refund request based on the County Assessor's recommendation. Schorr, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

5) **CONSENT ITEMS:** *These are routine business items that 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 contract between the County Engineer and Gary Genereux and Patricia Krondak, 11800 Pine Lake Road, as a donation. (C-13-0524)**

B. **Receive and place on file the County Sheriff report for September 2013.**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the consent items. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.**

No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 113 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**

B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**

C. **The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.**

D. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesday and Saturday on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on the internet at lancaster.ne.gov under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.**

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:47 a.m. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

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Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013
COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Advance public notice of the Board of Equalization meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on October 18, 2013.

Commissioners present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
 Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair
 Roma Amundson
 Deb Schorr

Commissioners absent: Jane Raybould

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds
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2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS: (See attached additions and deductions)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Connecting Pointe Church of the Nazarene
Lincoln Medical Education Partnership
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter**

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS CONTINUED:

MOTION: Amundson moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemption applications. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:49 a.m. Smoyer, Schorr, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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