

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
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 August 29, 2014.

Commissioners present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair
Jane Raybould
Deb Schorr

Commissioners absent: Roma Amundson

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.**

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

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, August 26, 2014.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

A. Recognition of September 2014 as National Preparedness Month – Jim Davidsaver, Lancaster County Emergency Management Director. (See 4A for correlating item.)

Jim Davidsaver said National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign to encourage Americans to take simple steps in preparation for emergencies. He provided information on emergency kits and plans and stated more information could be found on-line at www.lancaster.ne.gov (keyword: emergency) and www.ready.gov. In addition, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radio is a great tool. He thanked local media outlets, the Nebraska Emergency Management Administration Citizen Corps, volunteer partners and community organizations active in disaster.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Resolution in the matter of recognizing September 2014 as National Preparedness Month. (R-14-0056)**

The Clerk read the proclamation for the record.

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

B. **Resolution in the matter of proclaiming September 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. (R-14-0057)**

The Clerk read the proclamation for the record.

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

C. **Recommendation from the County Engineer to award bids to Lyman-Richey Corporation and Western Sand and Gravel Company in an amount not to exceed \$295,400 for production of gravel. (B-14-0031)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, noted that the bid process is being updated. She said contracts would be brought forth for gravel and hauling in the near future.

Hudkins questioned if individual haulers would have more opportunity to participate.

Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent, said the total amount of hauling from each location would not change much, which creates a problem for smaller trucking companies since they are not able to haul that much product in two days. Since the Engineer's Staff has to be on hand for delivery, increasing the days of hauling would require extra time on the Staff's part. Walla noted that the bid amount of \$295,400 is the minimum amount; once hauling is finalized, the amount may slightly increase, requiring an amendment.

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

D. **Contract between NMC, Inc., and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Emergency Management Department, for generator inspection and testing. The County will pay \$1,522 for the services. (C-14-0432)**

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

E. **Contract between Pavers, Inc., Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual supply of cold mix asphalt. The County shall pay up to \$3,000 for the products. (C-14-0433)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- F. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0380 with Gregg Electric Company for emergency and large-scale electrical services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from August 6, 2014, to August 5, 2015. (C-14-0434)**

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

- G. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0381 with Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest for emergency and large-scale electrical services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from August 6, 2014, to August 5, 2015. (C-14-0435)**

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

- H. **Collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #77. Term of the agreement is August 21, 2014, to August 19, 2015. (C-14-0436)**

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

- I. **Administrative services agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for claims administrative services for the Lancaster County self-funded group health care program, effective January 1, 2014. (C-14-0437)**

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

- J. **Grant contract with Berniklau Educational Solutions Team (BEST) for funding in the amount of \$102,000 for management of a juvenile day reporting center. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0438)**

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

- K. **Grant contract with the Good Neighbor Community Center for funding in the amount of \$75,000 for the Basic Needs program and the Food Pantry and Perishable Foods program. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0439)**

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- L. **Amendment to Country Contract C-13-0430 with the LUX Center for the Arts for the Artist Inside Program. The amendment extends the end date of the grant contract to September 30, 2014. (C-14-0440)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the amendment. Raybould, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson 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 contracts between the County Engineer and the following:**
1. **Donna McClure, Trustee, S. 190th Street & Pioneers Boulevard, as a donation. (C-14-0441)**
 2. **Bruce & Kristi Kempkes, S. 176th Street & Pine Lake Road, as a donation. (C-14-0442)**
 3. **Keith Rockenbach, S. 176th Street & Pioneers Boulevard, for \$396. (C-14-0443)**
 4. **Randy Martinez, S. 96th Street & Stagecoach Road, for \$325. (C-14-0444)**
 5. **Ronald & Illa Deinert, NW 84th Street & Adams Street, as a donation. (C-14-0445)**
 6. **Jeremy Leiting & Cheryl Sterns, NW 98th Street & Rock Creek Road, for \$217. (C-14-0446)**
 7. **Charles Bussart Jr., NW 140th Street & W. Agnew Road, for \$12. (C-14-0447)**
 8. **Gery Benes et al., NW 140th Street & W. Agnew Road, for \$163. (C-14-0448)**
 9. **Doris Schneider Life Estate, N. 190th Street & Little Salt Road, as a donation. (C-14-0449)**

MOTION: Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the consent items. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson 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, September 4, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio of the County-City Building (Room 113, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- 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 Raybould seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:52 a.m. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
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 August 29, 2014.

Commissioners present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
 Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair
 Jane Raybould
 Deb Schorr

Commissioners absent: Roma Amundson

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
 Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m. and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.**

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

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS:**

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

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

**Catholic Social Services
Congregation of Benedictine Sisters
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Salvation Army
Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy
St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS CONTINUED:

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

4) **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION:**

Pius X High School

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, explained that the previous owner's exemption was removed and the new owner did not reapply within the proper period; therefore, denial is recommended for this year. He said information has been provided to the applicant on applying for exemption next year.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded denial of the property tax exemption application. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

5) **APPEAL OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGE:**

Maureen Bausch

Scott Gaines recommended granting the taxpayer's request to change the property value back to the amount of \$171,500, which was the value prior to greenbelt application.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Raybould seconded approval of the valuation change to \$171,500. Schorr, Raybould, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson 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) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:55 a.m. Raybould, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

