

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 5, 2014.

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

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 10:30 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, September 2, 2014.**

MOTION: Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Raybould, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, September 9, 2014.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the claims. Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Commissioners' Award of Excellence for August 2014 to Kurt Renner, County/City Property Management.**

Don Killeen, Property Management Building Administrator, introduced Kurt Renner and noted he has been with the County for 29 years.

The Clerk read the nomination for the record.

Smoyer presented a plaque to Renner who expressed his appreciation for the award.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

Jeff Maul, Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director, noted that the Visitors Promotion Committee met on August 20 regarding Items 3B and 3C.

Item 3C:

Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair, discussed the new tortoise exhibit at the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the \$6,300,000 economic impact of the Zoo.

John Chapo, Lincoln Children's Zoo Director, introduced Zookeepers Jessie Edgar and Taylor Daniels who presented a painted turtle, and Harvey, a Galapagos tortoise. Chapo provided information on the animals and the exhibit and explained the difference between a turtle and a tortoise.

- B. **Introduction of Colette Wear, nominee for appointment to the Lancaster County Visitors Promotion Committee – Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair; and Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director. (See 5A for correlating item.)**

Jeff Maul introduced Colette Wear and explained she would be filling an open position. Wear discussed her background and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

- C. **Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant to the Lincoln Children's Zoo for construction of a tortoise exhibit. (See 5B for correlating item.)**

Item 3C was moved forward on the agenda.

- D. **Funding and development of the prevention system within Region V, the State Epidemiological Workgroup, Southeast Nebraska and Drug Advisory Boards and acknowledgment of the local coalition and Youth Action Board (YAB) members – Sandy Morrissey, Director of Regional Prevention Coalition (RPC).**

Sandy Morrissey discussed the Region V Systems 2014-2015 Prevention Block Grant (Exhibit A), the Lancaster Prevention Coalition for Success Community Mapping (Exhibit B) and the Lancaster Prevention Coalition Partnership for Success Grant: Community Mapping Assessment Results (Exhibit C).

Teri Vosicky, Lancaster Prevention Coalition Coordinator, discussed the nine community groups in Lancaster County and the strategies being used, including talkaboutalcohol.org (Exhibit D).

4) **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. **Vacation of a 30-foot wide portion of S. 10th Street in Princeton, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

The Chair opened the public hearing. Those who planned to testify were administered the oath.

Nelvie Lienemann, 1170 Angus Boulevard, read a letter in opposition of the vacation (Exhibit E).

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:

In response to Hudkins, Martha Garcia agreed that the road serves a useful purpose and she would like to see it maintained the same as it had been.

Trevor Lienemann, 1020 Angus Boulevard, reviewed the layout of the town. He noted some natural barriers and a burn pit along S. 10th Street and stated the road is starting to encroach on his parents' property (Leon & Nelvie Lienemann, 1170 Angus Boulevard). He discussed the flow of traffic through Princeton.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, was administered the oath. She said the County Engineer's report recommends that the road needs to remain in place since it does provide value to the community.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Raybould seconded to direct the County Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution denying the vacation request. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Trevor Lienemann questioned a sign that had been moved into the road (intersection of S. 10th Street and Broad Street). Pam Dingman responded that the sign was moved without her authorization and would be removed immediately.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Appointment of Colette Wear to the Lancaster County Visitors Promotion Committee to complete the unexpired term of Chuck Harper, ending June 30, 2016.**

MOTION: Raybould moved and Amundson seconded approval of the appointment. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Kerry Eagan clarified that the term will actually expire on August 31, 2017.

- B. **Visitors Improvement Fund grant contract in the amount of \$200,000 between Lancaster County (sponsor) and the Lincoln Children's Zoo (grantee) for construction of a tortoise exhibit. Term of the contract is November 1, 2014, to April 30, 2015. (C-14-0452)**

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded approval of the contract. Schorr, Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Smoyer exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- C. **Special designated license application from Meier's Cork 'N Bottle to provide alcoholic beverage service at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, 11700 SW 100th Street, Denton, on September 28, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

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

- D. **Recommendation from Purchasing and the County Engineer to issue a purchase order to Titan Machinery, Inc., at a cost of \$121,800 for one Case 621F articulated all wheel drive loader from State of Nebraska Contract 12817 OC. (B-14-0032)**

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

- E. **Unit price agreement between Pioneer Overhead Door, Inc., Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for overhead door and accessory repair and replacement. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution by all parties. (C-14-0450)**

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

- F. **Unit price agreement between The Overhead Door Company of Lincoln, Inc., Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for overhead door and accessory repair and replacement. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution by all parties. (C-14-0451)**

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

- G. **Contract between Dr. Fuel Good, Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for fuel maintenance and service on an as needed basis. The County shall pay an amount not to exceed \$7,000 for the products and services. (C-14-0453)**

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

- H. **Contract between Odyssey Travel, Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for travel agent services. The County will pay up to \$5,000 for the services. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution by all parties. (C-14-0454)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- I. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0510 with TooFast Supply Company for the annual supply of power and hand tools. The amendment renews the contract for an additional one-year term from October 15, 2014, to October 14, 2015. (C-14-0455)**

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

- J. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0511 with Total Tool for the annual supply of power and hand tools. The amendment renews the contract for an additional one-year term from October 15, 2014, to October 14, 2015. (C-14-0456)**

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

- K. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0653 with Egan Supply Company for the annual supply of ice melt. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from December 17, 2014, to December 16, 2015. (C-14-0457)**

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

- L. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0654 with Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc., for the annual supply of ice melt. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from December 17, 2014, to December 16, 2015. (C-14-0458)**

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

- M. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0489 with Dickey-Hinds-Muir Incorporated for construction services. The amendment reflects the name change of Dickey & Burham, Inc., to Dickey-Hinds-Muir Incorporated. (C-14-0459)**

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

- N. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0545 with Tan-Aire, Inc., for hazardous vacuum services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from September 18, 2014, to September 17, 2015. (C-14-0460)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- O. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0546 with Environmental Solutions, Inc., for hazardous vacuum services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from September 18, 2014, to September 17, 2015. (C-14-0461)**

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

- P. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0547 with Haz-Mat Response, Inc., for hazardous vacuum services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from September 18, 2014, to September 17, 2015. (C-14-0462)**

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

- Q. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0318 with National Everything Wholesale for the annual requirements of janitorial and sanitation supplies. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from August 2, 2014, to August 1, 2015. (C-14-0463)**

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

- R. **Amendment to County Contract C-11-0169 with Dell Marketing, LP, for computer equipment, peripherals and related services. The amendment extends the contract for an additional four months from September 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. (C-14-0464)**

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

- S. **Interlocal agreement with the City of Hickman for one Sheriff's Deputy for law enforcement services within the corporate limits of the City of Hickman. The City of Hickman will pay \$8,262.07 per month for the services. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015. (C-14-0465)**

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, noted that Items 5S and 5T were longstanding agreements with Hickman.

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- T. **Interlocal agreement with the City of Hickman for the provision of law enforcement services within the City on an as needed basis. The Sheriff shall assign one Deputy for duty and provide one Sheriff's cruiser. The County shall be reimbursed at the Deputy's overtime rate for the services provided and shall be reimbursed \$0.56 per mile for cruiser maintenance. Total compensation to the County shall not exceed \$3,500. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015. (C-14-0466)**

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

- U. **Agreement with Pinnacle Bank Arena for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Tri-County Meeting on October 23, 2014. The County will pay a \$250 room charge. (C-14-0467)**

Schorr noted that the room charge is split between Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster Counties.

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

- V. **Group sales contract with Holiday Inn Lincoln – Downtown for the Nebraska Community Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference. The County will expend grant funds to host the conference. (C-14-0468)**

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

- W. **Grant contract with CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., to provide funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the Weekend Reporting Center Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0469)**

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

- X. **Grant contract with Christian Heritage to provide funding in the amount of \$9,398 for Parent/Youth Relationship Workshops. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0470)**

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

- Y. **Grant contract with St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women to provide funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the Project Mother & Child Program (\$20,000) and the Intensive Outpatient Program (\$20,000). Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0471)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- Z. **Grant contract with Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska to provide funding in the amount of \$12,980 for the Girl Scout Be Your Best Self Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0472)**

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

- AA. **Grant contract with Volunteer Partners to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Youth Volunteer Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0473)**

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

- BB. **Grant contract with CenterPointe, Inc., to provide funding in the amount of \$323,930 for the following behavioral health programs: Day Rehabilitation (\$41,250), Community Support (\$147,930), Outpatient Counseling (\$82,500) and Medication Management (\$52,250). Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0474)**

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

- CC. **Grant contract with the Family Violence Council to provide funding in the amount of \$8,232 for the project coordinator for "A Coordinated Response to Reducing Violence Against Women in Lancaster County." Term of the contract is June 1, 2014, to May 31, 2015. (C-14-0475)**

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

- DD. **Grant contract with Malone Community Center to provide funding in the amount of \$17,000 for the Talented Tenth Scholar's Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0476)**

Raybould stated she would abstain since she is on the Malone Board of Directors.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the contract. Schorr, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Raybould abstained. Smoyer was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- EE. **Grant contract with Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties to provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 for a program providing emergency services, landlord tenant mediation, Housing Authority Homeless Voucher Support services and representative payee services. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0477)**

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

- FF. **Grant contract with CASA to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the CASA Volunteer Advocates program. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0478)**

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

- GG. **Request to create the classification of Biosolids Coordinator (C13) at a proposed pay grade of \$46,067.84 - \$59,011.68.**

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

- HH. **Request to amend Rule 8.1 of the Personnel Rules – Nature, Duration and Purpose.**

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

- II. **Request to amend Rule 17.11 of the Personnel Rules – Employees Temporarily Assigned to a Higher Classification.**

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

- JJ. **Request to amend Rule 17.15 of the Personnel Rules – Emergency Standby Compensation.**

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

- KK. **Request to amend Rule 17.19 of the Personnel Rules – Shift Differential.**

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

- LL. **Request to amend Rule 17.20 of the Personnel Rules – Weekend Differential Pay.**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

MM. **Request to amend Rule 18.1 of the Personnel Rules – Compensation for Absence on Holidays.**

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

6) **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. **Receive and place on file the following August 2014 reports:**
1. **County Clerk**
 2. **County Assessor/Register of Deeds**
 3. **Clerk of the District Court**
 4. **County Records & Information Management**

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

7) **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.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 8:30 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 16, 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.**
- 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.**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Raybould moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:42 a.m. Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Smoyer was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 5, 2014.

Commissioners present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Roma Amundson
Jane Raybould
Deb Schorr

Commissioners absent: Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair

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 11:42 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, September 2, 2014.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Raybould seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson abstained. Smoyer was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

- 2) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS:**

**Benedictine Sisters
Lincoln Baptist Church**

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

- 3) **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.

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:44 a.m. Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Smoyer was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



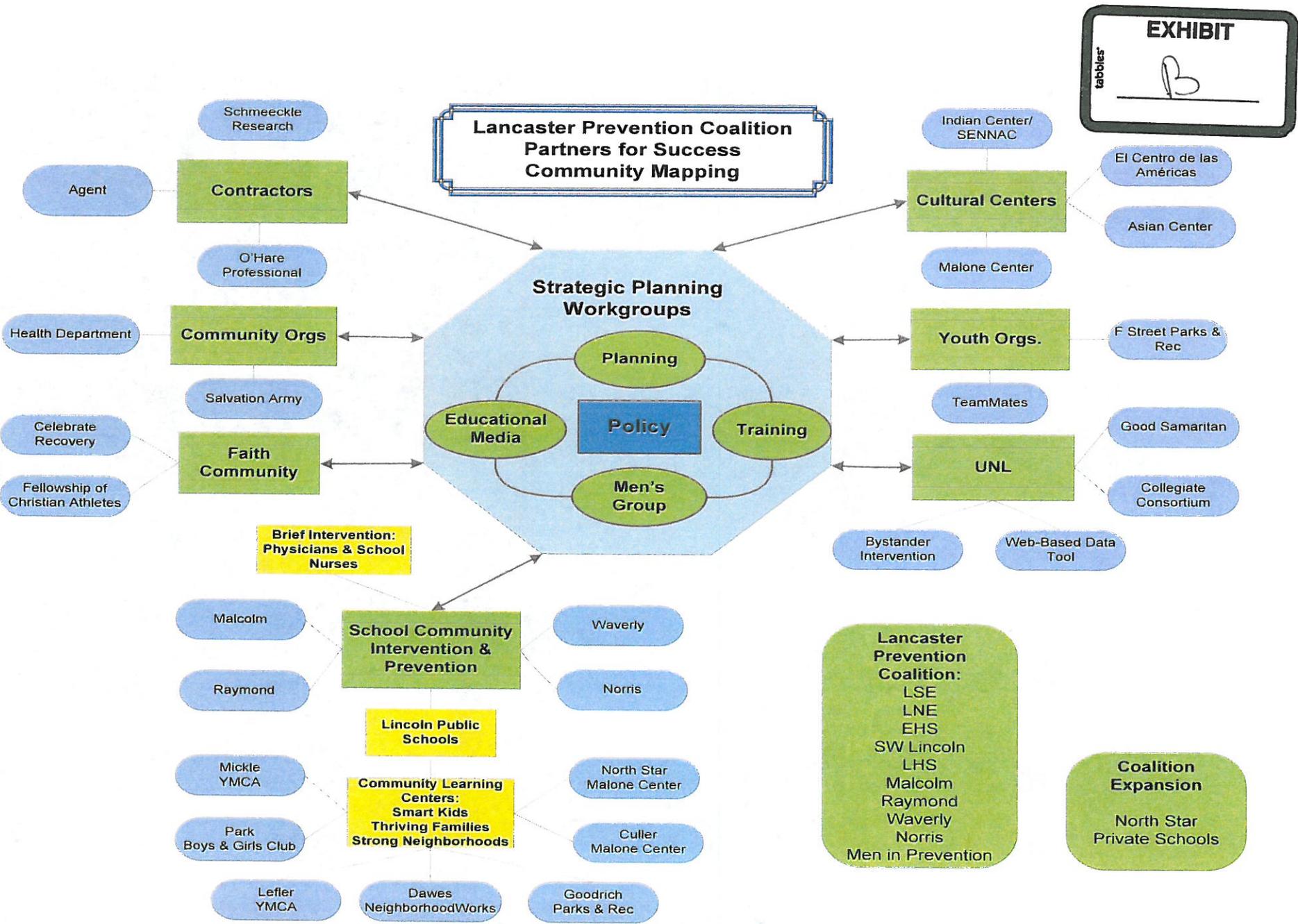
Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



Region V Systems 2014-2015 Prevention Block Grant

Contracting Entity	Purpose	Contract Period	Annual Monetary Value	Reviewed By
Mead Community Group	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$4,172	Prevention Team Management
Gage County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$14,687	Prevention Team Management
Jefferson County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$14,497	Prevention Team Management
Johnson County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$11,381	Prevention Team Management
Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$50,901	Prevention Team Management
Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$14,824	Prevention Team Management
Partners for Otoe County	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$14,789	Prevention Team Management
Polk Substance Abuse Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$12,470	Prevention Team Management
Saline County Prevention Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$12,091	Prevention Team Management
Seward County Bridges	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$14,635	Prevention Team Management
Thayer County Prevention Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$18,033	Prevention Team Management
York County Drug Task Force	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$14,428	Prevention Team Management
			\$196,908	

*Contingent upon contract negotiation



July

2014

Lancaster Prevention Coalition Partnership for Success Grant

Community Mapping Assessment Results

Executive Summary

The purpose of the community mapping assessment was to help identify partnership needs; assess existing successful programs and potential opportunities for new programs and strategies and their expected outcomes; and to determine the level of readiness of each of the partners' ability to successfully implement future programs and strategies.

The overarching outcome measure identified through the Strategic Plan Framework – Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) is the reduction of underage drinking through increased family communication around drug (i.e., alcohol) use. In addition, the coalition will also focus on the goal of reducing alcohol-related risks among the target audience.

Assessments

The following assessments were conducted for community mapping assessment:

- Parent Focus Groups (2)
- Youth Focus Groups (2 middle, 1 high school)
- College Student Focus Group
- Baseline Measures (statistics)
- Coalition Partner Surveys

Results by Goals - Baseline Data

In the two tables below, eight of the baseline performance measures are included that align closely with the two goals of the SPF PFS grant. Lancaster County data that are bolded and italicized indicate positive areas where Lancaster County data are two percentage points or better than the state. In general, there were few differences between the county and the state. There were no areas where Lancaster County data were 2 percentage points or worse than the state.

Goal 1: Reduce Underage Drinking through Increased Family Communication				
		8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Have talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of alcohol use in the past 12 months	Lancaster County	52.4%	47.8%	47.8%
	Nebraska	51.7%	49.6%	47.7%
Parents feel it would be wrong or very wrong for you to drink regularly (once or twice a month)	Lancaster County	92.5%	85.8%	82.7%
	Nebraska	92.2%	86.6%	77.7%
Parents feel it would be wrong or very wrong for you to drive after drinking	Lancaster County	98.3%	98.7%	97.4%
	Nebraska	98.5%	97.6%	96.1%
Family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use	Lancaster County	93.9%	90.9%	87.7%
	Nebraska	93.8%	90.8%	89.1%

Goal 2: Reduce Alcohol-Related Risks among the Target Audience				
		8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Past 30-day alcohol use	Lancaster County	6.4%	16.5%	32.4%
	Nebraska	6.3%	18.4%	31.4%
Past 30-day binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)	Lancaster County	2.1%	9.2%	22.1%
	Nebraska	2.8%	11.3%	21.7%
Past 30-day alcohol impaired driving	Lancaster County	0.4%	1.9%	6.3%
	Nebraska	0.7%	2.7%	9.8%
Past 30-day rode in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol	Lancaster County	15.2%	17.8%	14.7%
	Nebraska	19.7%	19.8%	20.7%

Results by Goals - Focus Groups

Responses from all focus groups were analyzed in response to the following two project goals:

- Goal 1. Reduce underage drinking through increased family communication
- Goal 2. Reduce alcohol-related risks among the target audience

Goal 1. Reduce underage drinking through increased family communication

Both parents and teens agreed that effective communication was dependent upon first having a strong relationship and connectedness between parent and teen. It is important for teens that parents are involved in their lives. Teens expressed that parents have a major influence in their lives, especially in middle school and early high school. Teens believed that kids who felt cared about are less likely to drink. This indicates the importance of communication around alcohol use during this stage of life for teens as teens indicated that parents influence decreases rapidly when the teen reaches 18 and graduates from high school.

College students confirmed this lack of parental influence on college students' alcohol use. However, high school drinking behaviors and parents' influence during high school may carry forward with them into college. Attitudes toward alcohol use and exposure from high school did make a difference as well with college student alcohol use. College students also believed family "norms" plays a role. In general, college students felt that parents' actions towards drinking influences the students' actions and decision making about the amount of alcohol consumption and at what age to start drinking.

In addition to considering the age when parents should begin to communicate with teens, understanding the teen as an individual is also important. Parents also believed it was important to find the right opportunity to discuss the use of alcohol with teens. Examples included talking during a regular scheduled one-on-one activity or when a family issue with a sibling or relative occurs, or when a parent is engaging in responsible alcohol use.

How parents communicate is also important and parents believe it should be a two-way conversation where you engage the teen and they feel heard. Teaching them to feel empowered to say no to others while maintaining parental authority provides the right balance. Teens, however, felt that if parents are too strict, teens may rebel which will actually push them towards drinking. From the teen perspective, parents should not focus so much on being in control (though this is important), but rather on teaching youth that they are autonomous and are able to make the right decision or learn from consequences of poor decisions. Parents can also be good role models.

Teaching consequences of drinking, the effects of alcohol, and sharing real like situations that demonstrate how people's decisions can impact their life, were all suggestions by parents on what could be communicated to teens to discourage alcohol use.

Goal 2. Reduce alcohol-related risks among the target audience

Teens indicated there were family rules around teen alcohol use with most indicating a “no alcohol” rule in the family while in high school. This was further confirmed with a no drinking and driving rule by parents. However, many teens indicated their parents encourage them to call when in an uncomfortable situation where drinking may be involved and “no questions will be asked”. This flexibility was important to teens.

Although parents have a big influence on teens' decision to use alcohol, friends and whom you associate with also makes a difference in teens' decisions. It is perceived by teens that the most successful people don't drink alcohol. Observing the negative impact of alcohol use with friends or older siblings can influence teens not to engage in alcohol use. Teens felt that seeing negative consequences of drinking was a deterrent.

The environment on college campuses differs greatly from the home environment and different alcohol-related risks are present. Legal risks and alcohol intoxication risks such as alcohol poisoning and sexual abuse risks, are major concerns for college students that are inter-related when a student drinks in excess. Excessive drinking for college students is considered “blacking out” in comparison to responsible drinking as defined as “remembering the night” or at least remembering most of the night.

Students may find themselves in unsafe environments when drinking excessively and may stay due to a blackout or stay in that environment to avoid an MIP or DUI which may also lead to risks of sexual abuse. Excessive drinking can excuse sexual behaviors leading to lack of reporting.

Other risks mentioned included financial risks of alcohol use and academic risks, however there appeared to be no perceived correlation between drinking behaviors and academic success.

College students do not believe acute alcohol intoxication symptoms are widely known. Students are reluctant to call for help for a friend if the friend is not physically in danger as that often leads to legal consequences, especially if the student is on the UNL campus where it is illegal. In contrast to Wesleyan, the school encourages students to come back to campus if they are in an unsafe environment as there are no legal consequences for responsible alcohol use on campus. There was agreement that there needed to be a safe environment for students to go without fear of legal ramifications.

A culture shift is what is needed according to college students, where overconsumption of alcohol is not “okay”. Setting the tone for freshman by seniors may be helpful. Using an influential student on campus with the most “social capital” may influence social norms around alcohol use. Suggestions for messaging included using peers, upperclassmen and student leaders to communicate risks of alcohol use. Posters were not viewed as effective means to change behavior. However, simple signage in the restrooms with the five signs of acute alcohol intoxication could help if having to care for someone who is intoxicated.

Overall Summary

Below are the highlighted focus group results from the parent, youth and college student focus groups.

Parent Focus Groups Results

Following are some perspectives held by parent participants in the focus groups regarding youth alcohol use.

- Parents perceive alcohol as easy to get and a problem beginning as early as middle school.
- Some parents noted that they drank while in high school and do not think anything has changed since then.
- Parents may not begin to take youth alcohol use seriously until they are faced by a problem with their own children.
- Parents range from being too strict to being too lenient. Most participants felt that somewhere in the middle is the best approach, but it is hard to find the right balance.
- Parents can influence teen alcohol use, but it is dependent upon the relationship they have with their children. However, peers also have a huge influence (both positive and negative) and kids can also make their own choice depending on their own personality as well.
- Teens may find other adults more credible than their own parents.
- Communication about alcohol use with their child can be difficult for many parents, especially if there is not a good relationship in place.
- Conversations about alcohol should start before middle school, but this often does not occur. Some parents agreed that they may not have started conversations soon enough. By the time their child was driving, it was too late.
- Parent communication was in some cases prompted by family issues around alcohol use, particularly with older siblings.
- Parenting styles ranged from laid back to authoritarian and some noted that they could be either depending on the situation. What was more important, was developing a communication style and connecting decision-making to consequences. Some parents focused on the importance of having a strong relationship and letting the children know that they are on their side.
- Parents may need education on the following topics:
 - Controlling their child's technology and/or social media activities
 - Time management skills and scheduling time with their child
 - Understanding the importance of having structured family activities that children enjoy
 - Skills in non-judgmental thinking and how to react to their children without alienating them
- Example of some suggested public messages and strategies for parents:

- Find a way for parents to learn how to communicate at the level of their child without losing authority.
- YouTube video - how to talk to kids about drinking.
- Use some data on what percent of kids are using alcohol and provide some stories about what is going on in the schools as a way to raise awareness of what is happening.
- Provide a brochure with some pointed questions for parents, such as "Does your child drink alcohol?" or "What is your parenting style?"
- Send out e-mails to parents that are quick messages about important topics such as drinking and how to help your child avoid it (similar to SCIP communications through school newsletters).
- Schools and churches are the best ways to reach parents.

Youth Focus Groups Results

Following are some perspectives held by youth participants in the focus groups regarding youth alcohol use.

- The decision to drink as a teenager was made in middle school, but that it is dependent upon your peer group.
- Being an athlete or being involved in other activities will likely keep youth from engaging in alcohol use.
- Rules around alcohol use are usually determined with the oldest child in the family, and how parents address alcohol issues change depending on the age of the youth (less strict as they get older).
- Over-strict parents may push youth towards alcohol use. The most important thing is being involved in the child's life, having a good relationship, and allowing some freedom.
- Although parents may not support teen drinking, some have stated that they will come and get them if they are in a compromising situation with no questions asked.
- Most youth indicated that their parents used alcohol responsibly, but some noted adults in their life who drank to excess.
- Responsible drinking was defined as drinking every now and then but not to the point where you can't drive.
- Parents have a positive influence on a teen's decision to drink, but friends can have a negative influence. However, by age 18 parents have lost their influence. The younger the youth, the greater the influence a parent has on their decision not to drink.
- It is perceived by youth that teenagers are more likely to drink if their parents drink and if their parents are never home.
- Suggestions for messages:
 - Scare tactics or like at other schools where they have posters of a car that was smashed and have a story about what happened because they drank or texted.
 - Put plain facts out there about what alcohol does to their body.

- Have athletes (such as UNL football players) create some sort of message and direct it to kids or even directly to Malcolm students.
- Dance parties that are non-alcohol or other events.
- Lectures don't work – it's more of an experience thing.
- Someone who went through it, had negative consequences, and was able to pull themselves out. Someone who hit rock bottom and built themselves back up.
- Using something like the "Scared Straight" show. It shows the kids how it feels to be locked up.

College Student Focus Group

College students provided insights into underage drinking behaviors and norms.

- Teens decide may decide to drink in college during high school or after high school. There are no longer negative stereotypes of college students' decision to drink.
- Underage college drinking is determined by social group, the Greek system and the need to be social and to fit in.
- Family rules or alcohol "norms" have an impact on college students drinking behaviors.
- Responsible drinking was defined as "if you can remember the night".
- Social group and "culture" was believed to have the most influence on college student drinking behaviors.
- There seems to be no perceived relationship with academic performance and alcohol drinking behaviors as successful students also can engage in heavy alcohol use.
- Risks associated with alcohol use are safety issues such as drinking and driving and DUI or MIP consequences, sexual abuse, financial costs but not alcoholism.
- Acute alcohol intoxication symptoms are not widely known.
- Suggestions for messaging included using peers, upperclassmen and student leaders to communicate risks of alcohol use. Posters were not viewed as effective means to change behavior.

Baseline Measures – Alcohol Prevention Data

Data on issues surrounding underage alcohol use, parental involvement and communication around the issue of underage alcohol use, and youth attitudes and perceptions of alcohol use are being tracked to evaluate the effectiveness of the Lancaster County Prevention Coalition over the next five years. A total of 24 baseline measures are being tracked by the Lancaster County Prevention Coalition.

Several data points indicate the need for increased parental involvement and communication around the issue of underage alcohol use. Approximately half of Lancaster County youth reported talking with their parents about the dangers of alcohol in the past 12 months. Nevertheless, around 90% of Lancaster County youth report that their parents have clear rules about alcohol use. Despite a high percentage of youth reporting that that their parents have

clear rules about alcohol use, less than half of 12th graders and less than three-fifths of 10th graders in Lancaster County feel that they would get caught by their parents if they drank alcohol without their parents' permission.

Perhaps some of the most alarming indicators come in the area of parental allowance of underage alcohol use. Among Lancaster County youth who reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days, 15.6% of 8th graders, 21.1% of 10th graders, and 9.1% of 12th graders reported that their parents gave or bought alcohol for them. Furthermore, among Lancaster County youth who reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days, 24.0% of 8th graders, 22.1% of 10th graders, and 13.3% of 12th graders reported that they drank at home with their parents' permission.

Coalition Partner Survey Results

A survey of the coalition's partners was conducted to assess partner readiness for conducting prevention efforts focusing on family communication. Following are some highlights from the survey.

1. Who is the target population of your organization's substance use prevention activities? (select all that apply)

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Parents	11 (78.6%)
Youth in middle school	10 (21.4%)
Youth in high school	11 (78.6%)
Young adults in college (ages 18 to 20)	4 (28.6%)
Young adults ages 19 to 20 who are not in college	4 (28.6%)
Other: Adults ages 18 to 65, elementary school families, school personnel	3 (21.4%)

2. What are the demographic characteristics of the target population? (Please provide any relevant information about age, race/ethnicity, gender, etc.)

Minority target

- Native American population ages 14-65 years old
- Latino, ages 10 to 18.
- The target population is 50% male and 50% female. We target Asian, Asian-American, Middle Eastern, and African ethnic groups. Our programs currently target students ages 15-20, and seniors ages 60 and above.
- Our program works with twenty-five Title One Schools

Non-minority target

- Predominantly Caucasian
- Middle-Upper Middle class youth and families Majority of population is white.

- Primarily white young adults between the ages 19 and 25. Gender is fairly even.
- Mostly white, middle class, approx. equal M/F

General population

- grades 9 through 12, see school profile for more info
- all students grades 9-12
- All referred students grades K-12
- High School Students and Adult family members

3. Please rank your level of agreement with the following questions. For our purposes, youth includes anyone ages 12 to 20.

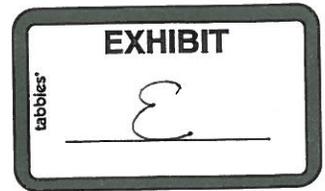
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. My organization has programming that directly targets alcohol use among youth.	15.4% 2	53.9% 7	15.4% 2	15.4% 2	0.0% 0
b. My organization has enough staff and other resources to stay focused on prevention programming.	7.7% 1	15.4% 2	38.5% 5	23.1% 3	15.4% 2

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September 8, 2014

TO: Lancaster County Commissioners

SUBJECT: Resolution # R-14-0045, Hearing regarding request to vacate South 10th Street in Princeton, NE

1. This idea (request) is totally stupid (sorry, I can't think of a better word).
2. The road is not encroaching on their (Wathor's property). This property has not been maintained as a grass right-of-way. It is a place for the Wathor's burn barrel, to burn their trash, which is illegal in this county.
3. This road is not heavily traveled, but it is used by the Norris school bus and other residence of Princeton. *mail*
4. This road has been here and functioning for many years, long before the Lienemann's, Garcia, and Wathors purchased their property. It is still functioning as it should.

Our questions to the Commissioners:

If approved:

1. Who will maintain the present road property?
2. Who will own, or have use of the road property?
3. Who will keep the weeds under control?
4. How will vehicles turn around at the end of two roads?
5. Who will pay to make the turn-around area in the limited space?
6. Who will pay for driveway relocation?
7. What alternative road can the school bus use?
8. Who is paying for this hearing? How much?
9. Who ordered the sign to be placed on the road near the Wathor's property. The sign was placed in a dangerous location. Whose fault is it if the sign causes an accident?

A few additional comments:

We resent having to attend this hearing for this minor complaint. I, Nelvie Lienemann, work 3 jobs to pay the taxes and living expenses. I'm losing pay to attend this hearing. I think this hearing is a waste of taxpayer's funds.

We recommend that the County Commissioners dismiss this request and not waste any more of the tax payers funds.

Nelvie Lienemann
Leon Lienemann
Leon & Nelvie Lienemann

Martha L. Garcia
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