

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**  
**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 December 12, 2014.*

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

*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:**

A. **Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.**

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

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, December 16, 2014.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Recognition of the "Cuba: Living in Limbo" art exhibit at the County-City Building – Jeanne Baer**

Jeanne Baer discussed her experience traveling to Cuba and shared various photos, many of which are currently on display at the County-City Building.

B. **Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Lincoln Fencing Association d/b/a the Lincoln Fencing Club, for promotion of a fencing clinic in conjunction with the State Games of America to be held July 26-28, 2015 – Kit Boesch, Lincoln Fencing Association (See 5A for correlating item.)**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:**

Kit Boesch, Lincoln Fencing Club Manager, said two international fencing coaches would be conducting a clinic in conjunction with the State Games of America. She estimated the clinic would have about 1,000 participants and confirmed that the funds would be used for marketing the event.

Smoyer arrived at 10:44 a.m.

**C. Recognition of Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, for her dedicated service to the people of Lancaster County.**

The County Board recognized Kit Boesch for her nearly 30 years of service as the Lancaster County Human Services Administrator. The Clerk read a list of Boesch's accomplishments into the record (Exhibit A) and Commissioner Hudkins presented her with a commemorative plaque. Boesch thanked past and present Commissioners for their support and encouraged the current County Board to continue providing leadership with regard to strengthening human services efforts in the County.

**4) OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Request from Lutheran Family Services to sublease and remodel approximately 1,876 square feet of space at the former Community Mental Health Center, 2201 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, for an integrated care/urgent care project, per lease agreement with Lutheran Family Services. There is no cost to the County for this work.**

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

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Grant contract between the Lincoln Fencing Association, d/b/a, the Lincoln Fencing Club, and Lancaster County in the amount of \$2,500 from the Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund for the purpose of promoting a fencing clinic in conjunction with the State Games of America to be held July 26-28, 2015. (C-14-0635)**

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

**B. Resolution in the matter of authorizing the County Clerk to issue payments while the County Board is adjourned. (R-14-0087)**

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

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- C. **Resolution in the matter of approval of official bonds of elected Lancaster County officers and the County Surveyor. Elected officials include: Joe Nigro, Public Defender; Joe Kelly, County Attorney; Andrew Stebbing, County Treasurer; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Troy Hawk, Clerk of the District Court; Norman H. Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds; Pam L. Dingman, County Engineer; and Terry T. Wagner, County Sheriff. The County Surveyor is Kenneth Schroeder. (R-14-0088)**

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

- D. **Resolution in the matter of designating banks as depositories for Lancaster County for 2015. (R-14-0089)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the resolution.

Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer, recommended approval, noting two new banks have been added to the list.

**ROLL CALL:** Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. **Contract between Lancaster County and K2 Construction for storm sewer improvements at the Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility. The County will pay up to \$98,500 for the products and services. (C-14-0621)**

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

- F. **Utility Permit No. 1233 with Windstream Nebraska, Inc., for the installation of approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of underground cable along NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street from Interstate 80 to West Holdrege Street. (C-14-0622)**

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

- G. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0003 with Mr. Yards and More, LLC, for lawn mowing and maintenance services at Community Mental Health Center facilities. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from January 8, 2015 to January 7, 2016. (C-14-0623)**

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

- H. **Amendment to County Contract C-14-0273 with CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., for CEDARS' Day and Evening Reporting Centers program. The amendment increases the number of youth served by adding twelve (12) additional slots. (C-14-0624)**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

- I. **Amendment to County Contract C-14-0412 with Graybar Electric for the annual supply of small miscellaneous household batteries. The amendment provides for the price increases as shown on Attachment A. (C-14-0625)**

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

- J. **Agreement with Cardiac Science Corporation, the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for automated external defibrillators. Pricing will be pursuant to Purchasing Solutions Alliance Contract No. 14-100 dated September 15, 2014. (C-14-0626)**

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

- K. **Grant contract with CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., to provide funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of a 7 passenger van for transportation to and from reporting centers. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0627)**

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

- L. **Grant contract with CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., in the amount of \$140,764 to provide funding for the Day and Evening Reporting Centers. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0628)**

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

- M. **Grant contract with the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Police Department, in the amount of \$36,649 to provide funding for the domestic violence specialist as part of the Violence Against Women Act program, "A Coordinated Response to Reducing Domestic Violence." The City will contribute \$12,217 in matching funds. Term of the contract is June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015. (C-14-0629)**

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

- N. **Grant contract with El Centro de las Americas in the amount of \$50,600 to providing funding for the Golden Warriors program. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. (C-14-0630)**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

**O. Settlement agreement between Lancaster County and Luella and Jerry Strodman. (C-14-0631)**

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

**P. Agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME - Engineering) Local 2468 and Lancaster County for the contract term August 21, 2014 through August 19, 2015. (C-14-0632)**

Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director, noted the one-year contract provides for a 2% salary increase.

Rick DeBoer, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME – Engineering) Local 2468 President, said AFSCME employees feel like they are not being treated fairly as some employees still receive such benefits as uniforms, compensatory time (comp time), post employee health plan (PEHP) contributions and longevity pay. With regard to comparability, DeBoer felt that “over-comparability” helps attract and retain high quality employees.

Hudkins thanked DeBoer for his comments and the Engineer’s staff for all their hard work. He added the County Board will continue to do their best to treat AFSCME fairly in the future.

McDaniel explained that negotiations are a “give and take” process and comparability is bound by State law. He added the proposed 2% salary increase is currently above comparability for this group and recommended the Board ratify the agreement. He emphasized that Human Resources will continue to work in the best interests of both the employees and the taxpayers.

In response to Schorr inquiry, McDaniel said AFSCME provided 17 proposals during negotiations; the County provided 15. These included anything involving wages, hours and working conditions.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, noted negotiations took 50 hours this year. A number of changes were implemented related to safety and equipment. She said there is still room for improvement and hoped that both sides return to the table next year with a greater spirit of cooperation.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Raybould seconded to approve the labor agreement. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Q. Settlement agreement and release between Thomas J. Peed, Trustee of the Thomas J. Peed Revocable Trust, and Rhonda L. Peed, Trustee of the Rhonda L. Peed Revocable Trust, and Lancaster County. (C-14-0633)**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to approve the settlement agreement. Schorr, Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- R. **Settlement agreement and release between Par 5 Partners, LLC, and Lancaster County. (C-14-0634)**

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

- S. **Agreement with Soval Solutions, LLC, for professional consulting services to establish caseload standards for the Lancaster County Attorney's Office. The County will pay \$90 per hour for up to 60 hours of work. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. (C-14-0636)**

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

- T. **Agreement with Soval Solutions, LLC, for implementation of the recommendations of the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Advisory Committee to decrease the costs of legal services in Lancaster County. The County shall pay \$90 per hour for up to 180 hours for the services provided. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. (C-14-0637)**

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

- U. **Amendment to County Contract C-13-0493 between the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County. The amendment extends the grant term to December 31, 2014. (C-14-0638)**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the amendment.

Schorr clarified that this amendment pertains to a Visitors Improvement Fund grant contract between the City and the County.

**ROLL CALL:** Schorr, Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- V. **Amendment to County Contract C-12-0181 with Wagey Drug Company for pharmacy services for General Assistance. The amendment assigns Wagey's responsibilities under the contract to Kohll's Pharmacy. (C-14-0639)**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Raybould seconded approval of the amendment.

Schorr thanked Wagey Drug for providing quality service for many years to the County's general assistance clients.

Gary Rihanek, Wagey Drug President, said he has worked with the general assistance program since 1977 and very much appreciated the County Board's support throughout the years. Hudkins thanked Rihanek for going to the extreme in the past to help the County during some difficult times.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Rihaneck said he worked on the sale for two years and one of his priorities was to sell the business to a company that would continue existing programs. He stated, in good faith, that the sale is a good deal for the City and County and added that he will continue to be involved with a number of these programs upon his "retirement." Rihaneck confirmed that Wagey Drug has been in business since 1924.

**ROLL CALL:** Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**W. Lancaster County's Equal Employment Opportunity Program Short Form and Utilization Report.**

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

**X. Designation of official Lancaster County newspapers for 2015 publication of transportation projects as follows: Lincoln Journal Star, The Voice (Hickman), The News (Waverly), The Crete News and the Seward County Independent.**

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

**Y. Political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County Corrections by Joe B. Stauber for lost property in the amount of \$5.**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded denial of the tort claim based on the recommendation of the Corrections Director. Schorr, Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Z. Political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County Corrections by Renae K. Warner for lost property in the amount of \$17.**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded denial of the tort claim based on the recommendation of the Corrections Director. Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kim Kaspar, former AFSCME President, noted she was not appearing on behalf of the Union but wanted to voice her concerns about the removal of AFSCME's post employment health plan (PEHP) contributions. She felt PEHP is an important benefit that all County employees should be receiving and asked the County Board to consider reinstating it in the future. Hudkins said the County had been under some serious budget crunches in the past but hoped, moving forward, that these types of things can be reconsidered.

Melvin Moore, former AFSCME President, addressed comparability. He felt the Union tends to be behind comparability all year based on the timing of negotiations and salary increases. With regard

**PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:**

to PEHP, he said this is a very good program which benefits the County and the employees due to the tax breaks. He said even if employees have to contribute, it would be beneficial to reinstate it.

Gary Aldridge, 7112 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, indicated that the Legislature will be addressing property taxes and unfunded mandates next session, issues which he will also address with the County Board in greater detail in the future. He then asked if the Board has written guidelines governing meeting procedures. It was noted these could be found on the County Clerk's web site. It was also verified that the public is allowed to comment on new business items and the five-minute comment period is monitored by the County Clerk's staff.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio of the County-City Building (Room 113, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will not hold meetings on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 or Tuesday, December 30, 2014, due to the holidays. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**
- C. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) regarding a request to vacate SW 31<sup>st</sup> Street, south of W. Denton Road to the north lot line of Outlot I, The Bridges Addition, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
- D. **The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).**
- E. **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](http://lancaster.ne.gov) under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.**

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:45 a.m. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

  
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**Dan Nolte**  
Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**  
**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 December 12, 2014.*

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

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 and Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:45 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, December 9, 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) **MOTOR VEHICLE EXEMPTION APPLICATIIONS**

**Allon Chapel Church/Central States Conference**  
**CEDARS Youth Services**  
**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Immanuel Retirement Communities**  
**Lincoln Katz Youth Group**  
**Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital**  
**People's City Mission**  
**VITAL Services, Inc.**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Schorr seconded approval of the motor vehicle exemption applications. Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one appeared for public comment.

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:47 a.m. Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

  
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**Dan Nolte**  
**Lancaster County Clerk**





## Kit Boesch - Human Services Administrator - Retirement Remarks

Board meeting 12/16/2014

Kit was hired as Human Services Administrator in November, 1985.

She came to this position from the Lincoln/Lancaster County Commission on the Status of Women, where she was the Director.

### EDUCATION:

- Kit graduated from Ohio State University with a Master of Arts degree in education
- She graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in education

### INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT KIT:

- In 1990 the University of Wisconsin Wall of Fame inducted Kit in Women's Fencing, Women's Field Hockey and Women's Golf
- While a student she was a member of the Wisconsin Under-19 Fencing Team and attended national fencing championships; and received the Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Award.
- During college she was a member of the "Floating Rocks" - an elite group of physical education majors who didn't know how to swim but graduated with state swimming instruction certificates.
- After graduating with her master's degree, Kit was the head coach-teacher for women's track, cross country and fencing at Ohio State University. While there:

1. She developed the Women's Fencing team into one of the top contenders in the country

2. She developed a comprehensive women's track and field program

3. She coached the first women's cross country team at Ohio State University

- Currently she is a Coach for the Lincoln Fencing Club, coaching Adult Fencing and Foil/Sabre. She has been fencing for 40 years.
- When asked why she likes coaching she stated "The sense of self-satisfaction one gets when a fencer succeeds - maybe a small step, maybe a huge one - in fencing and in life; it's worth every second spent!"
- She enjoys fencing, golfing, reading for fun, and the Green Bay Packers
- From about 1978 to the present her career has been in human services.
- Kit has been actively involved in the Lincoln/Lancaster County community since her arrival here in about 1980.

#### WHAT OTHERS IN HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY SAY HAVE SAID ABOUT KIT:

- she is a strong partner and a vital part of the community
- she is a person who provided avenues for program funding
- she is a collaborator
- she helps others think outside the box
- she is someone who has encouraged and helped train executive directors for human service agencies

## SOME OF KIT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

- creation of the New Americans Task Force
- she was instrumental in developing the Teen Court in Lancaster County
- designed and provided the Visionary Board Training for Non-Profit Boards
- she participated in the development of the Human Services Federation
- established the Human Services Keno Prevention Fund for Lincoln and Lancaster County
- participated in the juvenile pretrial diversion program development
- has written many grant applications

The Board thanks you for your 32 years of service, starting in 1982 at the Commission on Women. The community has been the beneficiary of your work and dedication and we wish you all the best in your retirement.