

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
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 May 1, 2015.

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair; Bill Avery, Deb Schorr and Todd Wiltgen

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, 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, April 28, 2015.

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

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through May 5, 2015.

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence – April Winner – Larry Lienemann, County Engineering, in the category of Productivity.

The Clerk read the nomination for the record. Pam Dingman, County Engineer, noted Lienemann makes the magnets used on motor graders to pick up nails on county roads. In some cases thirty to forty pounds in a few miles are picked up. He fabricates other items that aide in the efficiency of the department. Dingman said Lienemann was repairing the bridge on 176th and Waverly Road and was injured but continued the welding until completed so the bridge could be reopened for public use. Wiltgen presented a plaque to Lienemann and thanked him for his thirty-two years of service to the County. The Board members all expressed their appreciation for his service as well as his innovative ideas in the Engineering Department.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. (R-15-0022)**

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

- B. **Special designated license application from WunderRosa Winery, 2361 Wittstruck Road, Roca, for an event on June 20, 2015.**

Linda Wunderlich, WunderRosa Winery Manager, informed the Board that a local bank is hosting a private party at the winery for their employees.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the special designated license. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. **Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and County Attorney to award a contract for the transport of dead bodies to Capital City Transfer Service, Inc. The estimated total cost is \$40,000 per year. (B-15-0023)**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said he contacted Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney, who oversees the contract and was informed that this is an average cost over the past few years. Hudkins asked if the County is able to recover any of the cost through insurance. Sheriff Terry Wagner said the contract is for cases where an autopsy is requested and transfer to Omaha is necessary.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the recommendation. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. **Contract between Lancaster County and Capital City Transfer Services, Inc., for the transport of dead bodies. The contract is effective upon execution for a three-year term, with the option to renew for an additional three-year term. The County will pay for the services according to the prices listed in the contractor's proposal. (C-15-0201)**

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

- E. **Agreement between Midwest Floor Covering, Inc., the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, using cooperative purchasing with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, for floor covering materials on an as needed basis. Pricing will be pursuant to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln contract. The agreement is effective upon execution through February 29, 2016, with the option to renew for four additional one-year terms. (C-15-0199)**

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- F. Contract between Haworth, Inc., the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for the annual requirements for office furniture and related services. The County will pay for the products/services according to the pricing as established in the Fairfax County, Virginia contract (US Communities Contract No. 4400003402). The contract is effective upon execution through December 31, 2015. (C-15-0200)**

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

- G. Agreement with Gana Trucking & Excavating for annual requirements of excavating and dozing services using cooperative purchasing with the City of Lincoln. The County will pay for services according to the line item pricing as listed in the contractor's proposal. The agreement is effective upon execution for a term of one year, with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-15-0202)**

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

- H. Agreement with Hansen Construction Company, Inc., for annual requirements of excavating and dozing services using cooperative purchasing with the City of Lincoln. The County will pay for services according to the line item pricing as listed in the contractor's proposal. The agreement is effective upon execution for a term of one year, with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-15-0203)**

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

- I. Agreement with Lincoln Tree Service for the trimming, removal and general maintenance of trees at the abandoned and neglected Lancaster County cemeteries as listed in Attachment A. There is no cost to the County. (C-15-0204)**

Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent, thanked Lincoln Tree Service for providing services for the cemeteries at no cost. He also wanted to thank the individuals and groups that provide care and maintenance to the cemeteries. Wiltgen expressed his appreciation for those who offer their service for the cemeteries upkeep. Hudkins noted the cost of clean up after storms is expensive and thanked Lincoln Tree Service for providing the service at no cost.

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- J. **Agreement with Jay Nutter Troop 64 Scout Master for the care and maintenance of Deitz Cemetery. Cost to the County is \$50 per mowing, not to exceed \$200 per year. (C-15-0205)**

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

- K. **Agreement with Terry Briley for the care and maintenance of Evangelical Cemetery. Cost to the County is \$50 per mowing, not to exceed \$200 per year. (C-15-0206)**

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

- L. **Agreement with Troy Henning for the care and maintenance of Highland Cemetery. Cost to the County is \$50 per mowing, not to exceed \$200 per year. (C-15-0207)**

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

- M. **Agreement with Troy Henning for the care and maintenance of Uphoff Cemetery. Cost to the County is \$50 per mowing, not to exceed \$200 per year. (C-15-0208)**

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

- N. **Agreement with Steven Wedige for the care and maintenance of Jordan Cemetery. Cost to the County is \$50 per mowing, not to exceed \$200 per year. (C-15-0209)**

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

- 5) **CONSENT ITEM: 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 report from the County Clerk's Office for April, 2015.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the consent item. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Teri Pope-Gonzales, 349 S. 1st Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, appeared and expressed her concern with the traffic, air quality and noise level in her neighborhood.

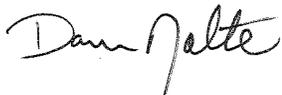
Gary Aldridge, 7112 S. 45th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, commented on communication between the Lincoln Journal Star and the County Board in regards to meeting dates and event calendars published in the Journal Star.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Bill Luxford Studio (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, May 12, 2015, 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: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:10 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk



**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
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 May 1, 2015.

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair; Bill Avery, Deb Schorr and Todd Wiltgen

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:10 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, April 28, 2015.

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

2) ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS: (See attached additions and deductions)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications

**Benedictine Sisters
Capital Humane Society
Connecting Pointe Church of the Nazarene
Innovative Blood Resources
The Salvation Army**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Teri Pope-Gonzales, 349 S. 1st Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 was administered the oath and expressed support of the motor vehicle exemptions.

No one appeared to testify in opposition or in a neutral position.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:

The Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) NOTICE OF TAXABLE STATUS:

City of Lincoln d/b/a Lincoln Electric System

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, notified the Board that Lincoln Electric System (LES) has acquired the three parcels for future use as service centers in 2016. He indicated LES would receive notice of the taxable status.

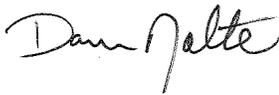
MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the notices. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT: Those wishing to speak on items relating to County Board of Equalization business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

No one appeared for public comment.

6) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 11:15 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk

