

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 8, 2015.

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

Commissioner absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

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, May 5, 2015.

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

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through May 12, 2015.

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Recognition of the Election Commission by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Mary Boschult, President of Lincoln-Lancaster County League of Women Voters, thanked the Election Commission for the professional and organized manner in which they handled the elections. Pat Stephen, League of Women Voters member, noted that the Election Commission staff was pleasant to work with as well as being very efficient.

Dave Shively, Election Commissioner, commented that the League of Women Voters provide a great deal of assistance during the elections and the voter registration process.

The Board expressed their appreciation to both the Election Commission and the League of Women Voters for their combined efforts in conducting successful election proceedings.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

- B. Damage update from the storm on May 6 – 7, 2015 – Jim Davidsaver, Lancaster County Emergency Management Director and Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, presented an overview of the damage following the May 6-7, 2015 storm and flooding. Dingman said there are still roads and bridges closed. She asked the public to please respect the barricades and the road closed signs as they are in place for safety purposes.

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, shared photos of area flooding. Davidsaver noted the combined efforts of various County and City departments and volunteers that were instrumental in providing coverage to the Emergency Operation Center during and after the storm. He added the total dollar amount of damage is not available at this time.

The Board members thanked Dingman and Davidsaver for providing the update and for their efficiency in handling the flood emergency.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Contract with M.E. Collins Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$202,461.14 for concrete box culvert replacement, Project 15-08. The work will commence on or about May 4, 2015, and be completed by September 18, 2015. (C-15-0210)**

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

- B. Utility permit No. 1283 allowing Windstream Communications to relocate cable on South 54th Street from Hickman Road to Roca Road. There is no cost to the County. (C-15-0211)**

MOTION: Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the utility permit. Wiltgen, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Space rental agreement between the Lancaster Event Center and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Clerk, for meeting space within the Event Center to be used for referee hearings between June 15 and July 24, 2015. (C-15-0212)**

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

- D. Sale and quitclaim deed from Lancaster County, as grantor, to Rezac-Pickering-Williams, LLC, as grantee for a portion of Southwest 31st Street, as originally platted in The Bridges Addition, generally located at Southwest 31st Street and West Denton Road.**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the sale and quitclaim deed. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Amendment to County Contract C-09-0597 with DeMars, Gordon, Olson, Zalewski and Wynner Law Firm for legal representation to indigent parties in child support and paternity proceedings. The law firm has asked that Matt Jenkins and Maria Thietje be removed from the agreement and that William Olson and Trevin Preble be formally authorized to provide services under the original agreement. The parties wish to amend the agreement to reflect such change. (C-15-0213)**

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

- F. Amendment to County Grant C-14-0095 with Cedars Youth Services for an Aggression Replacement Training program for youth leaving the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers. The amendment extends the end date of the agreement to June 30, 2015. (C-15-0214)**

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

- G. Appointment of James Bowers to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health for a term ending April 15, 2018.**

MOTION: Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the appointment. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- H. Refund request of personal property tax from Bonsall Pool & Spa.**

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, told the Board the owners inadvertently reported a copier on their schedule for 2013 and 2014, which they no longer possessed. He recommended approval of the request.

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

- I. Lancaster County Disaster Declaration for flooding event on May 6-7, 2015.**

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the disaster declaration. Schorr, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins 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. Receive and place on file the following reports for April, 2015:

1. Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds
2. Clerk of the District Court
3. Records and Information Management

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the consent items. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins 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.

Gary Aldridge, 7112 S. 45th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, commented on a recent article in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding a County budget shortfall. Aldridge also referred to a past Board agenda item relating to the issuance of bonds for Tabitha, Inc., for a project in Saline County.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold department budget hearings on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. and Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.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 a staff meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 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.
- D. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or 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 under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:30 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 8, 2015.

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

Commissioner absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

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 11:30 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, May 5, 2015.

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

2) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications

Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Chair opened the public hearing.

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the exemption. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

3) 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.

4) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 11:35 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

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