

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 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 29, 2015.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, 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 26, 2015.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Avery and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Avery and Schorr entered the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

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

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Recognition of Adult Probation Employees for outstanding achievement – James P. Rowoldt, Interim Chief Probation Officer for District #3A:

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Law Enforcement Probation Team Award – Members of the Adult Probation/District #3A Drug Testing Unit – Curt Adams, Willie Beamon, Dee Donanski and Candice Maruska

Outstanding Supervision of the District #3A Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision Unit – Tom Rathbun

State Probation Administration Office Above and Beyond Award – Cindy Wohlers-Green

James Rowoldt, Interim Chief Probation Officer-District #3A, introduced members of the Adult Probation Testing Unit. He informed the Board the team collected 81,790 tests in 2014, which is greater than any other district in Nebraska. Rowoldt said the team conducts tests two weekend days per month, on select holidays, and does random testing after major events in the community such as concerts and sporting events. He noted the department would not be able to maintain the high degree of supervision without their efforts.

Rowoldt introduced members of the Substance Abuse Supervision Unit. He told the Board that according to statistics gathered by the Administrative Office, this unit was leading all the other districts in many categories. Rowoldt noted in 2014, of the thirty-three clients released from probation 73% were released successfully.

Schorr asked how many clients each team member has. Tom Rathbun, Specialized Substance Abuse Unit Supervisor, said approximately thirty clients is a common caseload. He informed the Board two officers will be doing specialized work with clients that have three and above DUI's in hopes of increasing success rate turnaround in that client group.

Rowoldt introduced Cindy Wohlers-Green, Reporting Center Coordinator, who received the Administrative Office's Above and Beyond Award. Wohlers-Green manages the Reporting Center, which sets the standards for centers throughout the state as well as working with providers, scheduling meetings and manages the drug-testing unit.

Wohlers-Green stated that she has been with the Probation Unit in different capacities for thirty years. She said she enjoys working with the clients and with the staff members.

The Board thanked all the staff members for their commitment to helping others and their service to Lancaster County.

4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Amusement license application for NRG Media, LLC, to hold a music concert (Frog Fest) on August 7, 2015 at BlueStem Tree Farm, LLC, 5895 West Sprague Road, Crete, Nebraska. (See correlating items 5A and 5C)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Brooke Schulz, representing NRG Media, LLC, was administered the oath. Schulz noted this is the first year with NRG Media as an organizer but the third year for the event. She informed the Board they have adequate parking as well as separate entrances and exits to keep traffic moving. Schulz said they have contacted the Sheriff's Department to ensure that they have adequate staff as they expected attendance is approximately 4000 people.

No one appeared in opposition or in a neutral position.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:

- B. Amusement license application for Abbott Motocross Park to hold a Mud Jam Festival on June 27, 2015, 8033 Arbor Road, Lincoln, Nebraska. (See correlating items 5B and 5D)**

Craig Fritz, Director Abbott Motocross Park, was administered the oath. Fritz said this is a new family oriented event including a 3-mile mud run, mud volleyball, a kid's run and music. Fritz told the Board there will be adequate parking. Wiltgen noted that Federal Grant funds were used to develop the park with requirements for remaining open to the public. Fritz assured Wiltgen that the park will not be closed to the public more than fourteen days per year.

Hudkins asked Fritz to give an overview of the improvements they plan to make with the Visitor Improvement Fund Grant recently awarded to the park. Fritz thanked the Board for approving the grant. He said they are adding permanent fencing to create a safe environment, a permanent office building and expanded entryway for traffic flow.

No one appeared in opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearings.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Amusement license application for NRG Media, LLC, to hold a music concert (Frog Fest) on August 7, 2015 at BlueStem Tree Farm, LLC, 5895 West Sprague Road, Crete, Nebraska.**

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

- B. Amusement license application for Abbott Motocross Park to hold a Mud Jam Festival on June 27, 2015, 8033 Arbor Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.**

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

- C. Special designated license application for BlueStem Landscaping and Vineyard, 5895 West Sprague Road, Crete, Nebraska for an event on August 7, 2015.**

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

- D. Special designated license application for Box Awesome, LLC, for an event on June 27, 2015 to be held at Abbott Motocross Park, 8033 Arbor Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Jeremiah Moore and Andrea Callahan, Box Awesome, LLC, appeared and informed the Board that they will be responsible for the entertainment, food and drink at the Mud Jam event being held at Abbott Motocross Park. Moore said they have been involved in many successful city events and the Mud Jam will be their second event with Abbott Motocross.

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

E. Special designated license application from WunderRosa Winery, 2361 Wittstruck Road, Roca, for an event on July 3-4, 2015.

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

F. Resolution to sign a program agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for consultant inspection and load re-rating on County fracture critical bridges (Project No. STP-NBIS(102)). (R-15-0024)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, stated there are fifteen fracture critical bridges in Lancaster County. She noted the County contracts with the Nebraska Department of Roads for inspection consulting.

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

G. Resolution in the matter of authorizing use of County Visitors Improvement Fund for visitor promotion. (R-15-0025)

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

H. Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for consultant inspection and load re-rating on County fracture critical bridges (Project No. STP-NBIS(102)). The cost to the County is estimated to be \$6,612.45. (C-15-0242)

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

I. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to provide funding assistance to law enforcement agencies for selective overtime enforcement in the emphasis area of alcohol. The funding assistance will provide reimbursement for overtime salaries and/or mileage. The total amount requested is \$3090.00. (C-15-0243)

Sheriff Terry Wagner noted that this is an annual grant to provide overtime funding for traffic enforcement for special events and celebrations in the County.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- J. **Grant contract with the Salvation Army to provide funding in the amount of \$35,000 for the Sudanese Advocate Project. Term of the contract is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. (C-15-0244)**

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

- K. **Amendment to County contract C-12-0682 with Sapp Brothers Petroleum for the annual supply of absorbents floor dry. The amendment increases the County's expenditures an additional \$1,000.00 for the remaining term of the contract. (C-15-0245)**

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

- L. **Amendment to County contract C-12-0288 with Nebraska Occupational Health for the annual requirements of influenza vaccines. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from June 14, 2015 to June 13, 2016. (C-15-0246)**

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

- M. **Amendment to C-10-0317 with Correctional Health Companies for medical services at the Youth Services Center. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and increases the amount of compensation to \$17,098.78 per month. (C-15-0247)**

Avery questioned the reason for the extension and increased compensation. Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the original contract was awarded by bid for three years with one-year renewals and it does provide for a cost of living increase.

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

- 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:**

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- A. **Setting of public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding amending the County budget to increase appropriations for the Workers Compensation Loss Fund and the Mental Health Fund.**

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

- 7) **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, appeared and commented on the County Board meeting policies and procedures. Aldridge suggested more pause between the agenda item being read and the Board roll call to allow for public comment.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, June 4, 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, June 9, 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.**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:18 a.m. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 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 29, 2015.

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

Others present: Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds; Kerry Eagan, 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 11:18 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 26, 2015.

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

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

**Catholic Social Services
Child Guidance Center
First United Methodist 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: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **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.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 11:23 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk

