

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 August 14, 2015.

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

Commissioners absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice-Chair and Bill Avery

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brittany Behrens, 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, August 11, 2015.

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

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through August 18, 2015.

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

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Automatic renewal of Class C liquor licenses issued in Lancaster County and outside the corporate limits of any city, for which the County Clerk has received no protests:

Bluestem Landscaping & Vineyard, Crooked Creek Golf Club, Sesostris Temple, Yankee Hill Country Club

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.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval to renew the Class C liquor license. Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins and Avery were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Resolution authorizing installation of two traffic signs indicating "No Fishing From Bridge" with "and Right-of-Way" assemblies at each end County structure X-197, located on Firth Road approximately ¼ mile west of South 96th Street. (R-15-0038)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said a sign is to be installed notifying the public that fishing from the bridge as well as from the right-of-way is prohibited.

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

- B.** Amendment of the membership for the General Assistance Monitoring Committee and the General Assistance Subcommittee.

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

- C.** Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the County Engineer to award a contract for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies and Related Services, from Region 4 and TCPN Solicitation (No. 14-21) to Lawson Products, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000 for the first six months, then \$20,000 for the next two years for a total of \$50,000. (B-15-0034)

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

- D.** 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 \$8,638.36 per month for the services. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016. (C-15-0394)

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, informed the Board this is a renewal of a long-standing contract.

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

- E.** 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 \$0.575 per mile for cruiser maintenance. Total compensation to the County shall not exceed \$3,500. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016. (C-15-0395)

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, said the contract is for services when the City of Hickman requires additional coverage for a special event or additional traffic enforcement. He noted this is a renewal of a long-standing agreement.

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

- F. Interlocal agreement between the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office for the hiring of Sheriff’s Deputies on overtime to assist the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Police Department with security of University facilities and the safety of the public for University events. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln will pay the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office at the full costs of providing the employees on overtime and any vehicle charges, if requested. The contract shall expire on July 1, 2016. (C-15-0396)

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, informed the Board this agreement provides additional security to supplement the policing forces for special events or sporting events.

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

- G. Licensing agreement with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc., for showing videocassette movies at the Youth Services Center. The County will pay \$375 for the license. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0397)

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

- H. Agreement with Lincoln Literacy Council to conduct on-site English language and literacy classes for Lancaster County Corrections inmates. The County will pay up to \$10,350 for the services. Term of the contract is August 25, 2015 to July 31, 2016. (C-15-0398)

Schorr clarified this is paid with the Inmate Benefit Fund and not property tax dollars. She noted this is a very successful program. Schorr said it allows up to sixteen inmates to take English as a second language (ESL) and other English courses.

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

- I. Agreement with CEDARS Youth Services for tracker services for adolescents placed in the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court. The County will pay up to \$25,000 for the services. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0399)

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Lori Griggs, Chief Probation Officer, noted this contract is for dedicated trackers specifically for juvenile drug court youth. Schorr inquired as to the number of participants in juvenile drug court. Griggs said there are currently fourteen adolescents but that number changes weekly with graduations and incoming youths.

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

- J. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0453 with Dr. Fuel Good for fuel maintenance and service on an as needed basis. The amendment increases the maximum expenditures of the County by \$1,000 during the term of the contract (Purchasing Bid 14-164). (C-15-0400)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, informed the Board this contract allows for cleaning of the fuel tanks. She said the fuel filters are very expensive and this prevents contamination.

Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent, clarified for the Board that contracts are issued with an estimated cost per year. He noted when additional requirements or services are needed it requires the contract to be amended and the Board's approval.

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

- K. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0033 with National Everything Wholesale for the annual supply and deliver of warewashing and laundry chemicals. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. (C-15-0401)

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

- 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 Lancaster County Sheriff's report for July, 2015:**

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

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 taxes and tax policy. He noted most citizens are unhappy with property taxes. Aldridge said that more citizens should attend meetings and offer public comment regarding taxes and spending. He added that he had recently attended the budget hearing for Lincoln Public School.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, August 20, 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, August 25, 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 Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding Keno Fund Projects and Lancaster County's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- D. Effective Tuesday, September 15, 2015 the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will move the starting time for their Tuesday Board meetings to 9:00 a.m., with the Board of Equalization meeting immediately following.
- E. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- F. 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 10:55 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins and Avery were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 August 14, 2015.

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

Commissioners absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice-Chair and Bill Avery

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brittany Behrens, 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 10:55 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) MINUTES:

A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, August 6, 2015.

(Note: The meeting was held on Thursday, August 6, 2015)

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained. Hudkins and Avery were absent. Motion carried 2-0 with one abstention.

B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Thursday, August 11, 2015.

(Note: The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015)

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

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

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

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications

**Cedars Youth Services
Child Guidance Center
Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties
Fellowship Baptist Church
St. Thomas Aquinas 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 Schorr seconded approval of the exemptions. Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins and Avery were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

4) 2015 LATE FILED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS:

Timothy Svara	Lon Best	Teri Bullock
Roger Vedder	Sandra Roach	Jimmy & Darlene Brezina
Joseph & Carol Petty	Joan Watts	Susan Keith
Larry & Joann Maciejewski	Sheila Johnson	Claire Royal
Christine Arrigo	Rodney & Jeane Loos	Sally Jo Truhlar
Henrietta & Owen Liesveld	Marquerite Ruel	
Judith Smith Wilson	Melva Buhrdorf	
Lucy Doxon	Michael & Nancy Colson	
Milton Ochsner, Jr.	Betty Greenwood	

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, told the Board that State Statutes require filing the Homestead Exemption by June 30th of each year. He noted the statute also states that the Board can extend that deadline to July 20th but applicants cannot receive that extension in consecutive years. Gaines said the applicants have been verified as not having received an extension last year and would recommend approval of the exemptions.

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

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 11:05 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins and Avery were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk

