

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
9:00 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 October 9, 2015.

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

Commissioner absent: Todd Wiltgen

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

Schorr made a motion to add an emergency item to the agenda regarding Bridge N19 at the request of the County Engineer. Hudkins seconded the motion. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

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

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through October 13, 2015.

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant to the City of Lincoln in the amount of \$90,000 over three years for the Prairie Corridor Trail – Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Project Administrator, Lincoln Parks and Recreation; and Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair.
(See correlating item 4A)**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:

Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Project Administrator Lincoln Parks and Recreation, told the Board the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch is a planned trail and tallgrass prairie passage that builds on the nationally recognized trail and greenway system. She noted it links Pioneers Park Nature Center and Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, two of the premier environmental resources located in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair, said when considering this project the Visitors Committee looked at the most popular national outdoor trend that includes trails for biking, walking and bird watching. She noted the trail could also be used for events such as fun runs or marathons that could attract additional visitors to Lancaster County. Lattimer said the project could reach an estimated six million dollars in economic impact based on the number of visitors from Lancaster County but more importantly visitors from outside of Lancaster County. She added that approximately fifteen different entities are involved in contributing to this project. Lattimer stated because of the many positive points to this project, it was the recommendation of the Visitors Promotion Committee to approve this grant.

Hudkins said at a recent meeting regarding this project it was noted a box culvert will need to be placed and the City of Denton will assist with that. He thanked Lattimer and Fleck-Tooze for providing the information and recommendation to the Board.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant contract with Lancaster County (sponsor) and the City of Lincoln (grantee) for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project. The total grant is \$90,000.00 and shall be divided into three separate grants of \$30,000.00 each. The first grant commencing September 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; the second commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and the third commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 1, 2018. (C-15-0552)**

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

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution in the matter of the emergency closure of Bridge N19. (R-15-0056)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, informed the Board that Bridge N19 was damaged by the storms last spring. She said during the inspection on Monday a void was discovered behind the abutment as well as dramatic damage to the pilings. Dingman recommended closure of the bridge indefinitely, as it is a danger to the public.

Schorr inquired as to what the daily traffic count is for the bridge and what the planned detour route will be.

Dingman said she would find out the average daily traffic count for Schorr. She stated the detour route is to the north.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM CONTINUED:

MOTION: Schorr moved to approve the closure of Bridge N19 at the recommendation of the County Engineer. Hudkins seconded the motion. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

RETURNING TO NEW BUSINESS:

- B. Resolution in the matter of striking uncollectible property tax from the tax list. (R-15-0054)**

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

- C. Resolution authorizing the installation of two (2) "No Parking" signs R8-3 on West Branched Oak Road approximately 2000 feet east of Northwest 12th Street. One for eastbound traffic and one for westbound traffic. (R-15-0055)**

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

- D. 2015 Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Southeast Region's State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in the amount of \$394,119. (C-15-0533)**

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, stated this is a grant adjustment notice covering a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2018.

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

- E. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to pay mileage and overtime in the amount of \$5,817.00 for the "Click It or Ticket" mobilization. (C-15-0534)**

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

- F. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to pay mileage and overtime in the amount of \$6,386.25 for the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." crackdown. (C-15-0535)**

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

- G. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to purchase six preliminary breath-testing units in the amount of \$1,710.00 (C-15-0536)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- H. Acceptance of State Grant Award 15-CB-0506 from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in the amount of \$855,587.00 for Lancaster County Community Aid. (C-15-0537)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, informed the Board this community aid funding has quadrupled due to the juvenile justice reform. She stated the entire amount of the grant goes towards funding many programs. Hoyle said a new program called "Cop Club" is a partnership between the Salvation Army and the Lincoln Police Department that involves law enforcement officers mentoring at-risk youth. She added the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is participating in a similar project.

Schorr asked if some of the participants in this program could report to the Board in a few months and share their experiences.

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

- I. Contract with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse Lancaster County for the personal service costs of deputy county attorneys associated with termination of parental rights actions. The County will receive no more than \$104,500.00 under the contract. The term of the contract is from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. (C-15-0538)**

Hudkins inquired if this is a full reimbursement or partial.

David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, said this is the same dollar amount that was received last year. He stated it fully reimburses deputy county attorneys only for work associated with the termination of parental rights.

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

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, provided an overview on items J – M.

- J. Grant contract with CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., in the amount of \$52,832.00 to provide funding for the Reporting Center Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (C-15-0539)**

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

- K. Grant contract with CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., in the amount of \$230,000.00 to provide funding for the Juvenile Diversion Services. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (C-15-0540)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

- L. Grant contract with YWCA in the amount of \$51,047.00 to provide funding for the Sudanese Mother-Daughter Circles program. Term of the contract is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (C-15-0541)**

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

- M. Grant contract with Volunteer Partners in the amount of \$23,207.00 to fund their Youth Community Service Project. Term of the grant is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (C-15-0542)**

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

- N. Agreement with Nebraska Neurosurgery Group to provide specialized medical care and assistance to Lancaster County General Assistance clients who have pending claims with the Social Security Administration and may be eligible for retroactive Medicaid benefits. (C-15-0543)**

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

- O. Contract with Pavers, Inc., Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual supply of asphaltic concrete. The estimated cost to the County will be \$20,000.00. (C-15-0544)**

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

- P. Contract with Cather & Son's Construction, Inc., Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual supply of asphaltic concrete. The estimated cost to the County will be \$20,000.00. (C-15-0545)**

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

- Q. Contract with Constructors, Inc., Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual supply of asphaltic concrete. The estimated cost to the County will be \$20,000.00. (C-15-0546)**

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- R. Contract between Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest and Lancaster County for cable supply and installation at the County Courts as specified in the contractor's proposal. The amount due under the contract is \$21,050.00. (C-15-0547)**

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

- S. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0549 with Company Care for employee medical exams on an as needed basis. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from November 5, 2015 to November 4, 2016. The estimated expenditures for the County shall not exceed \$19,000.00. (C-15-0548)**

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

- T. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0550 with Rochester Armored Car for armored car services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional two-year term from November 5, 2015 to November 4, 2017. The estimated expenditures for the County shall not exceed \$8,500.00. (C-15-0549)**

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

- U. Amendment to County Contract C-12-0177 with Allan Enterprises for the annual supply of microfilming supplies. The amendment reflects a price increase of approximately \$5,460.00 over the remainder of the contract term, which runs through April 16, 2016. (C-15-0550)**

MOTION: Avery moved and Hudkins seconded the motion for discussion. Hudkins questioned the price increase of the microfilming supplies and if there was alternative system.

Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent, said the Records and Information Management Department uses very volatile products for their microfilming process. He noted there have been price increases in the past and prices do vary from year to year.

Hudkins requested the item be held until more information could be presented to the Board.

Avery withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to hold the item until further information could be obtained. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- V. **Amendment to County Contract C-15-0149 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc., for drug and alcohol screening products and services. The amendment renews the contract for an additional one-year term from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. The cost to the County shall not exceed \$75,000.00. (C-15-0551)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the amendment. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen 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 the file the following reports:**

1. **Clerk of the District Court**
2. **Assessor/Register of Deeds**
3. **Records & Information Management**

B. **Right-of-way contract between the County Engineer and the following:**

1. **Beverly A. Tiedeman, South 25th Street and Olive Creek Road, \$454.00. (C-15-0553)**

C. **Setting a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding the issuance by the Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County, Nebraska of its Revenue Refunding Bonds (Eastmont Towers Project), Series 2015, solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code or 1986, as amended.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the consent items. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen 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, appeared and commented on a recent article in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding property tax increase and the impact on Lancaster County homeowners.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, October 15, 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 October 20, 2015 at 9:00 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 regarding the reappointment of James Mastera, Marilyn Borchardt, James Linderholm and Lauren Wismer to the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County, Nebraska for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 4:30 p.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding the Commercial Wind Energy Text Amendment.
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.
- F. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- G. 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 Avery seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:42 a.m. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 October 9, 2015.

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair; Bill Aver and Deb Schorr

Commissioner absent: Todd Wiltgen

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:42 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, October 6, 2015.

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

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

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

3) **CERTIFICATION OF 2015-2016 TAX LEVIES**

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

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 Avery seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:45 a.m. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk

