

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 23, 2015.*

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

Others present: Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Cori Beattie, Deputy 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.*

**1) MINUTES:**

- A.** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

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

- B.** Approval of the minutes of the Wind Text Public Hearing held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

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

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through October 27, 2015.**

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

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. 2014 Lancaster County Department of Corrections Employee of the Year – Amy Cook, Correctional Officer.**

Mike Thurber, Corrections Administrator, presented a plaque to Amy Cook, 2014 Department of Corrections Employee of the Year and recommended the Board approve an exceptional circumstance award of \$500.

The Deputy Clerk read the nomination for the record.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

Cook thanked her co-workers for the nomination and their support.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Cook for her dedication and service to the Lancaster County Department of Corrections.

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

**B. Sheriff's Office Good Life 100 Day fitness challenge – Jeff Bliemeister**

Jeff Bliemeister, Deputy County Sheriff, introduced Steve Auxier and Caitlynn Gillaspie from Good Life Fitness and Jen Koolen from the Child Advocacy Center. He told the Board thirty-one employees of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the University Police Department recently participated in a 100-Day fitness challenge sponsored by Good Life Fitness Center. Bliemeister said Good Life Fitness pledged one dollar for each pound lost to the Child Advocacy Center.

Auxier said it was a pleasure working with those that serve and protect the community. He noted that the participants lost a total of 131 pounds but Good Life Fitness rounded that up and presented a check to Koolen for \$300.

Koolen thanked the Sheriff's Office for selecting the Child Advocacy Center. She said they see approximately one hundred children a month and the funds will go toward critical services for those children.

**4) OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Liability insurance coverage with National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) Service Corporation for the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office, in the amount of \$6,283.00. The policy begins on November 1, 2015 for a period of 12 months**

Hudkins told the Board he had received information from Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, who indicated that the insurance coverage is a required professional insurance. He added that it is a decrease of \$200 from last year.

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

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME – Engineering) Local 2468 and Lancaster County for the contract term August 20, 2015 through August 30, 2017. (C-15-0564)**

Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director, noted the two-year contract provides for a 2.5% salary increase annually.

## **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Rick DeBoer, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME – Engineering) Local 2468 President, said overall the negotiations were handled with fairness and integrity. He noted there are still some concerns and questions which could not be addressed with the Board until after the negotiations concluded. DeBoer presented each Board member with a letter addressing those concerns (Exhibit A).

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said she hopes that the open and positive dialogue and mutual respect between management and the union continues.

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

### **B. Commercial Wind Energy Text Amendment No. 15009.**

Amundson said the Board would not be accepting any additional testimony regarding this agenda item. She noted the Board had received numerous documents since the public hearing held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 which would be entered into the record (Exhibit B).

Wiltgen said the estimated \$700,000 collected from the nameplate capacity tax would be a benefit to the County for repairing roads and bridges.

Avery stated that he is in favor of the project moving forward but not without reasonable standards. He said there is the need to protect the public interest by developing alternative energy and becoming less dependent on fossil fuels. He said he supports the recommendations of the Planning Commission and will consider amendments from fellow Board members but will not support any amendment that will shrink the area of allowable turbine construction to the point where no wind project is possible.

Wiltgen said his focus is setting good policy for the entire County and not focusing on one certain area or benefit one particular developer. He distributed copies of a proposed amendment to #2 "B" – Section G (Exhibit C) which addresses the setback section to delete lot size differentiation and measure setback to all non-participating lots at the property line. Wiltgen stated with this proposal, the setback would be dependent on the turbine height from the closest exterior wall of the dwelling as opposed to 1000 feet. It also addresses the concerns of a universal property line standard. Wiltgen felt it increases the protection of non-participating property owners.

Amundson noted that almost all construction setbacks in Lancaster County are from the property line and preferred this text remain consistent.

Hudkins said that he concurs with Amundson as measuring from the property line provides the most clarity and protection for the property owners. He asked Wiltgen to elaborate on the issue of a non-participating property owner becoming a participating property owner.

Wiltgen stated there is the setback standard of two times the turbine height to the property line and an additional three and half times for added protection for a dwelling unit. He explained his proposal allows a non-participating property owner to negotiate with the wind developer and become a participating property owner in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Avery asked Wiltgen what affect his amendment would have on the available space for turbines.

Wiltgen said it may shrink the available land size but would provide an opportunity for a reasonable compromise. With regard to the original proposal by the Planning Commission for non-participating property owners with less than 10 acres, the setback was 1000 feet from the property line and three times the turbine height to the dwelling. Wiltgen added for lots greater than 10 acres, the setback is measured from the dwelling which would result in a slight reduction in the available land space.

Amundson suggested that a decision be made on whether the setback is measured from the property line versus the dwelling before considering any other amendments.

Hudkins expressed concerns with the turbine's concrete base and future height changes. He felt it would be best to have a setback with a specific foot limit.

Avery questioned the procedure on forwarding proposed amendments if there is no motion on the floor.

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved to amend #2B (Section G) of the Planning Commission's recommendations (as proposed in Exhibit C); seconded by Hudkins.

David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, said Wiltgen simply made a motion to amend #2B (Section G) of the Planning Commission's proposed recommendations. He added that he would not recommend adopting the Planning Commission's proposal in its entirety at this time as there may be further changes. It was also noted that following today's discussion, the Board would need to direct the County Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution which would incorporate the amendments to the original recommendations.

In response to Amundson's inquiry regarding how the setback distance of 1000 feet was determined, Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, said 1000 feet was the most common community standard in the United States and in Nebraska. He added that "ice throw" was also taken into consideration as a safety component even though it was felt to be a minor item. Henrichsen stated for non-participating landowners it was important to have something in place that goes beyond 1000 feet since the turbines can vary in height so the "1000 feet or three times the turbine height, whichever is greater" wording was included.

Schorr questioned the process if there was a significant change to the turbine height or structure. Henrichsen explained the developer would need to state the maximum height of the turbines in the original application. If they then decide to increase that height, a new application would be required. Henrichsen noted the developer was aware of those regulations.

Wiltgen said his intent with the amendment was to make one uniform standard for the entire County and not differentiate between larger and smaller acreages.

Avery asked Henrichsen for his thoughts on Wiltgen's proposal. Henrichsen said the wording would be challenging. He provided the Board with a scenario of how the language could affect the placement of a turbine in relationship to a dwelling versus a property line and the confusion it could cause.

## **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Following that explanation, Wiltgen said he would be willing to change the wording of #2 - Section G(1) (see Exhibit C) to reflect a setback of 1000 feet from the property line for non-participating lots or three and a half times the turbine height from the dwelling whichever is greater.

Amundson asked for clarification of the wording. Henrichsen read the proposed change as follows:

*"For a non-participating lot, the setback shall be two times the turbine height (hub height plus the rotor radius) measured at the property line, or three and half times the turbine height, measured to the closest exterior wall of the dwelling unit, whichever is greater, but at a minimum 1000 feet."*

**AMENDMENT:** Wiltgen amended his original motion to include the wording as stated above; the seconder agreed.

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION AS AMENDED:** Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved to increase the depth of the soil to five feet upon decommissioning and to add the words "average surrounding" to Section (c). (Exhibit D); seconded by Avery.

Avery asked Hudkins to explain the rationale behind the amendment. Hudkins said uniform standards need to be in place so that in the future, there is a reasonable expectation that the ground will be free down to five feet. He noted the original text also stated that dirt would be placed over the concrete which he felt was not acceptable.

**ROLL CALL:** Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved to support the noise recommendations of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department of 40 dBA (daytime) and 37 dBA (nighttime); seconded by Hudkins.

Wiltgen requested clarification. Henrichsen said two different versions, #3A and #3B, were prepared. Amendment #3A (Exhibit E) is the version proposed by the LLCHD and originally presented to the Planning Commission which includes noise standards of 40 dBA (daytime) and 37 dBA (nighttime) measured at the dwelling unit. Henrichsen said after last week's public hearing, #3B (Exhibit F) was drafted reflecting the same noise standards as measured from the property line.

In response to Avery's inquiry, Henrichsen said #3B would be more restrictive.

Hudkins inquired what happens if in the future someone builds a house closer to a property line. Scott Holmes, Environmental Public Health Division Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), stated that would be their right as property owner and the turbine could remain as it would then be considered a non-conforming use. It was also noted that the turbine would not have to be decommissioned under this circumstance.

Henrichsen referred to a letter and maps from Volkswind (see Exhibit B) which attempted to describe what land restrictions would occur at each noise level.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Amundson asked why the amendment references the dwelling unit rather than the property line. Holmes said the LLCHD's effort is to establish health-based standards. He noted the primary exposure would be in the home at night and noted the World Health Organization (WHO) established a level of 40 dBA at the wall of a home and 30 dBA inside at night as not to create sleep disturbance. Holmes indicated they attempted to come close to that standard.

Wiltgen expressed concern that if the Board adopts the standards set by the LLCHD, it reflects a zero tolerance for wind energy, thus, he would not support Schorr's motion.

Avery agreed that a balance is needed and felt the Planning Commission's recommendation of 50 dBA (daytime) and 42 dBA (nighttime) should be accepted.

Hudkins proposed setting the daytime and nighttime levels at 45 dBA.

Holmes said 45 dBA is significantly louder than 40 dBA, noting 50 dBA would be roughly twice as loud as 40 dBA. He added it is standard to set nighttime levels lower.

Schorr and Amundson stated they would not support equal decibel levels for day and night.

Wiltgen asked for clarification on the motion. Schorr clarified that her motion was to support noise levels of 40 dBA (daytime) and 37 dBA (nighttime) measured at the dwelling unit (see Amendment #3A).

Avery said if the Board approves the motion, there would not be any wind turbines built in Lancaster County.

Wiltgen asked if the original motion was seconded and, if so, whether the seconder concurred with the clarification on the motion. Hudkins said he did second the motion for discussion and accepted the clarification on the wording as provided by Commissioner Schorr. He added he would also consider setting decibel levels the same for day and night, noting that some people felt 45 dBA would be acceptable. He said he would not support measurement from the dwelling unit. Wiltgen emphasized the reason for the noise standard is to protect public health and safety.

Hudkins asked if the maker of the motion would agree to 42 dBA day and night from the dwelling unit. Schorr said no, as she felt it is important to have a lower noise level at night.

**AMENDMENT:** Hudkins moved to amend the motion to allow for a noise level of 42 dBA day and night.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

**AMENDMENT:** Hudkins moved to amend the motion to allow for a noise level of 43 dBA day and night.

Wiltgen pointed out that many counties have noise thresholds of 50 dBA day and night.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**ROLL CALL ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION:** Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Avery and Wiltgen voted nay. Motion carried 3-2.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved to direct the County Attorney's Office to draft a resolution regarding the wind energy text amendment and to bring it before the Board when all members are present; seconded by Schorr.

Avery said, for the record, he would not be signing the resolution.

**ROLL CALL:** Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen and Avery voted no. Motion carried 3-2.

**NOTE:** Following the Board of Commissioners meeting, the Planning Department provided clarification of the amendment wording related to setbacks. (Exhibit G)

**C. Magellan re-credentialing application for the Mental Health Crisis Center.**

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, said the re-credentialing is a Medicare and Medicaid billing requirement with the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, gave an overview of items D – H.

**D. Grant contract in the amount of \$20,000 with HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults, Inc., for their Graduate Links Project. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0565)**

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

**E. Grant contract in the amount of \$12, 675 with Berniklau Educational Solutions Team (BEST) for management of a juvenile day reporting center. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0566)**

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

**F. Grant contract in the amount of \$5,000 with Creating Family Choices, Inc., for the Youth Gambling Prevention program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0567)**

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

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- G. Grant contract in the amount of \$10,000 with El Centro de las Americas, for the Latina Leaders program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0568)**

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

- H. Grant contract in the amount of \$8,500 with Families Inspiring Families, to provide Parent Support Groups at the Youth Services Center. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0569)**

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

- I. Contract with Kapish North America Services, Inc. for consulting services to facilitate the deployment of the HPRM records management product suite. The County will pay up to \$19,380 for the services provided. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. (C-15-0570)**

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

- J. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0111 between W.W. Grainger, Inc., Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for facilities maintenance, repair and operating supplies. The amended contract is effective from October 22, 2015 through October 21, 2016. (C-15-0571)**

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

- K. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0402 with Snap-On Industrial for small hand and power tool accessories. The amended term is from September 20, 2015 through September 19, 2017. Costs to the County is not to exceed \$20,000. (C-15-0572)**

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

- L. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0579 with Navia Benefit Solutions to reflect three additional one-year renewal periods after the initial term, and a renewal of the contract from November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$12,000 during this renewed term. (C-15-0573)**

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



**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- M. Agreement between Judy Manhas and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Department of Corrections, to provide Safety Training Option Program (STOP) instruction to participants eligible to participate in the Lancaster County Traffic Diversion program. The County shall pay \$100 per STOP class instructed. Term of the Contract is November 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0574)**

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, clarified that Items M and N relate to the Department of Community Corrections, not the Department of Corrections.

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

- N. Agreement between Patricia Swanson and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Department of Corrections, to provide Safety Training Option Program (STOP) instruction to participants eligible to participate in the Lancaster County Traffic Diversion program. The County shall pay \$100 per STOP class instructed. Term of the Contract is November 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0575)**

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

- O. Statement of Intent to Negotiate with Zachary and Sarie Whitson, owners of land legally described as Lot 28 of irregular tracts located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 9 North, Range 8 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Lancaster County, Nebraska, to be filed with Chad Blahak, City of Lincoln Building and Safety Director, in accordance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 39-1311 through 39-1311.05 (Reissue 2008).**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the Statement of Intent to Negotiate. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- P. Renewal application for Fiduciary Liability coverage for the Lancaster County Nebraska Employee Retirement Plan.**
- Q. Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy Lancaster County Attorney**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to table items P and Q until after the Board of Equalization meeting is adjourned and proceed to Item 6. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery 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:

**A. Receive and place on the file the following reports:**

**1. County Sheriff**

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Schorr seconded approval of the consent item. Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr 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. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, appeared and commented on the increase of property tax rate. He noted individuals living on a fixed income such as social security will not receive a cost of living increase this year while tax rates increase. Aldridge expressed concern with having called the County Board Office twice recently and received a recording. He said he left a message with his information repeating his phone number twice and has yet to receive a call back.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

## **RETURNING TO ITEMS P & Q**

**P. Renewal application for Fiduciary Liability coverage for the Lancaster County Nebraska Employee Retirement Plan.**

Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy Attorney, informed the Board this is liability coverage that protects the County from being sued for losses on the pension plan.

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

**Q. Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy Lancaster County Attorney**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to enter into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. for purposes of pending litigation and to protect the public interest. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

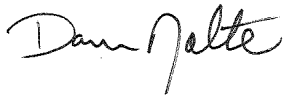
**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:22 a.m. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).
- B. 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. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) regarding the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 11:22 a.m. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



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Dan Nolte, County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 23, 2015.*

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

Others present: Scott Gaines, County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; 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: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.**

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

3) **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. **Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications**

**House of Prayer Christian Church  
Lincoln Medical Education Partnership  
Northern Lighthouse**

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 Hudkins seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Avery, Wiltgen, 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:** Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 11:00 a.m. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Dan Nolte*

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Dan Nolte, County Clerk

