

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 30, 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; David Derbin, 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 9:00 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, October 27, 2015.

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

EMERGENCY ITEM ADDED:

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to add emergency item regarding Bridge G-144 closure to the agenda. Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins and Avery were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Avery entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through November 3, 2015.

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Recognition of Lincoln Public Schools and the Lincoln Board of Education for receiving the 2015 Award for Urban School Board Excellence and collaboration with Lancaster County to increase graduation rates. Russ Uhing - Director of Student Services Lincoln Public Schools; Sara Hoyle – Lancaster County Human Services Director; and Sheli Schindler – Director Lancaster County Youth Services Center.**

Sheli Schindler, Director Lancaster County Youth Services Center, said that she appreciates working in collaboration with Lincoln Public Schools for at-risk youth.

Russ Uhing, Director of Student Services Lincoln Public Schools, informed the Board increasing on time graduation rates has been a strategic plan of Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) for several years. He noted that the graduation rates have increased from 80.1% in 2009-2010 to 87% in recent years. Uhing said LPS received a federal grant that focuses on math and increased social work services. He stated it allowed Lincoln High, Lincoln Northeast and Lincoln North Star that have the lowest graduation rates to target services specific to their school.

Uhing discussed the collaboration with Lancaster County Human Services Department for programs such as Pathfinder Program, Truancy Diversion Program and Project Success. He said the LPS strategic goal is a 90% graduation rate. Uhing stated that goal is attainable thanks to the programs and the support Lancaster County provides.

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, told the Board the Truancy Diversion Program started with LPS has become a model for the state. She added that Project Success was a competitive application process with Georgetown University and the Human Services Department is working with Georgetown in developing the policies and procedures. Hoyle complimented LPS for taking the initiative to learn about the juvenile justice system and making a strong community partnership for the benefit of Lancaster County youth.

Schindler thanked the Board for their leadership and support in achieving this partnership.

Schorr said she is proud of the work being done in the community to help the Lancaster County youth with the successful programs, partnerships and continuing to explore new programs.

Amundson thanked Uhing and LPS for their support in working with the Youth Services Center. She also thanked Schindler and Hoyle for providing the information to the Board making it a very successful partnership.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution authorizing the installation of the following traffic signs at the following locations: an "Engine Braking Prohibited" sign (R42-1) on south 56th Street approximately 1000 feet north of Saltillo Road for southbound traffic and a "Watch For Turning Vehicles" sign (W25-7B) on South 68th Street 500 feet south of 26115 South 68th Street for northbound traffic. (R-15-0059)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said there are several "Engine Braking Prohibited" signs now placed in the neighborhood, as there have been many complaints. She stated that she is requesting the Sheriff's Office to monitor this particular area.

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

EMERGENCY ITEM:

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, requested permission to close bridge G-144. She informed the Board that the bridge was repaired in 1998. Dingman noted that during the One & Six Bridge and Road public hearing a resident did express concerns about the bridge and requested that it be inspected. She said they do follow up on road and bridge concerns brought to their attention by the public and appreciate being informed of those issues. Dingman stated the bridge was inspected on August 26, 2015 but has deteriorated in just a short amount of time. She said her office is doing a cost benefit analysis to replace or repair the bridge.

Schorr inquired what the traffic count was and how the condition changed so quickly.

Dingman stated that there are a number of bridges inspected on a regular basis after every storm and they can deteriorate very quickly. She said the traffic count shows seventy-five vehicles per day use the bridge.

Wiltgen noted that the resident at the One & Six meeting had mentioned the weight limit was increased on the bridge. He asked if that could have contributed to the problems.

Dingman said that it was rated at 3 tons but at some point was raised. She added they are trying to determine when and why it was raised. Dingman noted that the maximum ton rating is only posted after a problem with the structure has been detected.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to approve temporary closure of bridge G-144. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

RETURNING TO NEW BUSINESS:

- B. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the County Engineer to award a purchase order to NMC, Inc. for two (2) Caterpillar model 12M3 motor graders from a cooperative contract with the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) a Minnesota Service Cooperative. The total amount of the purchase order is \$477,565.48. (B-15-0044)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said it is the department's practice to replace two graders annually. She stated that the two graders being replaced were initially purchased in 1992-93 noting they are getting the full "life use" out of the equipment.

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

- C. Setting the annual salary for Sara Hoyle, Lancaster County Human Services Director, at \$80,000, retroactive to the date of August 6, 2015.**

Avery noted for the record that this was the end of Hoyle's contractual probation period.

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- D. Contract with MMS-A Medical Supply Company for the annual supply of exam gloves (Bid No. 15-131). Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$12,000. (C-15-0576)**

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

- E. Contract with Kelly D. Brakenhoff to provide foreign language translation and interpretation services on a non-exclusive, as-needed basis. Term of the contract is through December 31, 2018. (C-15-0577)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the contract.

Avery inquired as to the variation in fees charged between Items E and F, noting that the contract for American Sign Language translation was double the fee of Russian translation.

Sharon Mulder, Assistant Purchasing Agent, answered that the contract was put out for bid and this was the lowest most responsive bid. She offered to research the matter and provide further information at next Tuesday's Board meeting.

The maker and seconder withdrew their motion.

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

- F. Contract with Nadia Wehrli to provide foreign language translation and interpretation services on a non-exclusive, as-needed basis. Term of the contract is through December 31, 2018. (C-15-0578)**

MOTION: This item was held.

- G. Contract with Nebraska Sign Company to provide signage for the Lancaster County Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (Quote No. 5172). Term of the contract is from the date of execution until no later than November 20, 2015. Cost to the County is \$10,156. (C-15-0579)**

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

- H. Amendment to grant contract C-15-0189 with Clyde Malone Community Center, Inc. for the Talented Tenth Scholar's Program. The amended amount of the grant is \$6,673. Term of the amended contract is from July 1, 2014 to October 15, 2015. (C-15-0580)**

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- I. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0545 with Stock Auction Company for online and on-site auctioneer services. The amendment renews the contract for an additional one-year term from November 18, 2015 through November 17, 2016. The gross commission for Lancaster County and Public Building Commission is estimated to be approximately \$4,500. (C-15-0581)**

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

- J. Amendment to County Contract C-12-0344 with iPrint Technologies for the annual supply for printer cartridges. The amendment reflects a \$330 increase per year for the remainder of the contract term. (C-15-0582)**

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

- K. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0548 with Maxwell Products, Inc. for the annual supply of liquid asphalt. The amendment extends the contract from November 5, 2015 through August 16, 2016. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500. (C-15-0583)**

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

- L. Eliminate the Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Investment Fund from the investment array for the 401(a) Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program and map the proceeds to the Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm Fund.**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, told the Board that there are number of reasons that the Pension Review Committee took into account when making the decision to recommend eliminating this fund and mapping the proceeds to Vanguard. He noted it will be less cost and better results. Eagan said that each participant invested in the fund will be contacted.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval to eliminate Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Investment Fund from the investment array. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- M. Acceptance of resignation of Scott Helvie from the Lancaster County Pension Review Committee, effective October 26, 2015.**

MOTION: Avery moved and Schorr seconded to accept the resignation. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- N. Appointment of David Derbin to the Lancaster County Pension Review Committee, effective November 3, 2015.**

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

- O. Appointment of Joe Nigro to the Lancaster County Pension Review Committee, effective November 3, 2015.**

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

Schorr thanked Derbin and Nigro for agreeing to sit on the committee.

- P. Appointment of Lucas Sabalka to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Advisory Board for a term ending September 1, 2017.**

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

- 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. Right-of-Way contract between the Lancaster County and the following:**

- 1. Union Bank and Trust Company, Trustee, Southwest 72nd and Pella Road, \$433.00. (C-15-0584)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the consent item. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery 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, appeared and commented that he recently received a concerning phone call at home. He said in trying to reach Tom Casady, Director of Public Safety, to report this he called the Mayor's Office and a number listed as "Switchboard/Information" in the phone book. Aldridge expressed frustration in reaching recordings and stated the current phone system for the County-City does not work.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, November 5, 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 November 10, 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 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.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:50 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 30, 2015.

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

Commissioner absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice-Chair

Others present: Scott Gaines, County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, 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 9:50 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 27, 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) ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS: (See attached additions and deductions)

Wiltgen questioned if all the Tax Equalization Review Board decisions listed were one property owner.

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, said they were all Himark Golf Course properties and settling 2012 appeals.

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

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications

Good Neighbor Community Center

The Chair opened the public hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:

The Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins 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: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:55 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

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