

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 13, 2015.*

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy 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, November 10, 2015.**

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

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through November 17, 2015.**

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

Hudkins noted that the claims include payments for jurors and expressed his appreciation to those citizens who performed their civic duty.

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce promotion and support of the North, Central America and Caribbean (NORCECA) Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament hosted by USA Volleyball at the Pinnacle Bank Arena, January 7-9, 2016 – Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director. (See correlating item 4A)**

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director, said he is a very excited that Lincoln was chosen as the location for the tournament and that ticket sales have been outstanding. He noted that the collaboration between the Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is what makes hosting events such as this possible. Maul added that Lincoln is gaining recognition noting that the current United Airlines magazine section,

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

"Hemispheres Dossier", highlights Lincoln and contains quotes from area leaders. Maul thanked the Board for supporting the use of the lodging tax for tourism promotion in Lincoln.

Hudkins thanked Maul and the staff at the Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau for continuing to find events that bring tourism to Lincoln. Maul agreed that the combined efforts of the Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce "behind the scenes" staff are responsible for the continued success of events and projects.

Schorr requested that Maul forward a copy of the United Airlines magazine to the Board members.

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Second addendum to County Contract No. C-03-0329 between Lancaster County and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce to provide funding to promote and support the North, Central America and Carriibbean (NORCECA) Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska. The term of the second addendum is November 5, 2015 through January 31, 2016. (C-15-0594)**

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

- B. Settlement agreement and release of claims with Ronald Nattress. (C-15-0595)**

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

- C. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office to award a purchase order to FARO Technologies for a FARO Focus 3D-X330 scanner, related equipment and software. The total amount of all orders will be \$89,200.50. (B-15-0045)**

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, told the Board this equipment provides technology to document crime scenes and accidents when a death has occurred. He said the information provided can be used in court if necessary. Bliemeister added that forfeited assets, not general expense dollars, will be used to purchase this equipment.

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

- D. Addendum to County Contract No. C-15-0250 between Lancaster County and the Abbott Sports Complex/Abbott Motocross Park (Grantee). The addendum allows the Grantee to submit a request for payment for a completed phase of the grant project rather than wait for completion of the entire project. All other terms of the grant contract, not in conflict with this addendum, shall remain in full force and effect. (C-15-0596)**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, informed the Board that with this type of grant contract payment is normally at the completion of the project. He said in this case the project is being done in phases and have requested payment for the first three completed phases. Eagan said this will allow for better cash flow in order to complete the project by the end of the year.

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

- E. Modification to County Contract No. C-15-0533, the 2015 Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Southeast Region's State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), increasing the grant amount from \$394,119 to \$412,119 for a Citizen Corps Project. (C-15-0597)**

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, said the \$18,000 award will allow them to expand their current program partnering with Volunteer Partners, a non-profit organization. He stated that Teri Roberts is the Emergency Response Coordinator for Volunteer Partners and the focus of the program is preparedness education and awareness. Davidsaver added that the staff members of Volunteer Partners are well trained in operating emergency volunteer centers such as the one established following the Pilger tornado. He said he will work with Roberts to ensure the comprehensive plan for the next year is completed and a report to NEMA submitted.

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

- F. Cooperative agreement with the US Department of the Interior US Geological Survey for joint funding of water resources investigations. The agreement is for the operation and computation of records for four stream flow gaging stations, which are Salt Creek, Little Salt Creek near Lincoln, Stevens Creek near Lincoln and Rock Creek near Ceresco. The County will pay \$12,445 for the services. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. (C-15-0598)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said the flow gaging information is continually updated on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website. She noted that this information was an important asset in forecasting the flooding last spring.

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

- G. Contract with Gana Trucking for motor grader snow removal services (Bid 15-244) on an as-needed basis. Term of the contract is one year from date of execution. (C-15-0599)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, informed the Board the following three contracts are for private snow removal should the County forces need additional support in severe winter weather events.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

- H. Contract with K2 Construction for motor grader snow removal services (Bid 15-244) on an as-needed basis. Term of the contract is one year from date of execution. (C-15-0600)**

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

- I. Contract with Pershing Excavating for motor grader snow removal services (Bid 15-244) on an as-needed basis. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. (C-15-0601)**

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

- J. Agreement with St. Monica's for substance abuse evaluations and substance abuse education classes for female inmates in the custody of the Lancaster County Jail. The County will pay \$150 per evaluation of a maximum of three evaluations per month and \$110 per substance abuse education class. Term of the contract is December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2017. (C-15-0602)**

Mike Thurber, Corrections Administrator, told the Board this contract is a renewal for a maximum of three substance abuse evaluations per month and weekly substance abuse classes for female offenders.

Amundson asked if the classes offered are on an individual basis or group sessions. Thurber said they are group classes and currently there are eighty-seven participants at this time.

Schorr inquired what funding source is utilized. Thurber answered that the funding comes from the Inmate Benefit Fund.

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

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, gave an overview of Items K – M.

- K. Grant contract with the Guidance to Success Youth Club in the amount of \$10,000. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0603)**

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

- L. Grant contract with the Salvation Army in the amount of \$35,000 for the Sudanese Advocate Project. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0604)**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

- M. Grant contract with the City of Lincoln in the amount of \$24,000 for the Sports with Police - Community Policing Program. Term of the contract is from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0605)**

Schorr commented that at the Tri County Commissioners meeting on Monday there was discussion regarding the juvenile justice program with emphasis on disproportionate minority youth. She noted the programs just approved are proof that Lancaster County is committed to serving this population.

Amundson added that involving youth with police in a positive atmosphere has resulted in excellent results nationwide.

Hoyle thanked the Board for their support in making Lancaster County's juvenile justice program a success and "ahead of the game".

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

- N. Reappointment of Michael Cornelius, Jeanelle Lust and Lynn Sunderman to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission for terms expiring on August 24, 2021.**

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

- O. Appointment of Tom Randa to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health for a term expiring on April 15, 2016.**

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

**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 contracts between Lancaster County and Lynda Parde and Ricky Rohrs, South 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Firth Road, in the total amount of \$3,177.50 (2 contracts) (C-15-0606)(C-15-0607)**

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

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

No one appeared for public comment.

Amundson noted that the French flag is displayed on the dais and added that thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of France at this time.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, November 19, 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 meet with the Lancaster County Agricultural Society on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lancaster Event Center in the Nebraska Room (4100 N. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 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.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:27 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Dan Nolte*

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Dan Nolte, County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 13, 2015.*

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy 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 9:27 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, November 10, 2015.**

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

**2) PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications**

**Sheridan Lutheran 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. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**3) 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.

**4) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:30 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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