

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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 December 11, 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; 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.*

Commissioner Amundson, on behalf of the Board, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Amundson announced that Commissioner Deb Schorr was recently elected as the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Secretary/Treasurer. Amundson said Schorr is the first commissioner from Douglas, Sarpy or Lancaster County to be elected to the position.

Schorr thanked the Board members for their support during her campaign.

**1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Avery 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 December 15, 2015.**

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

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence – October Winner – Stefani Grell, County Sheriff's Office, in the category of Productivity and Loss Prevention.**

The Clerk read the nomination for the record. Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, said Grell has found innovative ways to collect delinquent taxes.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

Grell thanked Sergeant Trotter and Captain Brookhouser for giving her the opportunity as well as all her co-workers. She thanked the Board for the recognition.

Schorr presented Grell with a plaque and thanked her for her service to Lancaster County.

**B. Commissioners' Award of Excellence – November Winner – Steve Olsen, County Engineering, in the category of Safety.**

The Clerk read the nomination for the record. Hudkins presented Olsen with a plaque and expressed the Board's appreciation for his service to Lancaster County as well as his diligence in reporting the illegal disposal of toxic chemicals.

Angela Zocholl, Administrative Services Officer, told the Board that a few years ago Olsen noted a strange vehicle leaving a premise and reported the license plate number to the County Sheriff. It was discovered that the individuals were stealing from the property. She said the district workers are the often the eyes and ears of the County.

Olsen thanked the Board for the recognition and his coworkers for their support.

**4) OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0003 with Mr. Yards and More, LLC, for lawn mowing and maintenance services at the Community Mental Health Center facilities. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from January 8, 2016 to January 7, 2017. (C-15-0625)**

Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent, informed the Board there is a termination clause in all contracts that requires a thirty-day notice. He recommended approving the contract as it is difficult to determine when the facility would be vacated.

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

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution in the matter of designating banks as depositories for Lancaster County for 2016. (R-15-0068)**

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

**B. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the County Engineer to award a contract to Weathercraft Company of Lincoln in the amount of \$55,780 for roof replacement at the Emerald and Roca County Maintenance Salt Domes. (B-15-0048)**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

- C. Grant contract with the Good Neighbor Community Center in the amount of \$75,000 for the Basic Needs program and the Food Pantry and Perishable Foods program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-15-0629)**

Hudkins noted that the Board visited the Food Bank last week to assist at donation time.

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

- D. Designation of official Lancaster County newspapers for 2016 publication of transportation projects as follows: Lincoln Journal Star, The Voice (Hickman), The News (Waverly), The Crete News and the Seward County Independent.**

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

- E. Second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln, which establishes a policy for the contribution and use of proceeds in the Keno Prevention Fund. (C-15-0630)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said the City and County both contribute 5% of the revenue generated from Keno funds. She stated that the funds then are reinvested back into the community for prevention programming.

Schorr noted that the Keno Prevention Fund Committee will meet on Thursday. She asked Hoyle if she knew the amount available in the fund. Hoyle said there is approximately \$160,000 in funds with \$240,000 in requests.

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

- F. Amendment to County Contract C-11-0744 with PrestoX for pest control services. The amendment extends the agreement from January 10, 2016 to April 9, 2016. (C-15-0631)**

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

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- G. Amendment to County Contract C-11-0743 with Orkin for pest control services. The amendment extends the agreement from January 10, 2016 to April 9, 2016. (C-15-0632)**

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

- H. Reappointment of Norm Agena to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Merit Commission for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.**

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, informed the Board the Merit Commission consists of three members: a citizen-at-large, an elected official and a deputy sheriff. He said the County Board's responsibility is to appoint the elected official. Wagner stated that Agena has agreed to serve another three years and recommended his reappointment.

Schorr inquired as to who the other members were on the commission. Wagner said the citizen-at-large is John Hurd as appointed by the presiding district judge and Rhonda Wicht, Deputy Sheriff, selected by her peers.

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

- I. Letter of recommendation in support of Jeff Maul's appointment to the Nebraska Tourism Commission.**

Hudkins noted that Maul has done an excellent job with the Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, said Maul will continue to be with the Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau and serve as a member of the Nebraska Tourism Commission Board.

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

- J. Withdrawal of the following Lancaster County Board of Commissioners agenda items that have been previously placed on hold:**
- 1. Addendum to County Contract C-14-0244 with Pharmacia for pharmacy services at Youth Services Center. The addendum provides for use for the EZ MAR system at no additional cost to the County. (C-15-0322)**

Dave Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, stated in July this item was held by the County Attorney's Office due to negotiation of different terms. He said since this has not been resolved, it was his recommendation to withdraw the agenda item. Derbin added this is a "housekeeping matter".

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to withdraw the agenda item. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, 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 file the following reports:**

1. **County Sheriff – October, 2015**
2. **Records and Information Management – November, 2015**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the consent items. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins 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.

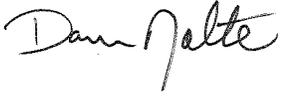
Gary Aldridge, 7112 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, appeared and offered comments on democracy. He noted the Board's approval of \$130,000 expenditures during the meeting today.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, December 17, 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). The Board will not hold staff meetings on Thursday, December 24, 2015 or December 31, 2015, due to the holidays.**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will not hold meetings on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 or December 29, 2015, due to the holidays. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 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.**
- 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.**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:27 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr 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, DECEMBER 15, 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 December 11, 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; 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, December 8, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen 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**

- 1. Connecting Pointe Church of the Nazarene**
- 2. Cristo Rey Catholic Church of Lincoln**
- 3. St. Mark's United Methodist 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:** Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the applications. 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:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen 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.

*Dan Nolte*

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