

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015  
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Roma Amundson, Chair  
Deb Schorr  
Bill Avery  
Todd Wiltgen

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on February 11, 2015.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2015 STAFF MEETING**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the minutes of the January 29, 2015 Staff Meeting. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

**2 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- A. "Operation Take Cover" Tornado Tabletop Exercise
- B. Air Pollution Control Advisory Board Appointment (Exhibit A)

- C. Meeting with Gage County Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Administrator Regarding Wind Energy
- D. Lancaster Event Center Issue

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

**3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Joe Kohout and Jon Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates**

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a weekly legislative update and legislative bills of interest report (Exhibits B & C) and discussed bills relating to Lancaster County's legislative priorities (see Exhibit B). He noted Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, will be meeting with Senator Jim Smith to discuss his intent regarding Legislative Bill (LB) 609 (Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act) and LB 610 (Change motor fuel excise taxes) and the potential impact of the legislation.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated he will testify at the hearing on LB 105 (Change provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries) later in the day and presented a draft of his testimony (Exhibit D). **NOTE:** The County has taken a position of support on the bill.

Kohout said Senator Murante, Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, has indicated he would prefer to have one executive session on all of the unfunded mandate reform bills that have fiscal components, which includes LB 61 (Change funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs) and LB 427 (Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state).

Jon Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates, discussed efforts regarding LB 472 (Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act). Avery asked what Governor Ricketts' position is on the bill. Kohout said he believes the Governor is trying to understand all of the issues. Avery inquired about efforts to "mobilize counties." Kohout said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) has been part of the coalition efforts, adding in the past Commissioners lobbied members of the Lancaster County delegation. Avery said if Kohout could identify a few of the senators who are "on the fence" he would be willing to personally contact those he knows. Bradford noted it has been suggested that letters of support be submitted electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee, adding Committee members may also be contacted individually.

Kohout noted another of the County's priorities was to amend the Mental Health Commitment Act and seek funding for community-based sex offender treatment. He said LB 592 (Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders) peripherally addresses the funding issue and recommended monitoring of the bill.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, and Joe Kelly, County Attorney, appeared and discussed LB 119 (Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served). Thurber said Class IIIA and Class IV felonies with sentences of less than one year would be sent to county jails rather than the state prison system. He estimated that could add 59 inmates per day to the County's jail population. Kohout recommended the County submit a letter of opposition, based on the fiscal impact. Avery pointed out the Legislature could decide to appropriate funds to cover the cost.

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to oppose Legislative Bill 119 and authorize Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, to write a letter of opposition on behalf of the County. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Thurber also recommended the County monitor LB 341 (Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody).

Wiltgen inquired about LB 633 (Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties). Kohout said funding would be limited to infrastructure (road and bridge) projects. He said a hearing date has not been set.

Eagan said John Chapo, President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Lincoln Children's Zoo, has requested support of LB 419 (Exempt sales and purchases by zoos and aquariums from sales and use tax). He said the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, and Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) support the bill. Copies of a draft letter of support were disseminated (Exhibit E).

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded to approve a letter of support for Legislative Bill (LB) 419.

Avery expressed concern regarding eroding the tax base.

Kohout said he will forward the Board a copy of the fiscal note on the bill.

**ROLL CALL:** Wiltgen, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Scott Gaines, Chief Administrative Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, appeared and said LB 293 and LB 350, which both propose to lower agricultural and horticultural land values from 75% to 65% of actual, would not significantly lower the value base in Lancaster County. He also stated LB 384, which would allow for a reclassification of up to 30 acres per quarter section of crop land as range or pasture for purposes of property taxes, does not serve any purpose as counties already have that ability.

Kohout also reported on LB 542 (Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies) and said Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director; Alan Wood, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Counsel; Steve Kruger, Washington County Board of Supervisors, and Jana Kruger, Nebraska State Fair Board, met yesterday with Senator Gloor to discuss the bill.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- C. Meeting with Gage County Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Administrator Regarding Wind Energy

Sara Hartzell, Planner II, indicated plans to attend the meeting later in the day (see Exhibit F) and invited any Commissioners who may be interested to accompany her.

#### **4 CITIZENS' INSTITUTE ON RURAL DESIGN (CIRD) WORKSHOP (MARCH 19-21) - Sara Hartzell, Planner II**

Sara Hartzell, Planner II, presented the agenda for the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) workshops that are intended to assist rural communities with design and planning efforts (Exhibit G) and invited Board members to attend any, or all, of the sessions and the dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup>. She also asked that a member of the Board welcome participants at the dinner and the Board release the funds (\$2,200) it has committed to the project.

#### **5 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXCLUSION FORM FOR CONTINENTAL WESTERN INSURANCE - Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager**

Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, said Continental Western Insurance, the County's insurance carrier, has excluded a county employee from coverage under the County's insurance policy, due to numerous driving violations since 2010. She said the employee will not be allowed to drive a County vehicle until his driving record improves. He could still drive his private vehicle for County business but would not be covered by the County's policy. Eckley noted the County has a policy in place that addresses loss of driving privileges but does not have a policy that addresses excluded drivers.

Eckley explained the County will need to sign an acknowledgment of exclusion (Exhibit H).

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the acknowledgment.

Schorr expressed concern the County could still have liability if the employee was involved in an accident while performing County business, even if he was driving his personal vehicle.

**ROLL CALL:** Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

**6 REHABILITATION OF UPPER SALT CREEK DAM 3-A AND RELAXATION OF DESIGN STANDARDS FOR WEST STAGECOACH ROAD AND SOUTHWEST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET** - Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer; Virgil Dearmont, Bridge Division Head, County Engineering; Paul Zillig, Assistant Manager, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD); Stacy Sall, Design Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); P. Craig Smith, Contract Design Engineer Working for NRCS

Virgil Dearmont, Bridge Division Head, County Engineering, presented photographs of the Upper Salt Creek Dam 3-A area and sight views looking east and west from West Stagecoach Road and Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Exhibit I). The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) would like to rehabilitate the Upper Salt Creek Dam because it is being updated to a high hazard structure and make improvements to West Stagecoach Road and Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The NRD is asking that the County agree that a relaxation of design standards is appropriate and to formally request, by resolution, that the Nebraska Board of Classifications and Standards relax the design standards to reduce the speed to 30 miles per hour (mph) for a very short section of road (less than 500 feet) that includes a dip that serves as the emergency spillway for the dam.

Schorr inquired about traffic counts on the road. Dearmont said there were 43 vehicles per day during a traffic count conducted in 2008. He said the road is primarily used by local traffic.

In response to a question from Avery, Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said the request is serious in nature and said she would not bring it forward unless there was a dramatic need. She said she is not intending to set a precedent. Dingman pointed out the dip in the road has existed since the 1950's and has not been a

problem with the low volume of traffic. She said if the State refuses to relax the standards on the road, the County will have to either build a bridge or install twelve, 84-inch pipes to convey the emergency flow and estimated the cost at \$800,000 to \$1,200,000.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to direct the County Engineer, in conjunction with the County Attorney's Office, to prepare a resolution supporting the request to relax the design standards. Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained from voting, citing a potential conflict of interest. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#### A. "Operation Take Cover" Tornado Tabletop Exercise

Eagan reported on a mock disaster simulation held Wednesday that simulated a F4 tornado event. He said there were 126 attendees, with 45 agencies represented. It was suggested it would be appropriate to involve the media and village clerks in these type of exercises.

#### **7 HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOND ISSUANCE FOR TABITHA HEALTH CARE SERVICES** - Scott Keene, Vice President and Managing Director; Ameritas Investment Corporation; Mike Rogers, Gilmore & Bell P.C.; Darcie Brink, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Tabitha Health Care Services

Scott Keene, Vice President and Managing Director; Ameritas Investment Corporation, explained Tabitha Health Care Services, a non-profit organization, is planning a \$6,500,000 nursing home capital project in Crete, Nebraska. Tabitha will invest \$1,000,000 in the project and finance the remaining \$5,500,000 and would like to issue the bonds in March. He said State law allows governmental entities to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of non-profit organizations, explaining these type of organizations do not have legal authority to issue bonds directly. Keene said Tabitha asked Saline County and the City of Crete to serve as the government issuer of the bonds but both declined, citing plans to issue \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000 in bank-qualified bonds this year for their own projects.

Darcie Brink, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Tabitha Health Care Services, explained that Tabitha is looking to build two small skilled nursing facilities that would each provide a house environment with 17 beds. She said they plan to move individuals who are currently residing in an old 44-bed facility that is owned by the City of Crete into these facilities.

Keene asked the Board whether Lancaster County intends to issue any bonds in this calendar year that it intends to declare bank qualified, and if not, whether the County would be willing to act as the formal issuer of the bonds. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said the County is not planning to issue any bonds, adding the Public Building Commission (PBC) will issue the bonds for any of the projects that have been discussed. Keene said Tabitha has agreed the bonds would be issued on a non-bank qualified basis so that it would not limit the County's ability to act as an issuer for other entities. He said Tabitha is willing to accept the higher cost of borrowing to get the financing done.

In response to questions from Avery and Wiltgen, Keene said the County would merely be acting as a "conduit" and would not be liable for repaying the bonds.

Eagan asked whether the County has authority to issue bonds for a project outside of Lancaster County. Mike Rogers, Gilmore & Bell P.C., said the County can issue bonds outside its jurisdiction provided there is nexus between that project and the borrower in the County. In this case, Tabitha is based in Lancaster County and has a satellite facility outside the County.

Avery asked whether Keene has a conflict of interest, noting he also serves as a financial advisor to the County. Keene explained the Board would more likely seek legal, rather than financial counsel, with regards to this issue. Rogers noted he is bond counsel for the County and does not represent Tabitha. He said the borrower traditionally covers legal fees as part of the conduit financing.

Amundson said she would like more information provided in written form. She said she may also want to visit with legal counsel before making a decision.

Wiltgen said he believes the Board should also communicate with the Saline County Board.

Keene said the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) could be an alternative issuer of the bonds, but said NIFA charges a fee to do so (a percentage of the bonds and an annual fee). Avery asked whether the County could charge a fee. Rogers said it is possible but said he is not aware of any cities or counties charging a fee for a conduit financing.

Schorr asked whether cities have the ability to act in this capacity. Keene said they do. He said the difficulty in asking the City of Lincoln to act as insured is timing as they are required to hold three readings of the ordinance.

Keene said Tabitha would like some indication of whether the Board is inclined to assist in the financing before asking Gilmore and Bell to draft the bond documents. Schorr and Wiltgen indicated they are inclined to approve the request. Rogers agreed to prepare a summary document for the Board describing the process and implications for the County for the February 19<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting.

Keene also reported the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission's (PBC's) bond refinancing was very successful with \$2,600,000 in present value savings and the Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) refinancing resulted in \$655,000 in present value savings.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#### **B. Air Pollution Control Advisory Board Appointment (Exhibit A)**

The Board scheduled the item on the February 17, 2015 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

#### **D. Lancaster Event Center Issue**

Schorr said she was contacted by a group requesting a meeting to discuss issues involving the Lancaster Event Center.

Amundson said she contacted representatives of the Lancaster Event Center to let them know this item had been added to the agenda and to see if they wanted to appear to answer questions.

Schorr felt it would be unfair to discuss the issues raised by the group without their members being present. She noted she had contacted Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director, when the concerns were first brought to her. Dickerson indicated she had done some research on the matter and said would like to meet with the group to address their concerns directly. Schorr suggested that she; Amundson, County Board Chair; or Commissioner Wiltgen, who represents that district, sit in on that meeting.

Dickerson appeared and said she would prefer that anyone with concerns regarding the facility contact her directly to try to resolve them without involving the County Board at that stage. Kendra Ronnau, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board, appeared and said those with concerns could also contact members of that body directly and they will do what they can to resolve the issue. Schorr responded the Commissioners have a responsibility to respond to constituents' concerns and facilitate those types of conversations. Wiltgen suggested the group could also bring the issues forward at the next Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board Meeting.

**NOTE:** Also present for the discussion was Tom Messick, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board.

## **8 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

## **9 CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

## **10 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. Board of Equalization (BOE) Final Action (August 6<sup>th</sup> Following Conclusion of Staff Meeting and August 7<sup>th</sup>, if Needed)

Informational only.

- B. Retirement and Deferred Compensation Expense Account

Eagan said an item will be scheduled on the February 17<sup>th</sup> County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda to authorize return of proceeds in the expense accounts for the 401(a) Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan maintained by the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company to plan participants under the following terms: (1) All returned funds will be deposited into the Gibraltar account; (2) All participants with a fund balance will receive a distribution; (3) The amount of each distribution will be prorated based on the amount of the balance each participant has in the plans; and (4) A combined total of \$30,000 for the plans shall be retained in the expense accounts.

- C. Strategic Planning

There was consensus to begin strategic planning efforts, with general discussion of the process at a future Staff Meeting.

## **11 PENDING**

There were no pending items.

## **12 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

- A. Region V Governing Board - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said there was a presentation on the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center's evaluation of the privatization of behavioral health services that took place in Region V System's service area in 2013-2014. The report is available through the Public Policy Center.

B. Chamber Coffee - Amundson

Meeting was cancelled, due to weather conditions.

C. Public Building Commission (PBC) Chair Meeting with Mayor - Hudkins

No report.

D. Meeting with Mayor - Amundson, Hudkins

Amundson said they met with Rick Hoppe, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, as the Mayor was unavailable. She said Hoppe noted the City's request for \$35,000 from the Visitors Improvement Fund to purchase portable fencing for outdoor events. She said she and Hudkins raised several issues: 1) The City's responsibility for bridges after annexation; 2) Preparations for improvements on South 98<sup>th</sup> Street; and 3) Consideration of turn lanes at the North 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Havelock Avenue intersection.

E. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Hudkins, Amundson

Amundson said they discussed a variety of issues including: 1) Status of the 605 Building (former jail facility); 2) Utilizing the basement of the Benesh Building (825 J Street) for Emergency Management and Information Services (IS); 3) Participation in the "Illuminate Lincoln" public arts project recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lighthouse, one of the City's after-school programs; and 4) Possible relocation of the bronze statue that is located outside the Mayor's Office on the third floor of the County-City Building. Wiltgen indicated the PBC may need permission from the Ponca Tribe to move the statue because it depicts Chief Standing Bear's daughter.

F. Board of Health - Amundson

Amundson said there was a presentation on the accreditation process.

G. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) - Amundson

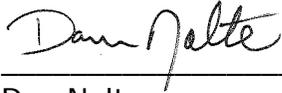
Amundson said they reviewed funding requests from the City of Waverly to construct new baseball and softball fields in Lawson Park and the City of Lincoln to purchase portable fencing for outdoor events.

### **13 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no emergency items or other business.

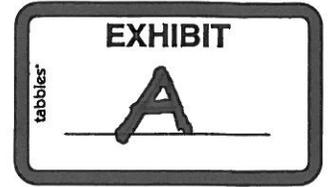
**14 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





**MEMO**

**TO:** Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Denise Pearce  
Aide to the Mayor *DWP*

**DATE:** February 9, 2015

**RE:** Appointment to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board

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Please consider approval of the following appointment to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board for a term to expire on 9.1.17 (replacing David P. Skipton):

- Debra McGuire

Ms. McGuire's application is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 441-8044. Thank you for your consideration.

# City of Lincoln Appointment Application

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Application Date:** 9/12/2014  
**Salutation:** Ms. **Applicant Name:** McGuire, Debra  
**Legal Residence:** 509 W Joel **City/State/ZipCode:** Lincoln, NE 68521  
**Residence Telephone:** (402) 477-0991 **Business Telephone:** (402) 416-3665  
**Applicant Occupation:** Engineer III, Environmental **Employer:** Lincoln Electric System  
**E-mail Address:** dm McGuire@les.com  
**Affirmative Action Information:** Sex Female **Racial/Ethnic Background:** Caucasian/White

## EDUCATION

B.S., College of Engineering - University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln campus, 1993.  
Coursework only, no degree - M.S. Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln campus, 2006 to 2008.

## PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

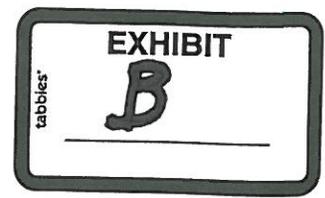
Coach - Girls on the Run, Lincoln, 2005 to 2006.  
Website/School helper - North American Martyrs School, Lincoln, 2005 to 2008.  
School helper - Fredstrom Elementary School, Lincoln, 2003 to 2004.

## EMPLOYMENT

Engineer III, Environmental - Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, Jul 2010 to present.  
NAAQS/Regs Development Spec - Nebraska Dept. Environmental Quality, Lincoln, Jan 2008 to Jul 2010.  
Research Assistant - UNL Drought Mitigation Center, Lincoln, Aug 2006 to Jan 2008.  
Training/Media Coord - UNL Environmental Health and Safety, Lincoln, Nov 1998 to Dec 2001.  
Regs Specialist - Nebraska Dept. Environmental Quality, Lincoln, Jul 1996 to Nov 1998.  
EHS Specialist - UNL Environmental Health and Safety, Jan 1993 to Jul 1996.  
Intern Superfund/RCRA - Nebraska Dept. Environmental Quality, Lincoln, Feb 1989 to Jan 1993.

## Board(s) Requested

Air Pollution Advisory Board



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Gordon Kissel  
Joseph D. Kohout  
Jonathan G. Bradford

DATE: February 12, 2015

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

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Please accept this as the sixth of your weekly reports for the 2015 Legislative Session. Today is day 26. The Legislature continues to convene in the mornings – typically at 9am – and adjourn at noon for committee hearings in the afternoon. This morning, the Legislature will pass the reviser bills and then return to the discussion on LB18 – a bill by Senator Krist relating to immunizations for meningitis. Senator Groene has filed 8 amendments to the bill and is engaged in a filibuster of the bill.

Below, please find legislation of particular note to Lancaster County

2015 Lancaster County Legislative Priorities:

1. **Property Tax Relief:** The Board has identified several potential options under this priority.

RESTORE STATE AID TO COUNTIES:

LB 609 – Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act  
Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion  
Hearing Date: March 9, 2015  
Transportation & Telecommunication

LB 609 creates a mechanism for priority of bridge repairs in Nebraska which includes a process whereby projects are prioritized by a commission including some county commissioners. Engineer Dingman has expressed a concern about the design-build provisions of the bill. The hearing has been set for March 9, 2015 so we have some time to work through this concern.

POSITION: HOLD OFF POSITION UNTIL AFTER MEETING CAN OCCUR TO DISCUSS THIS DESIGN-BUILD POINT.

**LB 610 – Change motor vehicle excise taxes.**  
Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith, Papillion  
Hearing Date: March 6, 2015  
Revenue

Increases the gas tax by \$.015 over the course of a period of time. Intent is to fund LB610.

POSITION: HOLD OFF POSITION UNTIL WE HAVE CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE FUNDING WILL FLOW.

**LB 626 – Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution.**  
Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln  
Hearing Date: March 9, 2015  
Transportation & Telecommunication

Is intended to increase the registration fee for vehicles and move an amount into a Bridge Bank which will be used to repair bridges throughout Nebraska.

POSITION: HOLD OFF POSITION UNTIL WE HAVE CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE FUNDING WILL FLOW.

**LB 633 – Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties.**  
Introduced by Sen. John Stinner, Gering  
Hearing Date: TBA; Appropriations

LB 633 appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects for one year.

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT

**OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF THE INHERITANCE TAX:**

No legislation was introduced this year that would eliminate the inheritance tax

**ELIMINATE UNFUNDED MANDATES:**

**LB 105 - Change Provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries**  
**Introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier, Syracuse**  
**Hearing Date: February 12, 2015**  
**Government**

LB 105 would change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with the deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries when it relates to the state. State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state.

**POSITION: SUPPORT.** The hearing on this bill is today. Mr. Egan will be testifying on behalf of Lancaster County.

**LB 427 – Provide for payment of probation office cost by the state**  
**Introduced by Sen. Mike Groene, North Platte**  
**Hearing Date: February 29, 2015**  
**Government**

This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid. As Prior to July 1, 2015, counties providing space for probation services, may negotiate lease arrangements. Upon the close of business of June 30, 2015, the county shall no longer provide office and facilities to probation

**POSITION: SUPPORT.** The hearing on this bill was on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Those appearing in support included Joe Hewgley from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Larry Dix with NACO, Mike Kelley representing the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Kerry Egan representing this board. There was no opposition to the bill. We worked with NACO this week to attempt to advance the bill from Committee. In follow up conversations, Senator Murante has indicated that he is waiting for all of the bills that eliminate unfunded mandates and have fiscal impacts to be heard and will take them up in a committee executive session.

**LB 341 – Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody.**  
**Introduced by Sen. Sara Howard, Omaha**  
**Hearing Date: March 9, 2015**  
**Banking**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY PRIORITY**

LB 341 states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for

reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law.

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT

RAISE COUNTY FEES:

LB 88 – Raise marriage license fees  
Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln  
Hearing Date: 1/21/2015  
Judiciary

As introduced and advanced by the Committee, the bill would raise marriage license fees to \$50 from \$15 and certified copies from \$6 to \$16. An amendment was adopted on General File that capped the fee at \$25,

POSITION: SUPPORT. This bill was advanced on a near-unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee including three Lancaster County Senators – Senators Coash, Morfeld & Pansing Brooks. Dan Nolte did a great job testifying on behalf of Lancaster County. Senator Chambers began to filibuster the bill. An amendment had been agreed-to by Senators Campbell and Bill Kintner of Papillion that would change the language in the bill so that the county board can set the rate in a range between \$30 and \$50 and certified copies be \$16. However concerns were raised on this methodology due to consistency across the state. Senators Campbell and Chambers agreed to an amendment on LB88 that would raise fees to \$25. The amendment was adopted the bill advanced to Select File.

SUPPORT ADEQUATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LB561:

We continue to monitor all efforts in this area.

2. Support Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act:

LB 472 – Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act.  
Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln  
Hearing Date: 2/25/15  
Health and Human Services

LB 472 sets out to redesign Nebraska's Medicaid program with a specific plan. LB 472 creates the Medicaid Redesign Task force to review the Medicaid program and provide recommendations. LB 472 allows DHHS to work with the federal government to create a coverage plan. An estimated 1.8 billion in funds would be

returned to Nebraska's economy from now until 2020. The Governor and DHHS would design and implement a Nebraska plan. The bill would ask that enrollees to contribute 2% of their income, unless active in a wellness program.

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT.

3. **Address Lancaster County Obligations under the 300,000 population threshold.** As mentioned previously, this legislation was drafted at our request last week for potential introduction. Once the bill was drafted it became very clear that a significant number of sections were opened up. There was a concern raised about the diversity of sections that were being opened up as well as the fact that it may implicate some of Douglas County's thresholds. In discussion with staff, it was determined to take some time to go through the draft and spend some analyzing the multitude of sections opened up. Senator Hansen has requested interim study language to prepare the same in the coming weeks. We will work to get something drafted and to Mr. Egan for review.

**Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent:** LB61 was heard before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee last Thursday. Mr. Egan testified on behalf of Lancaster County. Those joining in support included Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson on behalf of Douglas County, Dick Clark with the Platte Institute, Colby Mach with LIBA, Larry Dix with NACO and Fred Uhe with Sarpy County. Those opposed included Acting CEO of HHS Dr. Joseph Acierno. Much like LB427, we worked with NACO last week to attempt to advance the bill from Committee. In follow up conversations, Senator Murante has indicated that he is waiting for all of the bills that eliminate unfunded mandates and have fiscal impacts to be heard and will take them up in a committee executive session.

4. **Amend Mental Health Commitment Act / Funding for Community Based Sex Offender Treatment.** After discussion regarding the size of this request as drafted - \$7.5 Million - it was determined that Lancaster County should make a request of the Appropriations Committee at their hearing. The thought is that the complete picture of the LR424 task force recommendation - the prison review - are not complete and this could be a part of that broader conversation. The HHS budget has been set for hearing before the Appropriations Committee on March 16 & 17. Also, the following bill is of note on this issue as well:

**LB 592 – Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders**

**Introduced by Sen. Kate Bolz of Lincoln**

**Hearing Date: 2/20/15**

**Judiciary**

LB 592 in one of six legislative bills introduced this session to address issues raised by the Interim Study report 424. LB 592 adds "personality disorder" to the definition of a mentally ill. The bill creates a clear separation of independence

between the Department of Corrections and Pardons board when determining the treatment of inmates. Department of Corrections shall be responsible for an inmate while in confinement and Pardons board shall address the re-entry back to the general public. LB 592 adds a clean-up measure to the Sex Registry by adding "personality disorder" to the definition of mentally ill.

5. Monitor Adult Corrections Reform. We will continue to monitor introductions for legislation that affects adult corrections reform. One bill has been set for hearing today on this issue as well:

**LB 119 – - Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served**  
**Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus**  
**Hearing Date: 2/12/15**  
**Judiciary**

The Nebraska Criminal Code at Neb. Rev. Stat §28-105 sets out penalties for the various classes of felonies which range from Class IV, with the least severe penalty, to Class I, with the most severe. Class IV and Class IIIA felonies have maximum penalties of 5 years imprisonment with no minimum sentences or fines. Section (2)(a) of §28-105 requires sentences of imprisonment of one year or more for convictions of Class IV and Class IIIa felonies be served in a State prison facility and sentences of less than one year be served in the county jail.

6. Retirement Adjustment. LB126 has been advanced by the Legislature from Select File to Final Reading.

#### HEARINGS BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING:

1. **LB 119 – Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served**  
**Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher, Columbus**  
**Hearing Date: February 12, 2015**  
**Judiciary**

All sentences of imprisonment for classified felonies and sentences of more than 1 year and any lesser sentence shall be served concurrently or consecutively with such sentences. Sentence of 1 year or less may be served in a county jail.

Quoting from the fiscal note, "In the past 12 months Lancaster County has sent 268 felony 3,3A and 4 offenders to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. We are assuming the upper sentence level of these inmates is not included in this impact statement. Knowing inmates are credited for time served in a pre-trial capacity, and accrue good time, we feel we would add 59 inmates per day to our average daily population. By using an average cost of \$94.00 per day the impact to our FY15, would be approximately \$2,000,000. With this potentially growing population, we would be concerned our bed capacity would be limited in the following years. The County would be hard pressed to find available bed space for pre-trial offenders."

POSITION: RECOMMEND OPPOSITION.

2. **LB213 - Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes**

Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: 2/17/15

Banking

This bill allows for a city or county to keep a portion of the insurance settlement on property that is destroyed by fire or other disaster to help in the demolition costs.

3. **LB 577 – Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors**

Introduced by Sen. John Murante of Gretna

Hearing Date: 2/18/15

Government

Allows for counties to pass ordinances regulating the actions noted above.

4. **LB 357 – Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund**

Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion

Hearing Date: 2/18/15

Revenue

Would lower the income tax over a period of two years and the bill would also out \$40 Million into the Property Tax Relief Fund in each of those years.

5. **LB 293 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**

Introduced by Sen. David Schnoor of Scribner

Hearing Date: 2/19/15

Revenue

Lowers agricultural and horticultural land valuations from 75% to 65% of actual.

6. **LB 350 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**

Introduced by Sen. Lydia Brasch of Bancroft

Hearing Date: 2/19/15

Revenue

Lowers agricultural and horticultural land valuations from 75% to 65% of actual.

7. **LB 384 - Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land**

Introduced by Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha

Hearing Date: 2/19/15

Revenue

The bill would allow for a reclassification of up to 30 acres per quarter section of cropland as range or pasture for purposes of property taxes.

8. **LB 113 - Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services**  
Introduced by Sen. Tyson Larson, O'Neill  
Hearing Date: 2/18/15  
Judiciary

An inmate who request medical treatment will make a copayment of not less than \$10.00 when receiving non-emergency service. The visit shall be deducted from the inmate account as part of copayment. If the account has insufficient funds at the time of the non-emergency treatment, fifty percent of any future deposit shall be withheld until copayment amount owed is paid in full. Proceeds of any such copayment shall be credited to the general fund of the county. Copayment would not take place for Emergency Care.

Other Legislation:

9. **LB188 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit.** This is Senator Watermeier's bill that states that a passenger in a fleeing vehicle shall not be considered to be an innocent third party if the passenger (a) enters with knowledge the driver is under the influence (b) fails to take steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle (c) promotes or provokes the driver to flee (d) are themselves subject to arrest or (e) is engaged in illegal activity that would itself give rise to arrest.

POSITION: Support. LB188 was heard by the Judiciary Committee on January 23, 2015 and was opposed by several groups including the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys.

10. **LB142 (Schilz) Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding.** To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species. These species have proven destructive to the ecosystems and usability of surface waters in surrounding states, and steps must be taken to prevent their establishment in Nebraska. The Aquatic Invasive Species Program will be funded with a fee of between five and ten dollars, every three years that is paid with motorboat registration and/or renewal. Non-Nebraska boats shall be eligible for a yearly stamp at a cost of between ten and fifteen dollars. These funds are to be allocated for use in monitoring, testing, decontamination, and mitigation of aquatic invasive species in Nebraska surface waters.

POSITION: Monitor. This bill advanced from the Natural Resources Committee with an amendment – AM45 which creates the Aquatic Invasive Species fund at the Department. The bill was debated last week on General File; the amendment was adopted and the bill advanced to Select File.

11. **LB66 (Schumacher) Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability.** As we read this bill, it would require the following disclosure on bond documents:
  - (a) the amount of any unfunded pension obligations of the school district, city, village, or county
  - (b) the actual amount of the valuation of the real estate subject to taxation in the school district, city, village, or county,
  - (c) the actual amount of the valuation of the real estate in the school district, city, village, or county that will not be available for payment of the bonds because of tax increment financing, and
  - (d) a statement substantially as follows: It is uncertain if the bonds being issued would have priority over the pension obligations of (insert name of school district, city, village, or county) if it declares bankruptcy.

It also provides for pretty stringent liabilities in the case of non-disclosure including the governing board members in their personal capacities.

POSITION: Oppose. The hearing on this bill was held on January 21, 2015 and bond counsel for the city of Lincoln testified and stated that Lancaster County opposed the bill in his testimony. There was significant opposition and no support for the measure other than the introducer.

12. **LB 132 – Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures.**  
Introduced by Sen. Laura Ebke, Crete  
Hearing Date: 1/29/15  
Government

LB 132 links Joint Public Agency bond issuance procedures to taxing powers. It requires Joint Public Agencies follow the bond issuance procedures a participating public agency would be required to follow to bond the particular revenue stream.

POSITION: OPPOSED. This bill was heard by the Government Committee on January 29, 2015. Mr. Eagan noted potential concerns with this bill that could affect the JPA. The supporters of the bill included LIBA and the Platte Institute. Those in opposition included bond counsel for the City of Lincoln and Lynn Rex representing the League.

#### OTHER LEGISLATION OF NOTE RAISED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **LB 13 - Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions**  
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist, Omaha  
Hearing Date: 2/26/15  
Judiciary

This bill proposes to take 10% of the funds appropriated to the Juvenile Services Aid Program to study and analyze outcomes.

2. **LB 15 - Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem**

Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist, Omaha

Hearing Date: 2/26/15

Judiciary

**PRIORITY FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE ON THIS**

The bill is in response to the guardian ad-litem contracting situation in Douglas County that was the subject of a Judiciary Committee hearing in November.

3. **LB 212 – Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile court as prescribed.**

Introduced by Sen. Chambers of Omaha

Hearing Date: 2/25/15

Judiciary

Restraints shall not be used on a juvenile during a juvenile court proceeding and removed prior to the juvenile's appearance before the juvenile court. Unless there is cause to show the need of restraints in the court proceeding. If there is a determination that restraints are needed, juvenile court shall provide the juvenile, the juvenile's attorney, or the juvenile's parent or guardian an opportunity to be heard before ordering the use of restraints.

POSITION: NO POSITION: Sheli Schindler has raised an issue with this legislation. Senator Krist has indicated that he introduced this legislation to conform to best practices.

4. **LB 266 – Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances**

Introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford, Bellevue

Hearing Date: 2/3/15

Urban Affairs

Municipalities currently have the authority to regulate nuisances within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. LB 266 amends various nuisance statutes to clarify this existing authority.

POSITION: NO POSITION: An amendment was worked out prior to the hearing to work out concerns raised by the League. An amendment was offered to the Committee during the hearing that would exempt out counties of greater than 100,000 – citing joint planning boards and commissions – and providing for a notice to County Boards of development in the ETJ of a city.

5. **LB 476 – Provide duties for county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator relating to tax-exempt real property.**

Introduced by Sen. Al Davis, Hyannis

Hearing Date: March 5, 2015

Revenue

On or before December 1 each year, the county assessor will compile a list of parcel of real property in the county exempt from the property tax, and determine the estimated market value. The Property Tax Administrator shall prepare a report based off of the list. The report is due to the Clerk of Legislature before December 31, of each year.

POSITION: NO POSITION. Scott Gaines has raised a concern about this legislation as there may be a sizable cost associated with performing this responsibility.

6. **LB 499 – Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services.**  
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha  
Hearing Date: 3/4/15  
Health and Human Services

LB 449 states DHHS will reestablish the provision of behavioral and mental health services throughout Nebraska. Departments of Corrections, Probation Administration, and Juvenile Services will assist

POSITION: NO POSITION. This is a placeholder bill for legislation that may come from the LR434 recommendations.

7. **LB 543 – Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under Medicaid**  
Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha  
Hearing Date: February 6, 2015  
Health and Human Services  
**PRIORITY FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY**

LB 543 establishes criteria and requirements for certification for community paramedics. To be eligible for certification, an individual must be a licensed paramedic and completed a paramedic education program from a board approved university or college.

POSITION: NO POSITION. This is a priority for Douglas County. There was significant opposition leveled at the hearing including most of the home-based healthcare organizations in the state.

8. **LB 106 - Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning**  
Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse  
Hearing Date: February 12, 2015  
Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee  
**NACO PRIORITY**

This bill creates a mechanism for livestock operation siting and allows for certain officials to be on the board.

9. LB 98 - State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control  
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln  
Hearing Date:  
Appropriations Committee  
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Support with caveat around Health Care Cash funding levels

The bill would appropriate \$7 Million in both years of the biennium for tobacco use cessation.

10. LB 118 - Provide for licensure of cigar shops  
Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill  
Hearing Date: January 26, 2015  
General Affairs Committee  
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Oppose

The bill re-creates an exemption for cigar bars. The bill is on Select File.

11. LB 148 - Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care  
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue  
Hearing Date: January 30, 2015  
Health & Human Services Committee  
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Support

This bill carries former foster youth on Medicaid until the age of 26.

12. LB 332 - Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project  
Introduced by Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell  
Hearing Date:  
Appropriations Committee  
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting - Support

This bill appropriates \$600,000 in each year of the biennium to a drug disposal program.

13. Appropriation for Public Health Aid – HHS Budget  
The Department of Health – along with others – is seeking a \$5.2 Million Appropriation. This would mean \$700,000 to Lincoln/Lancaster in both years of the biennium.

14. LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund  
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom  
Hearing Date:  
Appropriations Committee  
Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

The bill would cap the amount in the State Recreation Road Fund at \$15 Million and move the amount greater than that to Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund.

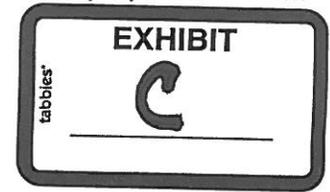
15. LB 564 - Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads  
Introduced by Senator Brent Lindstrom of Omaha  
Hearing Date: March 3, 2015  
Transportation & Telecommunications Committee  
Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

The bill would limit mowing to one side of the road.

This concludes our report for this week. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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LB13	Krist		Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions	Judiciary	2/26/2015			Monitor	Monitor
LB15	Krist		Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem	Judiciary	2/26/2015			[DC Priority]	Monitor
LB16	Krist		Adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/22/2015				
LB25	Krist		Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults	Judiciary	2/25/2015				Monitor
LB30	McCoy		Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				
LB37	Krist		Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health and Human Services	1/21/2015	General File w/AM140			
LB43	Coash		Provide for standby guardians and recovery of assets under the Nebraska Probate Code	Judiciary	1/21/2015	General File w/AM72; AM72 Adopted; Select File 2/5			

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LB53	Scheer		Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/2015		LB 53 states as of January 1, 2017, a request for one license plate can be made for any passenger car. With a request for a single license plate and license decal, there is a one hundred dollar fee payable to the county treasurer		
LB61	Bolz		Change funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		LB61 would seek to repeal a provision in statute that currently requires counties to pay for rental costs or provide space to the Department of Health and Human Services for services that were provided by counties prior to those responsibilities being transferred to the	[LC Priority] Support	Support
LB65	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015	General File; Select File w/ERS; Shumacher AM67 Filed			Support

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LB88	Campbell		Change fees relating to marriage licenses	Judiciary	1/21/2015	General File 1/27; Kintner AM110 Filed; Kintner AM131 Filed; Kintner AM155 Filed; AM155 Withdrawn; AM131 Withdrawn; Kintner AM185 Filed; AM185 Adopted; Select File 2/5; Bloomfield AM184 Filed;		[LC Priority] Support	[NACO Priority]
LB94	Smith		Provide for issuance of printed motor vehicle certificate of title for nonresidents as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9			
LB98	Bolz		State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control	Appropriations				Support	[NACO Priority]
LB105	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015		State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state		[NACO Priority]

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LB106	Watermeier		Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015				Neutral
LB111	Larson		Require identification to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/23/2015	Larson AM107 Filed; Larson AM268 Filed; Larson AM219 Filed; Murante AM273 Filed; Murante AM270 Filed; Larson AM269 Filed; Schilz AM267 Filed; Murante AM271 Filed; Larson AM272 Filed;			

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LB113	Larson		Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services	Judiciary	2/18/2015		An inmate who request medical treatment will make a copayment of not less than \$10.00 when receiving non-emergency service. The visit shall be deducted from the inmate account as part of copayment. If the account has insufficient funds at the time of the non-emergency treatment, fifty percent of any future deposit shall be withheld until copayment amount owed is paid in full		
LB118	Larson		Provide for licensure of cigar shops		1/26/2015	General File w/AM97; AM97 Adopted; Larson AM221 Filed; AM221 Adopted; Select File w/ER14		Oppose	

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LB119	Schumacher		Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served	Judiciary	2/12/2015		All sentences of imprisonment for classified felonies and sentences of more than 1 year and any lesser sentence shall be served concurrently or consecutively with such sentences. Sentence of 1 year or less may be served in a county jail		
LB120	Schumacher		Provide for seizure of license plates of certain uninsured motor vehicles or trailers as prescribed	Judiciary	1/28/2015			[LC Priority] Support	
LB122	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9			
LB126	Nordquist		Change a combined contribution retirement benefit rate as prescribed	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/20/2015	General File w/AM12; AM12 Adopted; Select File w/ER1			

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LB131	Craighead		Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	Urban Affairs	1/27/2015		This bill provides financial guidance to Sanitary and Improvement Districts (SIDs) once the intent of their annexation by an adjacent qualifying city is made. This bill changes the restrictions on SIDs to enter into or extend contracts once they have been notified that a city is proposing the annex of the SID. After such, notification, the SID will need to seek the approval of the City before entering into any contracts.		Support
LB132	Ebke		Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		links Joint Public Agency bond issuance procedures to taxing powers. It requires Joint Public Agencies follow the bond issuance procedures a participating public agency would be required to follow to bond the particular revenue stream		
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			Monitor	

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LB139	Johnson		Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/27/2015				
LB142	Schilz		Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	Natural Resources	1/21/2015	General File w/AM45; AM45 Adopted; Select File w/ER20	To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species		
LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/2015	General File w/AM142	LB 146 establishes a voluntary process for funeral homes to work with veteran service organizations to locate, identify and inter unclaimed cremated remains of veterans and their dependents for the purposes of burial in a veteran cemetery		Monitor

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LB148	Crawford		Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care	Health and Human Services			Under Section 2004 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), foster youth who age out of the foster care system in Nebraska without reunification with their families or adoption are eligible for Medicaid coverage until age 26. This mirrors the provision in the PPACA allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plan until age 26	Monitor	Monitor
LB158	McCollister		Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation	Business and Labor	3/2/2015				Monitor
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/2015			Support	Support
LB173	Chambers		Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015				Oppose

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LB186	Bolz		Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	Revenue	1/29/2015		This bill allows for a resident or partial-year resident of Nebraska who owns or rents his primary residence to apply for a refundable income tax credit. The applicant must have resided at the property he or she is requesting for consideration for at least six months		
LB188	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	1/23/2015		The bill states that a passenger in a fleeing vehicle shall not be considered to be an innocent third party if the passenger (a) enters with knowledge the driver is under the influence (b) fails to take steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle (c) promotes or provokes the driver to flee (d) are themselves subject to arrest or (e) is engaged in illegal activity that would itself give rise to arrest		Oppose

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LB202	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/26/2015				
LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB210	Ebke		Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments	Revenue	2/12/2015				Monitor
LB212	Chambers		Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed	Judiciary	2/25/2015		Restraints shall not be used on a juvenile during a juvenile court proceeding and removed prior to the juvenile's appearance before the juvenile court. Unless there is cause to show the need of restraints in the court proceeding		Oppose
LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/2015				
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015				

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LB224	Harr		Provide and change restrictions relating to electioneering	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2015		LB 224 would require the placement of flags on the day of any election to indicate the area within 200 feet of a polling place unless that area is across a public thoroughfare or private property. It would also require the designation of an approximately ten feet by five feet yard- sign zone within the 200 foot area which would allow for any person to display a campaign sign in the zone beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. on the day of the election		
LB230	Mello		Change provisions relating to partition actions	Revenue	2/19/2015				[NACO Priority]
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/2015				
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations					

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LB241	Stinner		Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots	General Affairs	1/26/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9			
LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/2015				
LB245	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to DNA testing of biological material	Judiciary	1/30/2015	General File w/AM197	This bill allows the court to order DNA testing, pursuant to a motion filed, that the biological material was not previously tested; material was tested, but current technology may provide more accurate findings		
LB250	Larson		Eliminate time restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1/26/2015				Monitor
LB253	Morfeld		Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015				
LB256	Bloomfield		Change the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales tax revenue	Revenue	2/20/2015				
LB259	Gloor		Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015		To exempt the first \$25,000 worth of personal property value for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor		Monitor

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LB260	Gloor		Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors	Revenue	1/23/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9			
LB265	Campbell		Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare	Judiciary	2/27/2015				Monitor
LB266	Crawford		Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM122; AM122 Adopted	Municipalities currently have the authority to regulate nuisances within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. LB 266 amends various nuisance statutes to clarify this existing authority		Monitor
LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015				
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2015				Oppose
LB288	Ebke		Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Business and Labor	3/9/2015				Support
LB290	Coash		Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender	Judiciary	2/12/2015				

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LB293	Schnoor		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015				
LB295	Scheer		Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015		requires that cities of all classes and villages receive approval from county boards, with jurisdiction over an extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, before they are able to enforce ordinances, bylaws, rule, regulations, and resolutions within said extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction unless otherwise provided by law		Support
LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Monitor
LB309	Davis		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015				
LB319	Smith		Change provisions relating to elections conducted by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 319 states all registered voters of the political subdivision or a district or ward of the political subdivision ore eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB325	Davis		Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	2/26/2015			[DC Priority]	
LB331	Nordquist		Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	Revenue	2/11/2015				
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations				Support	Support
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/2015				
							Several changes are proposed to change the use of the Act to include energy demand reduction projects. Those eligible for funding would include any natural person, political subdivisions, corporations or other businesses that receive energy service from an eligible entity at a building that receives no greater than a one thousand kilowatt demand. Funding for the program is increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000		
LB337	Harr		Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act	Natural Resources	2/5/2015				Oppose

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LB340	Brasch		Provide signage requirements and duties for the Nebraska State Patrol under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	Judiciary	3/20/2015		The Nebraska State Patrol will design a standardized sign for use by any person, entity, or employer in control of property prohibiting a permit holder from carrying a concealed handgun in or on the place or premises		
LB341	Howard		Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	Banking Commerce & Insurance	3/9/2015		states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law		Oppose
LB344	Kolowski		Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources	3/6/2015				Oppse

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LB345	Kolowski		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	2/12/2015		The bill creates the Property Tax Relief Act to provide property tax relief for property taxes levied against homesteads. Homestead is to mean residence or mobile home and the land surrounding it		
LB347	Krist		Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	2/26/2015				
LB350	Brasch		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		This bill decreases valuations by 10% from 75% to 65%		
LB356	Harr		Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	2/26/2015				Neutral
LB357	Smith		Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/2015				Oppose
LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015				
LB376	Hansen		Provide that public charitable corporations are subject to the Deferred Building Renewal Act	Executive Board	2/17/2015				Monitor

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose
LB384	Lindstrom		Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015				
LB387	Schnoor		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015				Oppose
LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/2015				
LB398	Harr		Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	Revenue	3/5/2015		This bill sets forth that beginning January 1, 2017, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax. Property owned and used for agricultural and horticultural societies, educational, religious, etc		
LB406	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property as prescribed	Judiciary	2/19/2015				[NACO Priority]

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LB414	Harr		Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015		Every society organized or licensed is a charitable and benevolent institution, with all funds and property being exempt from all and every state, county, district, municipal and school tax		
LB415	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015				Support
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/2015				
LB420	Crawford		Require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate in a sanitary and improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/10/2015				Monitor
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015				
LB427	Groene		Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid		

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LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/2015			[LC Priority] Support	[NACO Priority]
LB432	Baker		Change provisions relating to access to and copying of public records	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs		Baker MO7 Withdraw Bill Filed; Bill Withdrawn	Makes changes including allowing the custodian of the records to provide the requested materials in an electronic format	Monitor	Oppose
LB442	Bolz		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015				
LB460	Nordquist		Provide for licensure of charter bus and limousine services and pedal-pub vehicles for the consumption of alcohol	General Affairs	2/2/2015		This bill would create a licensure process for "party buses" as well as pedal vehicles where you can consume alcohol		Monitor
LB472	Campbell		Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	Health and Human Services	2/25/2015		This year's Medicaid expansion effort also includes a redesign of Medicaid.	Support	
LB476	Davis		Provide duties for county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator relating to tax-exempt real property	Revenue	3/5/2015		On or before December 1 each year, the county assessor will compile a list of parcel of real property in the county exempt from the property tax, and determine the estimated market value		Monitor

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LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/2015			Monitor	
LB482	Krist		Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015				
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015				
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				
LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015				Support
LB499	Krist		Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015		This bill is a shell bill that will be utilized by Senator Krist if needed to address the recommendations of either the LR434 Investigative Committee or the CSG Report. He suggested that LB500 is also part of this equation.	[DC Priority]	
LB500	Howard		Require application for medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015				
LB502	Krist		State intent to establish a family court pilot project	Judiciary	2/26/2015				

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LB514	Craighead		Change provisions relating to registering to vote and voting early at the same time	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		Legislative Bill 514 amends Nebraska Revised Statute 32-942 by adding an option for voters who wish to register to vote and vote early on the same day		
LB518	Riepe		Provide for changes to the medical assistance program	Health and Human Services	3/18/2015				
LB539	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/6/2015		LB 539 states that the Auditor of Public accounts shall have access to any and all information and records, confidential or otherwise, including privileged communications, unless otherwise denied such access by federal law or explicitly named and denied access by state law		

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LB543	Harr		Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under medicaid	Health and Human Services	2/6/2015		LB 543 establishes criteria and requirements for certification for community paramedics. To be eligible for certification, an individual must be a licensed paramedic and completed a paramedic education program from a board approved university or college		
LB544	Harr		Adopt the Community Gardens Act	Agriculture	2/24/2015				
LB549	Campbell		Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	2/20/2015				Oppose
LB556	Kolowski		Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent	Business and Labor					
LB560	Williams		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	Appropriations					Support
LB561	Stinner		Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015				
LB564	Lindstrom		Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015				Support

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LB567	Johnson		Permit transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2/11/2015				Support
LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2015				Support
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015				
LB575	Murante		Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting, write-in candidates, and filling vacancies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015				Oppose
LB577	Murante		Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015				Monitor
LB578	Murante		Change provisions relating to elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 578 states that any judge or clerk of election, precinct or district inspector or temp election worker may choose not to be paid for the hours he or she works		
LB579	Murante		Change traffic accident reporting requirements as prescribed and authorize a fee for a copy of a peace officer report	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/17/2015				Monitor
LB587	McCollister		Change the motor vehicle tax schedules	Revenue	3/18/2015				

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LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose
LB590	Friesen		Change provisions relating to a taxable value certified under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	2/2/2015		LB 590 states when the county assessor provides the total taxable value by a school district in the county for the current assessment year, the county assessor is to include the assessed valuation of any taxable real property having it's property taxes divided, rather than property's redevelopment project valuation		
LB592	Bolz		Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders	Judiciary	2/20/2015				
LB593	Nordquist		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to study current health data systems	Appropriations					[NACO Priority]

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LB602	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change collection provisions relating to judges retirement fees	Judiciary	2/4/2015		LB 602 adds that Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee goes from \$6 to \$8 and shall be taxed as costs in pretrial diversion in a criminal cause of action or traffic misdemeanor or infraction in such courts beginning October 1, 2015		Monitor
LB603	Bloomfield		Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				Support
LB604	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to reimbursement to political subdivisions under the Governor's Emergency Program	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs		Bloomfield MO26 Withdraw Bill Filed			Support
LB605	Mello		Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee	Judiciary	2/20/2015				

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LB606	Mello		Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed	Judiciary	2/20/2015				
LB609	Smith		Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/2015		The bill creates a mechanism for priority of bridge repairs in Nebraska and to have broad representation in the prioritization. This is a high priority bill for many of the road users, contractors and others		Support

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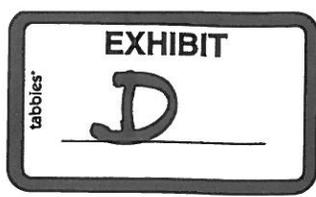
LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB610	Smith		Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015		This bill would increase the motor vehicle fuel excise tax by \$.015 over the course of a few years. The funding would go in part to cities, counties and the state. The state portion would go towards LB609 which creates a bridge bank and allows for the prioritization of bridge repair and replacement		
LB615	Kintner		Provide a property tax exemption for homesteads of certain persons	Revenue	2/12/2015				
LB623	Nordquist		Provide for issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses and state ID cards to persons with lawful status	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015				Support
LB626	Campbell		Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/2015		Is intended to increase the registration fee for vehicles and move an amount into a Bridge Bank		

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LB630	Krist		Provide duties for the Nebraska State Patrol regarding criminal history record information checks	Judiciary	2/5/2015		LB states upon request for a criminal history record, the Nebraska State Patrol undertakes a search for criminal history record information of applicant to include fingerprint's of the applicant to the FBI for a national criminal history check		Monitor
LB631	Scheer		Change medicaid provisions relating to acceptance of and assent to federal law	Health and Human Services	3/18/2015				Monitor
LB633	Stinner		Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties	Appropriations			Appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects		Support
LB639	Garrett		Provide authority for the Department of Roads to issue permits to control roadside vegetation as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015				
LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015				
LB649	Kintner		Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015				

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LB651	Bloomfield		Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	Judiciary	2/5/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015		This bill raises the salary for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court in Nebraska by 2.25% on July 1, 2015 and by 2.40% on July 1, 2016		



LB 105  
Testimony of Kerry P. Eagan  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee  
February 12, 2015

**DRAFT**

Good afternoon Senator Murante and members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. My name is Kerry Eagan, spelled K-E-R-R-Y E-A-G-A-N. I am the Chief Administrative Officer for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. I am here to testify on behalf of the Lancaster County Board in support of LB 105.

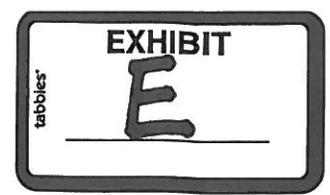
There are five (5) facilities located in Lancaster County which house persons serving sentences in state correctional institutions. Under existing law, Lancaster County is mandated to pay the costs of autopsies performed on individuals who die in these facilities. Each year approximately nine (9) such autopsies are performed in Lancaster County. Since the average cost of an autopsy is \$1,600, Lancaster County spends approximately \$14,400 each year for autopsies performed on inmates under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

Additionally, Lancaster County is responsible for the costs of grand juries involving the death of an inmate who died while serving a sentence in a state correctional institution. Based on an average of approximately nine (9) such grand juries per year, the County pays approximately \$3,750 per year for grand jury costs involving state inmates. However, it should be noted that in 2013 the County paid \$10,000 for thirteen (13) grand juries involving inmates who died in state correctional institutions. Combined with the annual cost of autopsies, Lancaster County averages around \$18,000 per year for the combined cost of autopsies and grand juries involving these state inmates.

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners believes it is unfair to the property tax payers of Lancaster County to pay autopsy and grand jury costs for state correctional institution inmates who come from all Nebraska counties.

Accordingly, the Board supports LB 105, and respectfully requests the Committee to advance it to General File.

Thank you. I would be happy to answer any questions.



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February 18, 2015

Senator Mike Gloor, Chairman  
Revenue Committee  
State Capitol, Hearing Room 1116  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Re: Support of LB 419

Dear Chairman Gloor and Members of the Revenue Committee:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners supports exempting zoos and aquariums from sales and use taxes as proposed under LB 419.

In Lancaster County the Lincoln Children's Zoo has an annual economic impact of \$6.5 million. The Children's Zoo is the City of Lincoln's number one arts and cultural attraction, and third largest in the State Of Nebraska, with over 200,000 visitors in 2014.

The Zoo receives no tax dollars for operations, and all private funds raised on behalf of the Zoo go to improving facilities and programs. In past years Lancaster County has augmented the Zoo's private fund raising with grants from our Visitors Improvement Fund, making possible new exhibits and major improvements to existing exhibits. Each of these investments has led to a significant increase in the number of visitors to the Zoo. Exempting the Children's Zoo from sales and use taxes will free up more funds for reinvestment.

The County believes the long-term benefits of increased tourism will greatly out weigh any loss of sales and use tax revenues, and therefore supports LB 419.

Sincerely,

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Roma Amundson Chair

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Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

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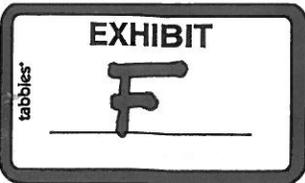
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**Minette M. Genuchi**

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**From:** Sara S. Hartzell  
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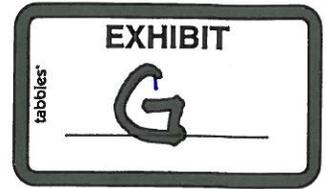
Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to let you know that I am traveling to Beatrice tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 pm to meet with the Gage County Commissioners and Nancy Niedfeldt the Planning and Zoning Administrator for Gage County. They are having conversations about the wind energy requirements in their County and I wanted to be there to deliver good information on what has been going on in Lancaster County and to listen to their conversation.

I know this is short notice, but I just found out about this meeting today. I do have a pool car reserved for this trip and would offer to take any of you who may be interested in attending the meeting as well. I will be leaving from the Police Garage in Pool Car 2 at 2 pm. Please let me know if you would like to ride along.

Thank you,

Sara S. Hartzell, Planner II  
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## Thursday, March 19

Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center  
University of Nebraska City Campus, 1505 S Street, Lincoln, NE

5:30 PM **Secrets of Successful Communities**

**ED MCMAHON - Urban Land Institute**

Ed McMahon, Senior Fellow at the Urban Land Institute, will share his enthusiasm for community engagement in the planning process, the dollars and sense of preserving community character and the importance of a community's history and stories. He will set out the "secrets of successful communities" and will provide examples of how communities can grow while also preserving what they love.

6:30 PM **Welcome**

**CYNTHIA NIKITIN - Project for Public Spaces**

Welcome, introductions, and a brief overview of what to expect throughout the workshop.

6:45 PM **Dinner**

7:15 PM **My Town Reports**

Towns will give 5-minute presentations on the results of their My Town Photo Project and goal setting exercise.

## Friday, March 20

Lancaster County Extension Offices  
444 Cherry Creek Rd, Lincoln, NE

8:00 AM **Breakfast**

8:15 AM **Welcome**

Welcome and a chance for attendees to ask questions.

8:30 AM **SOAR Session**

**Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department Staff**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Staff**

Towns will brainstorm their Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results (SOAR).

9:55 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **Learning Carousel**

Participants will be divided into groups to attend three 45-minute presentations.

**1 Community Planning**

**BRANDON GARRETT - Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department**

**PAUL BARNES - Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department**

Learn about the basics of community planning including comprehensive plans, zoning and subdivision regulations, and design standards.

**2 Public Engagement**

**MILAN WALL - Heartland Center for Leadership Development**

Learn about engaging the members of your community and how to get them involved.

**3 Placemaking**

**CYNTHIA NIKITIN - Project for Public Spaces**

Learn about placemaking as an approach to community revitalization.

12:30 PM **Lunch**

## Friday, March 20 (continued)

- 12:40 PM **Nebraska Success Stories**  
SHIRLEY NIEMEYER - Ashland Steering Committee  
DOUG FRIEDLI - Nebraska City Community Foundation  
DORIS OURECKY - Nebraska Czechs of Wilber  
Speakers from Nebraska towns will share the success they have experienced through identifying and strengthening their community's unique sense of identity through history, the arts, cultural celebrations, and intensive public engagement.
- 2:00 PM **Collaboration**  
DAVID NELSON - Project for Public Spaces  
Discuss possible opportunities for Lancaster County towns to form collaborative partnerships and share their resources.
- 2:30 PM **Break**
- 2:35 PM **Economic Development**  
DON MACKE - Center for Rural Entrepreneurship  
NICOLE SEDLACEK - Holt County Economic Development  
MIKE FEEKEN - St. Paul Development Corporation  
GREG PTACEK - Neligh Economic Development Corporation  
Economic development strategies for improving small towns.
- 3:50 PM **Public & Private Resources**  
MAXINE MOUL - USDA Rural Development  
Nebraska Department of Economic Development Staff  
GRETA LEACH - Nebraska Community Foundation  
Learn about technical and funding tools and resources available from governmental and private sources.
- 5:00 PM **My Town Discussion**  
Towns will come together in small groups to share their initial reactions to the day's sessions and generate responses to three key questions.
- 5:45 PM **Break for the Day**

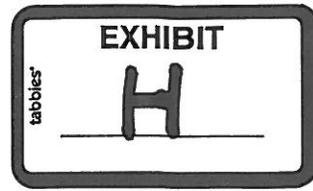
## Saturday, March 21

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center  
11700 Southwest 100th Street, Denton, NE

- 8:30 AM **Welcome & Breakfast**  
Welcome and a chance for attendees to ask questions.
- 9:00 AM **Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper**  
CYNTHIA NIKITIN - Project for Public Spaces  
Learn low cost, low risk, high impact interventions for improving your community.
- 10:00 AM **Leadership Development**  
MILAN WALL - Heartland Center for Leadership Development  
Learn how to develop a public involvement strategy and identify and develop leaders in your community.
- 11:00 AM **My Town Discussion**  
Towns will discuss thoughts from yesterday and review their goals, discuss any adjustments or additional goals desired, and start talking about next steps.
- 12:00 PM **Working Lunch**  
Towns will prepare materials for the poster presentation.
- 1:00 PM **Poster Presentation & Wrap-Up**  
The public is invited to join the workshop for a presentation of the results.



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The driving record for Cory D. Cramm is not acceptable and we are required to obtain the insured's signature acknowledging this exclusion endorsement. Please have the first named insured sign below and return to us by 2/13/14

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Thank you.

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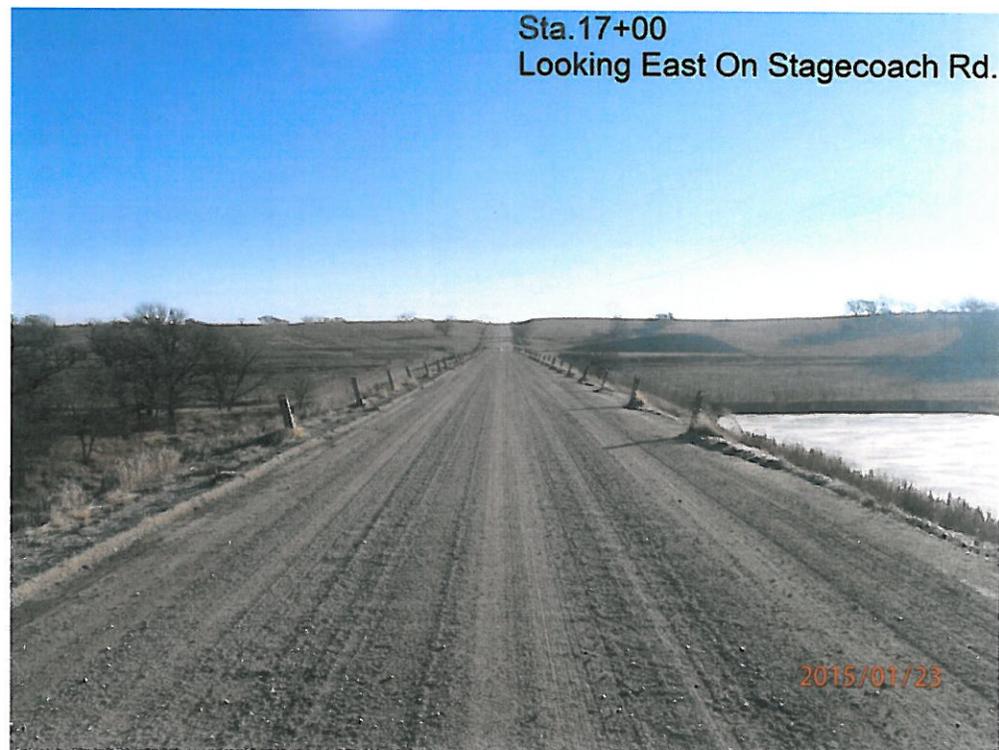


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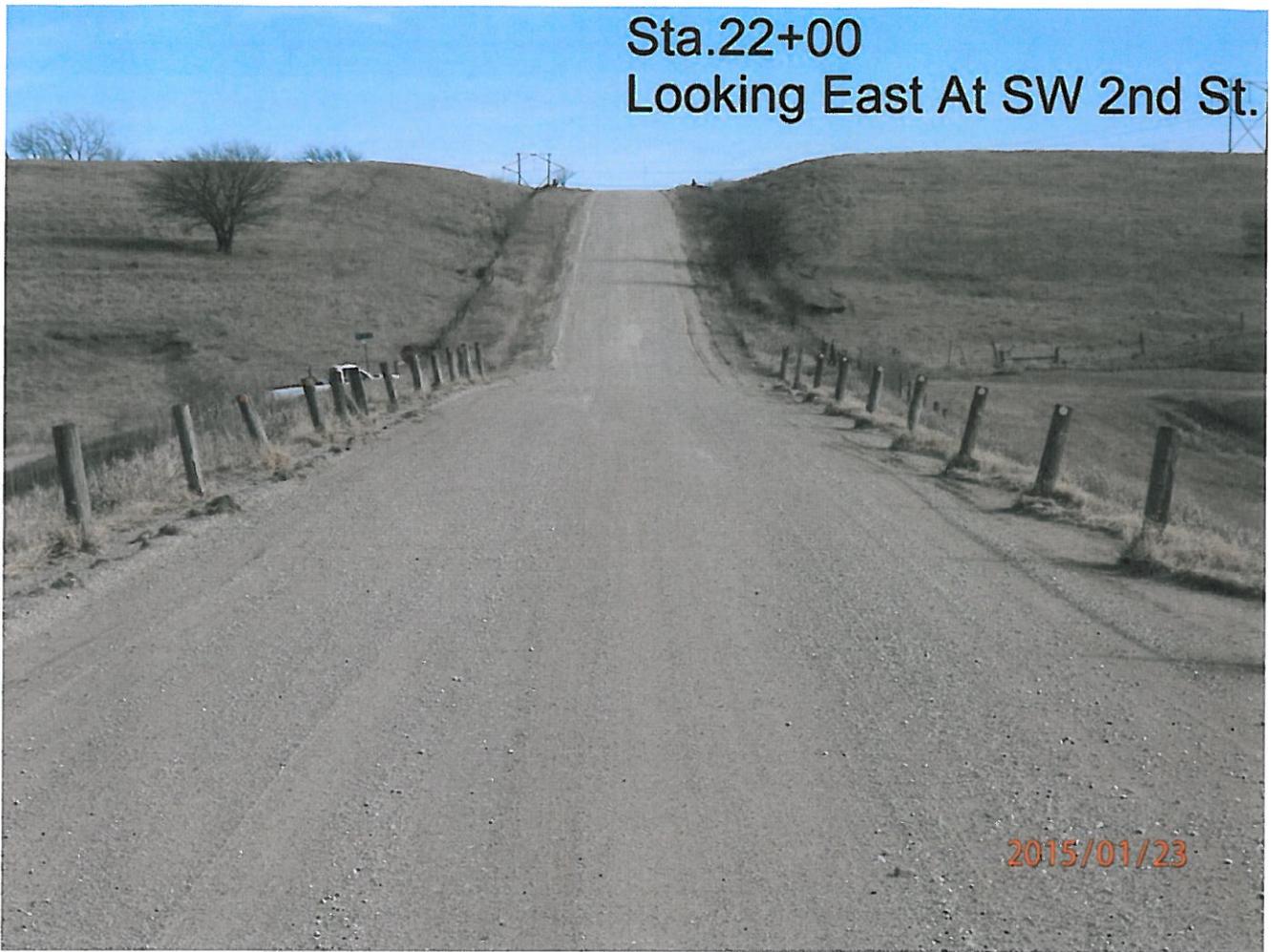
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