

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

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

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 March 25, 2015.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2015 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Staff Meeting. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Appointments to Lincoln/Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee (Exhibit A)

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

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Joe Kohout, and Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates (Legislative Consultants)

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update and legislative bills of interest report, noting the following (Exhibits B and C):

- Legislative Bill (LB) 15 (Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem) is on Select File. Kohout said he, Joe Nigro, Public Defender; Liz Neeley, Executive Director, Nebraska State Bar Association; Corey Steel, Nebraska State Court Administrator; Chief Justice Mike Heavican, Nebraska Supreme Court; and representatives of Legal Aid of Nebraska, the Legislative Fiscal Office and Legislative Bill Drafting Office met with Senator Krist, introducer of the bill, to discuss their concerns regarding the fiscal note. He said there are still projected costs after adoption of the Judiciary Committee's amendment, due to required visits by the guardians ad litem every three months instead of every six months. Senator Krist indicated he is willing to offer an amendment to take it back to the six months to eliminate the fiscal impact. Kohout noted some interpretations of the statute allow for paralegals or secretaries to go in the event a guardian ad litem can't make an appointment.
- The pro-lobby group has been working to determine where senators stand on LB 610 (Change motor fuel excise taxes). The group may ask County representatives to contact senators and relay the strong need for this additional funding source.
- Proponents of LB 472 (Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act) have suggested a lobby day to give county commissioners an opportunity to discuss the importance of Medicaid expansion with senators.
- With regards to efforts to amend the Mental Health Commitment Act, Kohout said they are working on setting up meetings with individual members of the Appropriations Committee to talk about the requests that have come in (includes restoration statewide of \$5,000,000 for behavioral health services; \$250,000 to fund Counseling Affiliates, which provides community-based sex offender treatment; and \$100,000 to establish a mental health court in Lancaster County).

Wiltgen asked whether funding for the Norfolk Regional Center, a 120-bed Sex Offender Treatment Center that provides Phase I services through the Nebraska Sex Offender Treatment Program, could also be used for reintegration into the community. Kohout said he will pose that question. Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, noted not all of the sex offenders in the community-based treatment program have been through a Regional Center.

Board consensus was to indicate the request to appropriate \$250,000 to fund sex offender treatment is the County's highest priority but that it also supports the other initiatives.

- LB 605 (Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee) was advanced by the Judiciary Committee late yesterday. Kohout said he will forward a copy of the amendment to the Board.

Eagan noted he has received communication about LB 106 (Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning) and asked whether the Board has any concerns regarding the bill. Kohout said opposition to the bill is "mounting." He said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) has worked with the Nebraska Cattlemen Association and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on the language. Eagan said there are concerns that authority for final decisions is being taken from county boards and given to a statewide board and said Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director, indicated there may be amendments to remove that provision. Hudkins said he doesn't believe the bill will have a significant impact on Lancaster County.

4 LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY UPDATE - Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director

Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director, gave an update on the Lancaster Event Center, noting the following (Exhibit D):

- Recent shows, new/expanded shows, recent commitments, and pending proposals
- Re-launch update
- Phase 2.5 projects

Hudkins said Ken Svoboda, Ray's Lawn Care; and Karen Wobig, Unit Leader, Lancaster County Extension Office, have asked him to relay that they would like to speak with Dickerson.

Wiltgen stressed the need for the City to make improvements at the intersection of North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue, particularly with all the new events at the Event Center. Hudkins felt it would be beneficial to provide the City information about the amount of City sales tax collected through the Event Center.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Appointments to Lincoln/Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee (Exhibit A)

There was consensus to schedule the appointments on the March 31, 2015 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

5 JUVENILE PROBATION UPDATE - Lori Griggs, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Lori Griggs, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, gave an update on Juvenile Probation, noting the following (see agenda packet):

- Number of Juvenile Probation Youth in Detention
 - Probation Violations
 - Adjudicated and Pending Disposition
- Active Supervision
- Pending Cases
- Projects and Pilot Programs

Griggs indicated plans to work with Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, on a common document that would provide a daily and weekly “snapshot” of youth in YSC, adding she believes the document would be helpful for the judges as well.

Avery asked how the numbers compare to other communities of similar size. Griggs said it is difficult to make comparisons because other jurisdictions do things differently. Schindler appeared and explained some states don't include 16-19 year olds in their data. She said Lancaster County has been at the forefront, citing early implementation of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) principles as an example.

Hudkins noted the current population is much less than what was projected in the Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System Study and Detention Facility Program by Karen Chinn, Chinn Planning, Inc., due in part to the County's efforts to provide alternatives to incarceration.

The Chair exited the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and the Vice Chair assumed direction of the meeting.

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, appeared and said there have been numerous assessments of the County's programs, adding the Early Assessment Program is currently being evaluated by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as an evidence-based program.

Griggs noted the number of law violation filings in Juvenile Court has consistently decreased for the last eight years, adding the screener position has been a critical piece.

Avery asked whether the status of the economy has an impact on juvenile crime. Schindler said there is research that indicates the economic stability of a family is predictive of youth involvement in crime, adding other variables are also contributing factors. Hoyle noted crime rates actually decreased during the last recession. Avery remarked that the recession didn't "hit" Nebraska as hard as it did other states.

6 COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 15006, COYOTE RIDGE ADDITION COMMUNITY UNIT PLAN (CUP) AT NORTHWEST 70TH STREET AND WEST ROCK CREEK ROAD - Sara Hartzell, Planner II, Planning Department

Sara Hartzell, Planner II, Planning Department, gave an overview of County Special Permit No. 15006, a request to develop the Coyote Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan (CUP), consisting of 9 single-family acreage lots, at Northwest 70th Street and West Rock Creek Road. **NOTE:** The unincorporated village of Agnew is immediately north of the area of application. She said there is a request for a waiver to the block length and that is why final action on the special permit is coming before the Board rather than the Planning Commission. Hartzell said primary concerns raised at the Planning Commission's public hearing were related to increased traffic on the roadways and water issues, including the impact additional wells for this development may have on water availability. She said a test well pumped 30 gallons per minute and said LLCHD considers five gallons per minute to be the minimum for household daily living. The Planning Commission deferred the application for two weeks to have the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) to address questions regarding water issues in the area. Hartzell said LLCHD looked at quality of water and the depth of wells and communicated with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD). LLCHD and the NRD reported the data indicated there was sufficient quality and quantity on this property for nine additional dwelling units. She stressed no one can state definitively there won't be any effect on adjacent wells, adding influence most often happens when there is a large irrigation well drilled in the area. **NOTE:** The Planning Commission subsequently agreed with the staff recommendation and voted to recommend conditional approval of the special permit.

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, appeared and provided general information regarding water rights. She explained there is no priority or preference for domestic use of ground water in Nebraska. Behrens said the courts have recognized a cause of action between landowners for such use, explaining the test is a test of reasonableness and reasonable use. The County would not be a party to those actions.

In response to a question from Wiltgen, Behrens said there is priority and preference as it relates to domestic, agricultural and industrial use. Hartzell said the farm that is within this development isn't irrigated but there is an irrigation well north of the property. Wiltgen asked what would happen if the owner decided to irrigate the farm. Behrens said they could but the other landowners would have a cause of action. Hartzell added the NRD can require a full aquifer study if a permit for a well that pumps over 250 gallons per minute is requested to find out the full capacity and usage and to show there would not be an adverse impact.

Avery asked whether the Board is just being asked to decide on the road issue. Behrens explained the issue of the special permit in total is before the Board.

Avery then asked whether the Board could prohibit underground sprinkler systems as a condition of approval. Hartzell said that has been done although the water pumping rates were lower and there were greater concerns.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, appeared and said her main concern is that this stretch of West Agnew Road has a high traffic count and residents have been promised paving for 40 years. She said it is a standby project for this year but it is unlikely they will get to it.

In response to a question from Schorr, Dingman said there will be temporary turnaround. She said County Engineering will not maintain the road until a certain number of houses are built in the subdivision and it meets County standards.

NOTE: The County Board will hold a public hearing on the special permit on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building.

Avery exited the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

7 TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS TASK FORCE DEVELOPMENT -
Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff; Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, noted the Lancaster Sheriff's Office (LSO) discussed its vision for the Technical Investigations Task Force at the Mid-Year Budget Retreat. He said LSO has encumbered three years of wages and benefits, using forfeited assets within the parameters of the U.S. Department of Treasury Equitable Sharing Guidelines, for a commissioned employee to be hired to replace a current deputy who will be assigned to the Task Force. Bliemeister said LSO is asking the Board for a commitment to fund the wages and benefits of the new commissioned employee (\$80,000) as part of the general budget after those three years. He noted

LSO has received other funding as part of the development process: 1) A \$10,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Labor; 2) Funds from Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC); and 3) Over \$20,000 from the Lancaster County Drug Fund for continued development of the Task Force positions.

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, said LSO needs the Board's funding commitment in order to move forward, under terms of the Equitable Sharing Guidelines. The estimated cost is \$80,000, with benefits. He said the Board's commitment would allow LSO to increase its full-time strength by one position, noting it will be revenue neutral for three years. If the request is not approved, the County will have to contract with another entity to keep up with forensic requests (analyzing phones and computers that are seized).

Schorr said it was her understanding the County Board couldn't obligate future County Boards, whether fiduciary or programming. Eagan explained a different County Board could make a different decision but it might be a breach of contract.

Avery returned to the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Wagner said LSO would like to begin the hiring process so the new deputy can attend the next academy class at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to support the Technical Investigations Task Force by making a commitment to fund one deputy position beginning Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

8 SERIES 1999 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, GOODWILL INDUSTRIES PROJECT - Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, said the Goodwill Industries Industrial Development Revenue Bonds Project dates back to 1992. She explained that Goodwill Industries was researching the building the bonding funded and realized the County is still the titleholder. The title was not released after the bonds were paid off in 2012. Behrens noted the following documents will be brought forward at a regular County Board of Commissioners Meeting: 1) Lease termination agreement; 2) Quit claim deed; and 3) Bill of sale.

9 PENDING LITIGATION - Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney;
Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation.

The Vice Chair restated the motion for the record.

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

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

10 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

11 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Salaries for Election Commissioner and Chief Deputy Election Commissioner

Board consensus was to contact the Human Resources Department and request a comparability study.

- B. Agenda Items for April 9, 2015 Management Team Meeting

Item was held.

- C. Claim for Review: Payment Voucher (PV) No. 478978 from Community Corrections in the Amount of \$1,087.97. This Claim Includes \$744.10 for Color Printing and Stapling With a Non-Contracted Vendor

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, appeared and gave an explanation of the claim.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to handle the claim through the regular claims process. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

13 PENDING

There were no pending items.

14 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) -
Wiltgen/Avery

Wiltgen said they approved claims.

B. Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority (EMSOA) - Avery

Avery said Dr. Jason Kruger, Medical Director, gave a report on cardiac arrest survival rates.

C. Meeting With Planning Department - Amundson/Hudkins

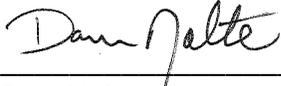
Hudkins said they discussed the rural design technical workshop that was recently held; the Volkswind wind farm proposal; and County Special Permit No. 15006, the Coyote Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan (CUP) at Northwest 70th Street and West Rock Creek Road.

15 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

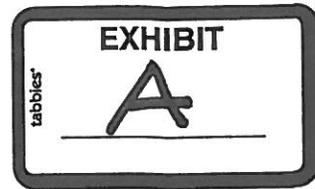
16 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Avery, Schorr, Wiltgen and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





Lincoln/Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee
c/o Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department
2740 "A" Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

March 24, 2015

Commissioner Roma Amundson, Chair
Lancaster County Commissioners
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Commissioner Amundson,

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee has recently updated its membership list due to the expiration of terms. Several individuals have elected not to remain on the committee, several folks have agreed to renew for another 3 year term, and two new appointments have agreed to join the committee pending County Board approval.

Gary Hergenrader, Rachel Simpson and Eric Zach have elected to not remain on the committee. Those agreeing to another 3 year term are Ted LaGrange and Merle Jahde. We have two individuals that we are requesting your approval to be on the committee. The two new individuals are Marilyn Tabor and Dave Gosselin. We have attached their Bio's. We can still accept several new members on the committee and will submit their names as they become available.

Your approval of these changes would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Wedin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dave Wedin, Chair
LLEAC

Attachment

Marilyn Tabor - Biography

Marilyn Tabor has been the Grants Administrator at the Nebraska Environmental Trust since November 2010 following an established career in the Realty and Wildlife Divisions at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Administration of environmental projects ranging from water resources, wildlife, and outdoor recreation has given her the opportunity to work across Nebraska's diverse landscape. She has worked with several federal funding programs including the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Transportation Enhancement Program, Recreational Trail program, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Guiding natural resource projects through federal and state compliance under each of these programs has provided her with a broad background in environmental, cultural, and financial regulatory issues.

Locally she has served on the boards of the Great Plains Trail Network and the Nebraska Trail Foundation. She has been involved in projects to research and preserve habitat for the state and federally endangered Salt Creek Tiger Beetle and state endangered Saltwort in the saline wetlands of Lancaster County. She is also an independent appraiser, predominantly appraising agricultural land in southeast and east-central Nebraska.

Dave Gosselin - Biography

Dave Gosselin is the Director of Environmental Studies and a Professor of Earth Science in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His research focuses on Earth, environmental, and interdisciplinary education, workforce issues, sustainability education, ground water quality and quantity issues and the application of geochemistry to understanding water systems. His water-related research has focused on using chemistry and basic principles of water flow to understand both basic and applied scientific problems. Examples include assessing: local and state-wide groundwater quality; the physical and chemical variations of groundwater resources; the behavior of trace elements and natural occurring isotopes in groundwater; the potential impact of environmental change on Sand Hills environments; groundwater management strategies, and water quality variations in public water supplies. In October 1999, he was recognized by the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science with their Catalyst Award for leadership, dedication and service to science education. In 2014, he received the Omtvedt Award for Innovation in Teaching at UNL. In his capacity as the Director of the Environmental Studies program, he currently serves on the executive committee of the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, a program of the National Council for Science and the Environment. He has authored or co-authored over 125 publications that include refereed journal articles, non-refereed abstracts, and contract reports.

Dennis Adams - Biography

Dennis recently retired from UNL and Nebraska Forest Service after 41+ years of service. He would bring a "forestry" perspective to the advisory committee.

EDUCATION

B.S. Forest Management, Iowa State University (1968)

M.S. Horticulture & Forestry, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1977)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

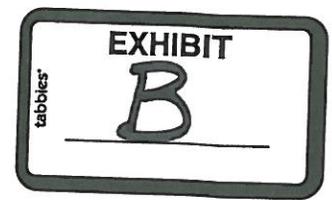
1992-2014 Rural Forestry Program Leader, Nebraska Forest Service, UNL

1977-1992 District & Extension Forester, Dept. of Forestry, Fisheries, & Wildlife, UNL

1976-1977 Regional Fire & Community Forestry Planner, Dept. of Forestry, Fisheries, & Wildlife, UNL

1974-1976 Forestry Project Planner, Dept. of Forestry, UNL

1973-1974 Forestry Field Manager, Dept. of Forestry, UNL



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: March 26, 2015

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

Please accept this as the eighth of your weekly reports for the 2015 Legislative Session. Today is day 53. This week is the first week of full-day debate.

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 as well as the level of bureaucracy that the bill will provide.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this measure was March, 9, 2015 before the Transportations and Telecommunication Committee. Engineer Dingman testified in opposition to the bill. Senator Smith indicated that he plans to hold the bill for discussions in the interim.

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 next four years to a total of \$.06.

POSITION: SUPPORT The hearing on this measure occurred Friday, March 6, 2015. There was a significant amount of support for the measure. Engineer Dingman testified on behalf of Lancaster County in support. The bill was advanced by the Revenue Committee and prioritized by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson. We have been part of two meetings over the past week with the pro-610 lobby. We anticipate the bill could be debated as early as next week.

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: The hearing on this measure was on March 9, 2015 before the Transportation and Telecommunication Committee. Similar to LB609, Senator Campbell offered the bill to the committee to have the committee potentially use the bill for a roads package.

LB 633 – Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties.
Introduced by Sen. John Stinner, Gering
Hearing Date: March 18, 2015
Appropriations

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

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this measure occurred yesterday. A significant of support was registered before the committee including NACO, the City of Lincoln, the City of Omaha, and Pam Dingman on behalf of Lancaster County. If the dollars are appropriated, they are likely to be included in the mainline budget.

OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF THE INHERITANCE TAX:

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

ELIMINATE UNFUNDED MANDATES:

I would note for each of the bills under this section, we are working with Senator Mello to identify the amount of money available to address these.

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 was on Thursday February 12th, 2015. Mr. Eagan testified on behalf of Lancaster County. Those in support included NACO. No one appeared in opposition. The committee did advance the measure during an executive session this week.

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 Eagan representing this board. There was no opposition to the bill. An amendment prepared by NACO in consultation with Douglas and

Lancaster County to limit the legislation to only cover rent which will limit the fiscal impact to approximately \$4 million.

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. The bill was debated last week on Select File. After conversations on the floor and after concerns were raised about continued debate and potential loss of votes, an agreement was reached to amend the bill to reflect a \$9.00 fee for certified copy. The bill advanced to final reading. The bill was presented to the Governor on March 6, 2015. The Governor signed the bill on March 12, 2015.

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: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on February 25, 2015. Commissioner Schorr testified in support on behalf of Lancaster County. The bill advanced to General File with a committee amendment that rewrites a section regarding composition of the Task Force. We have been working with NACO and the proponent coalition to identify a potential "county board lobby day" on this bill.

3. **Address Lancaster County Obligations under the 300,000 population threshold.** As mentioned previously, this legislation was drafted at our request 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 have worked with Sen. Hansen's office to prepare language for an interim study.
4. **Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent:** LB61 was heard before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee last Thursday. Mr. Eagan 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. This bill, like the other unfunded mandate bills, are currently held in Government Committee.
5. **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.

Deputy Administrator Gwen Thorpe testified on behalf of Lancaster County and asked the committee to appropriate \$250,000 to fund Counseling Affiliates. Too, Joe Nigro has visited directly with members of the Appropriations Committee to fund not only this \$250,000 but also \$100,000 for a pilot mental health court in Lancaster County. 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 is 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. The hearing on this bill was February 20, 2015.

6. 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.

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: OPPOSE. The hearing on this bill was on February 12th, 2015 before the Judiciary Committee. Mike Thurber testified in opposition on behalf of Lancaster Co. No one appeared in support.

7. Retirement Adjustment. LBI26 signed by the governor on February 26, 2015.

Other Legislation:

1. **LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund**
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom
Hearing Date: 3/12/15
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.

POSITION: Engineer Dingman testified in support of this legislation last Thursday. The bill is held in Committee.

2. **LB 398 – Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax**
Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: 3/5/15
Revenue

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.

3. **LB 476 – Provide duties for county assessors and Property Tax Administrator relating to tax – exempt real property.**
Introduced by Sen. Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: 3/5/15
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.

4. **LB 542 – Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies**
Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of
Hearing Date: 3/6/15
Revenue

The purpose of Legislative Bill 542 is to provide a sale and use tax exemption outlined in state statute 77-2704.15 for a “county agricultural society”.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this measure was on last Friday. Testifiers included Amy Dickerson, Steve Kruger, Alan Wood and Commissioner Amundson. The bill was advanced unanimously by the Revenue Committee last Wednesday. We are currently examining potential vehicles to amend LB542

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

LB 13 states 10% of the annual GF appropriation to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be set aside for the development of a common data system at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, to assess the effectiveness of community-based Juvenile Services Aid program.

In conversations with Senator Krist, he has indicated that he intends this to be a one-time ear mark not an ongoing one. Further, the Appropriations Committee has included \$7.5 million in funding for 2015-16 and \$10 million in funding for 2016-17.

POSITION: NEUTRAL. The bill advanced with an amendment we provided with last week’s report which embodied changes suggested by multiple groups including Lancaster County. The language from LB13, as amended, was amended into LB265 via an amendment offered by Senator Krist - AM1014.

6. **LB 15 – Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem**
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/26/15
Judiciary

LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court. GAL is allowed to review and receive records/court plans prepared by the DHHS pertaining to the juvenile. GAL shall meet with the juvenile, upon the juvenile's request. LB 15 was introduced as a response to the guardian ad-litem contracting situation in Douglas County. The committee advanced the measure with an amendment which included (a) a requirement that the Supreme Court adapt a court rule on GALs; (b) to clarify how these contracts work/their transparency; (c) provisions that are currently contained in LB 265.

POSITION: NEUTRAL. The bill was advanced to General File with the amendments provided in last week's report. Joe Nigro testified in support on behalf of the county. The bill advanced to Select File last week after adoption of the committee amendment. Joe Nigro, representatives of Legal Aid and Joe Kohout met with Senator Krist earlier this week and it appears that we have an agreement that would eliminate any financial impact to Lancaster County.

7. **LB 309 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund**
Introduced by Sen. Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Appropriations

In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

In addition to other appropriations for FY2015-16 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services December 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

8. **LB 364 – Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations**
Introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Appropriations

FY2015-16 the State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and (2) FY2016-17 the State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Appropriation of (1) \$60,000,000 for FY2015-16 and (2) \$60,000,000 for FY2016-17 from the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue, Program 132, to carry out the purposes of the property tax credit program.

9. LB 387 – Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

Introduced by Sen. David Schnoor of Fremont

Hearing Date: 2/27/15

Appropriations

The State Treasurer shall transfer sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

10. LB 442 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

Introduced by Sen Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: 2/27/15

Appropriations

In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015.

In addition to other appropriations for FY2015-16 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative December 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

11. LB 265 – Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare

Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: 2/27/15

Judiciary

LB 265 states a guardian ad-litem(GAL) will make a reasonable effort to become familiar with the needs of a juvenile by consultation with juvenile in his or her respective placement within 2 weeks of appointment and every 3 (was 6) months thereafter. GAL shall provide a written report, not limited to number of visits and make recommendations. LB 265 states the Foster Care Review board may participate in proceedings of the juvenile. LB 265 defines Trial Home visits as from the placement from foster care to the home of the legal guardian. LB 265 establishes a pilot project to determine whether policy outcomes meet the well-being outcomes for a juvenile and child-welfare involved in out of home placement. LB265 was debated on Tuesday of this week and advanced to Select File.

12. LB 391 – Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles

Introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue

Hearing Date: 2/27/15

Revenue

LB 391 adds language in 77-2703(1)(I)(iii) to read:

The county treasurer shall deduct and withhold for the use of the county general fund, from all amounts required to be collected under this subsection, the collection fee permitted to be deducted by any retailer collecting the sales tax plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars remitted each month.

POSITION: SUPPORT. This bill comes out of the unfunded mandate study of last interim. The hearing on this measure occurred on February 27, 2015. Joe provided the letter to the committee. Concerns were raised by Senator Smith at the hearing about the impact on roads funding.

13. LB 564 – Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads

Introduced by Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha

Hearing Date: 3/3/15

Transportation and Telecommunications

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

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this measure occurred on March 3, 2015. The bill has not advanced from committee.

14. 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 499 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. This measure was heard in committee on March 4, 2015.

I would note that these items 15 & 16 remain a high priority for Governor Ricketts, and the administration continues to work these measures.

15. 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.

16. **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.

17. **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.

18. **LB 605 – Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee**
Introduced by Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/20/15
Judiciary

LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session. We were asked by Commissioner Hudkins to convey County Attorney Joe Kelly's concern to Senator Mello. That was done as requested. Questions were raised during the hearing regarding both the County Attorney's suggested amendments and additional county aid. Senator Mello in follow-up conversations, is committed to the county aid we discussed at the 2/19/15 meeting. It is our understanding that the Judiciary Committee was conducting an executive session on this bill Wednesday afternoon.

19. **LB 606 – 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**
Introduced by Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/20/15
Judiciary

LB 606 would establish a full-time program of investigation and performance review to provide increased accountability and oversight of the Nebraska correctional system. The office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System is created within the office of the Public Counsel for the purpose of conducting investigations, audits, inspections and other reviews of corrections. LB 606 states that the Governor shall declare a correctional system overcrowding emergency when the population is determined to be over 140% of capacity by certification of the director. We understand

that the provisions of LB606 have been amended into LB598, which is a Legislative Performance Audit Committee priority bill.

20. LB 273 – Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices

Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids

Hearing Date: 2/25/15

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Bill is to authorize voters to vote regarding partisan or nonpartisan ballots for nominations and election of county officers in certain counties. Summary of new language:

(1) All county officers elected shall be nominated and elected on a partisan ballot.

(2) County boards with a population of twenty thousand or fewer inhabitants may adopt a resolution requiring the submission of the question to the voters. Registered voters of a county with a population of ten thousand or fewer may file petition with county clerk requesting the question be put to the voters. The question shall be put to the voters at the first statewide general election after the adoption of the resolution.

(3) If the vote on the question is in favor of the nomination and election of all officers elected on a nonpartisan ballot, shall be nominated and elected at all subsequent elections.

LB 273 removes language in several sections including at 32-325, that states that the county surveyor shall be elected on the partisan ballot and 32-326 that states that the county engineer shall be elected on the partisan ballot.

21. LB188 - Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit.

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Hearing Date: 1/23/2015

Judiciary

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. The bill was advanced to General File with an amendment that was included in our report two weeks ago.

22. LB142 - Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding.

Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala

Hearing Date: 1/21/2015
Natural Resource

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 approved by the Governor on March 5, 2015.

23. **LB66 - Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability.**

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Heading Date: 1/21/2015

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.

24. **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: OPPOSE. 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. The bill was advanced to General File on March 6, 2015 with a committee amendment attached. We included a copy of the amendment with a previous report. The bill has been declared to be a Government Committee priority bill.

OTHER LEGISLATION OF NOTE RAISED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:

LB482 - Change provisions relating to juveniles
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist 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. Senator Krist has indicated that he introduced this legislation to conform to best practices. During debate on this measure on Tuesday he made reference to Lancaster County's Staff secure facility.

1. **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. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 5, 2015.

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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 has passed and was signed by the Governor.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund**
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom
Hearing Date: 3/12/15
Appropriations Committee
Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

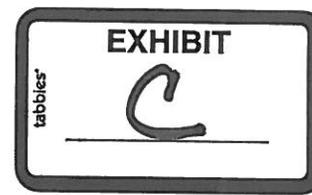
The bill would cap the amount in the State Recreation Road Fund at \$15 Million and move the amount greater than that to Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund. The hearing on this measure was last Thursday and Engineer Dingman testified in support.

10. **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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Bills of Interest Report
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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB13	Krist		Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM466	LB 13 states 100% of the annual GF appropriation to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be set aside for the development of a common data system at the University of Nebraska at Omaha	Monitor	Monitor
LB15	Krist	Krist	Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM514; AM514 Adopted; Select File w/ER52; Krist AM1005 Filed	LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court	[DC Priority]	Monitor
LB16	Krist		Adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/22/2015		LB 16 provides quality jobs to people with disabilities by implementing the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act.		
LB25	Krist		Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM605			Monitor
LB30	McCoy		Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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; AM140 Adopted; Select File w/ER41; Krist AM470 Filed; AM470 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST13; Passed on Final Reading 43-0-6; Approved			
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; Final Reading 2/17; Passed on Final Reading 48-0-1; Approved			
LB53	Scheer		Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/2015	General File 3/2; Scheer AM762 Filed;	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		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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/ER5; Shumacher AM67 Filed; AM67 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 49-0-0			Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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; AM184 Withdrawn; Bloomfield FA13 Filed; FA13 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading 42-4-3; Approved		[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; Final Reading 2/20; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved			

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB98	Bolz		State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control	Appropriations	3/16/2015		Include in the appropriation to Agency No. 25 and Program No 30, for FY 2015-16, \$7 million Cash Funds and for FY 2016-17, \$7 million Cash Funds use for tobacco use prevention control from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	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	General File w/AM415	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	Support	[NACO Priority]
LB106	Watermeier	Watermeier	Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	Watermeier AM698; Watermeier AM643 Filed; General File w/AM521	LB 106 creates the Livestock Operating Siting and Expansion Act and to be implemented by the creation of the Livestock Operation Siting Review Board		Neutral

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB111	Larson		Require identification to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/23/2015	Prevails	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; Chambers MO30 Filed; Chambers MO32 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO32		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB113	Larson	Larson	Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services	Judiciary	2/18/2015	General File w/AM508	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		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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; Schumacher AM343 Filed; AM221 Withdrawn; AM343 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST3; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-3-1; Approved		Oppose	
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		

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LB120	Schumacher		Provide for seizure of license plates of certain uninsured motor vehicles or trailers as prescribed	Judiciary	1/28/2015		LB120 would authorize law enforcement to seize license plates from a vehicle if at the time the vehicle is pulled over and the driver is unable to produce proof of insurance. The citation issued would serve as a temporary plate for 10 days. If the vehicle was not insured at the time of the stop, in addition to other penalties and fees, the owner of the vehicle would pay \$50 to get the vehicle plates back. The result is that the vehicle remains conspicuous and more likely to be reticketed if it remains uninsured	[LC Priority] Support	

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LB122	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Bloomfield AM407 Filed; AM407 Adopted; Final Reading 2/23; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved			
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; Final Reading; Passed on Final Reading 49-0; Approved			

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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	General File w/AM405	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	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015	General File w/AM582	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	Oppose	
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			Monitor	

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LB139	Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/27/2015	General File w/AM119; AM119 Adopted; Schumacher AM893 Filed; AM893 Adopted; Select File w/ER51			
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; Schilz AM255 Filed; AM255 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST8; Passed on Final Reading w/E-Clause 46-1-2; Approved	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	Monitor	
LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/2015	General File w/AM142; AM142 Adopted; Select File w/ER42; Final Reading 3/10; Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5; Approved	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		No compensation shall be allowed if, at the time of or in the course of entering into employment or at the time of receiving notice of the removal of conditions from a conditional offer of employment		Monitor
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/2015			Support	Support

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LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472			Oppose
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	General File w/AM374	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	Support	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		<i>Relating to low income housing</i>		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	Indefinitely Postponed			
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; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved			
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; AM197 Adopted; Select File w/ER46; Harr FA29 Filed; Harr AM827 Filed; FA29 withdrawn; Harr AM843 Filed; AM843 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST15	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	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015	General File w/AM278			

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LB256	Bloomfield		Change the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales tax revenue	Revenue	2/20/2015		LB 256 would raise the state sales and use tax from the current five and one-half percent to six percent as of October 1, 2015.		
LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015	General File w/AM824	To exempt the first \$25,000 worth of personal property value for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor		Monitor
LB260	Gloor		Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors	Revenue	1/23/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 46-0-3; Approved	To expand the time frame to three years from date of certified valuation for errors regarding valuation to be corrected by the Property Tax Administrator or to recertify said valuation within three years of distribution of the tax to a county		

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LB265	Campbell	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare	Judiciary	2/27/2015	General File w/AM878; AM878 Adopted; Krist AM1014 Filed; AM1014 Adopted;	LB 265 states a guardian ad-litem(GAL) will make a reasonable effort to become familiar with the needs of a juvenile by consultation with juvenile in his or her respective placement within 2 weeks of appointment and every 3 (was 6) months thereafter		Monitor
LB266	Crawford		Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM122; AM122 Adopted; Select File w/ER30; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved	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

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LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015		to clarify that SID special assessments also survive the tax deed method so that SID special assessments are treated the same no matter which method a tax certificate holder uses to exercise his or rights to the property purchased at a tax sale		
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			Oppose
LB288	Ebke		Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Business and Labor	3/9/2015		Any collective-bargaining agreement involving a public employer entered into, renewed, or extended on or after the effective date of this act shall not contain provisions requiring or allowing the deduction of dues		Support

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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	General File 2/20			
LB293	Schnoor		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		LB 293 would reduce the value of agricultural and horticultural land for taxation purposes. The rate would be reduced down to 65%, currently the range is between 69% to 75%.		
LB295	Scheer		Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM323	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

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LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			Monitor
LB309	Davis		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund		
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 are eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters		
LB325	Davis	Speaker Had	Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File 3/10	Makes changes to the provisions dealing with rural and suburban fire protection districts	[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	3/16/2015			Support	Support
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/2015				

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LB337	Harr		Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act	Natural Resources	2/5/2015		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		Oppose
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		

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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		LB 344 gives Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) the power and authority to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing all or part of the cost of non-revenue-producing water projects authorized by law		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	Speaker Had	Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM598; AM598 Adopted;			
LB350	Brasch	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	Revenue	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File w/AM803; Harr AM867 Filed; AM803 Adopted; AM867 Withdrawn; Harr AM930 Filed; AM930 Adopted; Select File w/ER54; Harr AM977 Filed;	provide safe, decent and affordable rent-restricted housing in Nebraska. LB 356 prescribes standards and methods for the determination of value of real property at uniform and proportionate values		Neutral
LB357	Smith	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/2015				Oppose

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LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015		LB 359 increases a state fee collected by local subdivisions assessed upon licensure of cats and dogs		
LB376	Hansen		Provide that public charitable corporations are subject to the Deferred Building Renewal Act	Executive Board	2/17/2015		The purpose of LB 376 is to allow for Public Charitable Corporations to request funding under the Deferred Building Renewal Act		Monitor
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		<i>Land owner with 160 acres of crop land may have 30 acres to 160 acres valued as pasture if planted to perennial cover</i>		
LB387	Schnoor		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		The State Treasurer shall transfer sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015		Oppose

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LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/2015		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(l)(iii) to read: <u>plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars</u>		
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		An action would not be taken against an individual for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property, if that person has been in actual possession for twenty years		[NACO Priority]

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LB414	Harr	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015	General File	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	Speaker Had	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	General File w/AM200; AM200 Adopted;			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	General File 2/18	LB 420 would require a salesperson or real estate broker or owner to have acknowledgement from purchaser he or she understands property lies within an SID		Monitor
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015				

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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		
LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/2015	General File w/AM733		[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		Appropriation for FY 2015-16 for 20,000,000 to the property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Second appropriation of same amount for FY 2016-17.		
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	General File w/AM396	This bill would create a licensure process for "party buses" as well as pedal vehicles where you can consume alcohol		Monitor
LB472	Campbell	Health and H	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	Health and Human Services	2/25/2015	General File w/AM676	This year's Medicaid expansion effort also includes a redesign of Medicaid.	Support	

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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
LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/2015	General File w/AM485	Removes: all counties, townships, cities, and villages of Nebraska that may erect or aid in the erection of statues, monuments, or other memorials commemorating the services of the members of the Armed Forces of the Civil, Spanish – American, or World Wars or the Korean or Vietnam conflict to be located upon the public lands or within the public buildings within such county, township, city or village	Monitor	
LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM691; AM691 Adopted;			

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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	Speaker Hadley	Require application for medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015	General File w/AM650; AM650 Adopted;	On or before July 1, 2015, the department shall submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services		

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LB502	Krist		State intent to establish a family court pilot project	Judiciary	2/26/2015		Legislature declares family courts programs to be working and that the Supreme Court shall establish a pilot project of family court in Douglas County		
LB514	Craighead		Change provisions relating to registering to vote and voting early at the same time	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015	General File 2/23	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		LB 518 establishes the Nebraska Health Savings Account Plan to provide state funds for eligible recipients		

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LB539	Watermeier	Speaker Hadley	Change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/6/2015	General File w/AM487; Crawford AM653 Filed;	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		
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	General File w/AM697			

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LB549	Campbell		Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	2/20/2015		LB549 creates the Health Care Transformation Act to encourage collaboration among all health care system stakeholders in the state to create a 15 year vision to include the Building Blocks of Health Care		Oppose
LB556	Kolowski		Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent	Business and Labor			, at the option of the employee, make the exclusive remedy protection for the employer inapplicable in cases where the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court has made a determination that the injury is due to the willful negligence of the employer		
LB560	Williams		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	Appropriations	3/3/2015		Appropriation of \$25,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2015-16 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for building projects at the Nebraska Innovation Campus		Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB561	Stinner	Stinner	Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	General File 2/23			
LB564	Lindstrom		Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015		LB 564 states that roadside mowing be done on a scheduled rotational basis with no more than one-third of the county property mowed within a one year		Support
LB567	Johnson		Permit transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2/11/2015		LB 567 seeks to establish legislative intent of the law and to clarify the section		Support
LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2015	General File w/AM398	LB 570 states that between sunrise and sunset, a city, county, or village may implement standards for golf car vehicles for use. This includes that if an operator is found guilty of a violation and having no limited liability insurance would be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor		Support
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>		

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LB575	Murante	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting, write-in candidates, and filling vacancies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015				Oppose
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015	General File w/AM189			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		Changes the motor vehicle tax schedule for motor vehicles other than passenger cars; automobiles and motorcycles. Operative date of January 1, 2016		
LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose

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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		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		

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LB593	Nordquist		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to study current health data systems	Appropriations	3/3/2015		LB 593 Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund FY 2015-2016, to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to fund the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a current study of Nebraska health data systems		[NACO Priority]
LB602	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change collection provisions relating to judges retirement fees	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM308	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; Bill Withdrawn			Support

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LB605	Mello	Speaker Hadley	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		LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session		
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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LB610	Smith	Friesen	Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015	General File 3/11	This bill would increase the motor vehicle fuel excise tax by \$1.50 over the course of four 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		LB615 would require the frozen assessed value to be adjusted after any substantial improvements by the owner to the homestead		
LB623	Nordquist	McCollister	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		LB 631 states that the state shall accept the provisions of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, public law 111-148		Monitor
LB633	Stinner		Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties	Appropriations	3/18/2015	Stinner AM880 Filed;	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		Department may require permits for the control of vegetation in the vicinity of advertising signs, displays or devices placed		

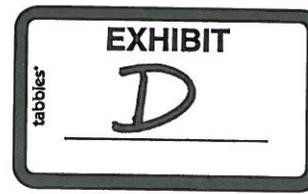
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LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015				
LB649	Kintner	McCoy	Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015	General File w/AM821	LB 649 states that all votes taken by public officials in the course of their public duties shall be considered public record.		
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				

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LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM885	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		

The logo for the Lancaster Event Center features a green silhouette of a building with a flag on top. Below the silhouette, the words "LANCASTER EVENT CENTER" are written in a bold, black, serif font, underlined.

LANCASTER EVENT CENTER

County Board Update

Amy Dickerson, Managing Director

March 26, 2015

Events update



- ▶ Recent shows:
 - ▶ Car Swap Meet—biggest ever per promoters (weather), went smooth
 - ▶ Circus 10 shows -overall pleased though attendance down 2000 due to competing events/weather...still tallying the dollars but increased online sales to ~20% from less than 5%; short ticket lines vs. previous facility
- ▶ New /expanded shows
 - ▶ Bull ride /dance with live band monthly—P2 Saturday, eventually in Muhlbach
 - ▶ UNL Rodeo moving to Pav. 4 from Pav. 3 to drive more attendance
 - ▶ Regional Pony Club for 3 years (with CVB grant help)
- ▶ Recent commitments
 - ▶ Mid-States Rodeo recommitted for 4th year with 5th & 6th year in negotiation
 - ▶ Oct. Barrel Bash—3 years (with CVB grant help)
- ▶ Proposals pending: (all with CVB grant help)
 - ▶ Simmental Show 2017
 - ▶ National Alpaca Show -pending for future years
 - ▶ National Sheepdog Show (could be every 3 years)

Lancaster County Events Center

Project Priority List and Schedule

March 10, 2015

Task	Task Description	Before Fair					After Fair			
		March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	
Priority # 1 Projects (Before Fair)										
1	North Lincoln Rm and MPA Café Facades & Merchandising									
	Prelim redlines drawings to Hampton									
	final drawings									
2	Front Concrete Pad Replacement + P1 NW Walk									
	Move donor bricks from Lincoln Room To Business Center corridor east wall with new casework TBD -Heather is working on design. Improve history story on Bus Center corridor east wall – lower Hall of Fame plaques, update logo, tell history/role of Ag Society –Heather is working on design									
3	Donor Wall Relocation (Business Center)									
	Heather finalizing floor treatment space. Finalize amount of flooring to be included – priority is entrance inside 2nd set of doors just on Lincoln side to the front of the Lincoln North Cafe. Business Center flooring priorities—front lobby, corridor, nice to do if time/\$\$ also in front of Amy's Cafe, Lancaster Room									
4	Lincoln Room/Business Cntr Floor (at Office/Café Entrances)									
	Priority # 1: East Wall, 2 large screens + minor graphic treatment (LEC logo, paint the wall where the screens are) Priority #2: Smaller digital screen/graphics on west wall above Amy's Café entrance									
5	Amy's Arena Sponsor Signage/Graphics									
	Drawings by mid April including placement of potential concession equipment from Footlines									
6	P2 Guest Services & Façade Design									
	CE to provide spec. Tell the LEC current/future story—Heather working on a design Walls need refreshing, entrance doors to adjoining buildings marked Need to add a retracting divider wall to divide the lobby between 2 events									
7	Hand Dryers									
	Inner merchandiser: liquor shelf, kitchen door, digital menu screens. Other façade for two window and digital menu screens									
8	Lobby / Corridor Brand Story (Donor Wall)									
	Sliding barn door from Amy's Café courtyard to allow access to Lancaster Room for overflow café seating. Sign on wall under the door "Café Seating".									
9	Amy's Arena Café Façade									
10	Lancaster Room Opening / Sliding Door									
Priority #2 Projects (After Fair)										
1	P3 Ex Hall Concessions									
2	P1 Wash Bay (convert to Austin Blues/QuickStop)									
3	P4 Wash Bay (convert to Storage)									
4	P4 Pop-up Stands									
5	Custodial Closet (Men's Restroom @ Link)									
6	South MPA/Lincoln Room Café Facades									
7	Outdoor Storage									
8	South Storage Corridor									
9	MPA Entrance Doors Replacement									

Design

Construction

Pipeline Phase 2.5 projects

Bi-weekly Phase 2.5 subcommittee meetings (Trudy, Kendra, Jim)



1. Done or final bids in hand	2. Getting bids	3. Designing & finalizing specs	4. Pending master plan or bandwidth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing web site to manage sealed bids \$15.25K • Floor wet scrubber \$13.2K • Lighting Pavilion 4 & 2 ~\$90K • Fiber network upgrade for new wireless \$23K • Launch ticket selling launch Nov 24 \$11K • Higher exit signs • Minor concessions improvements before Farm & Power Show ~\$40K • Other critical equipment • Concrete Pavilion 4 to pillars • Trade show carpet • Marketing brand re-launch (logos by Feb) • Website re-launch (by June 1) • Event planning software (start in March) • Wireless inside & outside TBD (contract signed, in final design, install by June 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot lights (CVB grant) • Sponsor signage in P4 • Fencing (CVB grant) • Front of Lincoln concrete • Hand dryers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Center lobby—story of LEC & movable wall • Donor Wall/History move to Bus Center • Concessions facades & merchandising: Amy's, N. Lincoln/MPA before fair • Water/electric needed for fair, wireless • Lancaster Room open up to be overflow café seating • Shavings/Camping guest services office/stand in P2 • Flooring—Bus. Center, Lincoln • Roof leaks • Security cameras/swiper doors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash register system • Storage inside (use S. hallway) • P3 drainage issue (pending master plan) • Campground upgrades (CVB grant?) • Banquet bathroom re-do • Permanent Signage inside/out • Etc. • MPA A/C—no go \$850K

SuperFair web site outline



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Super Fair Home Page

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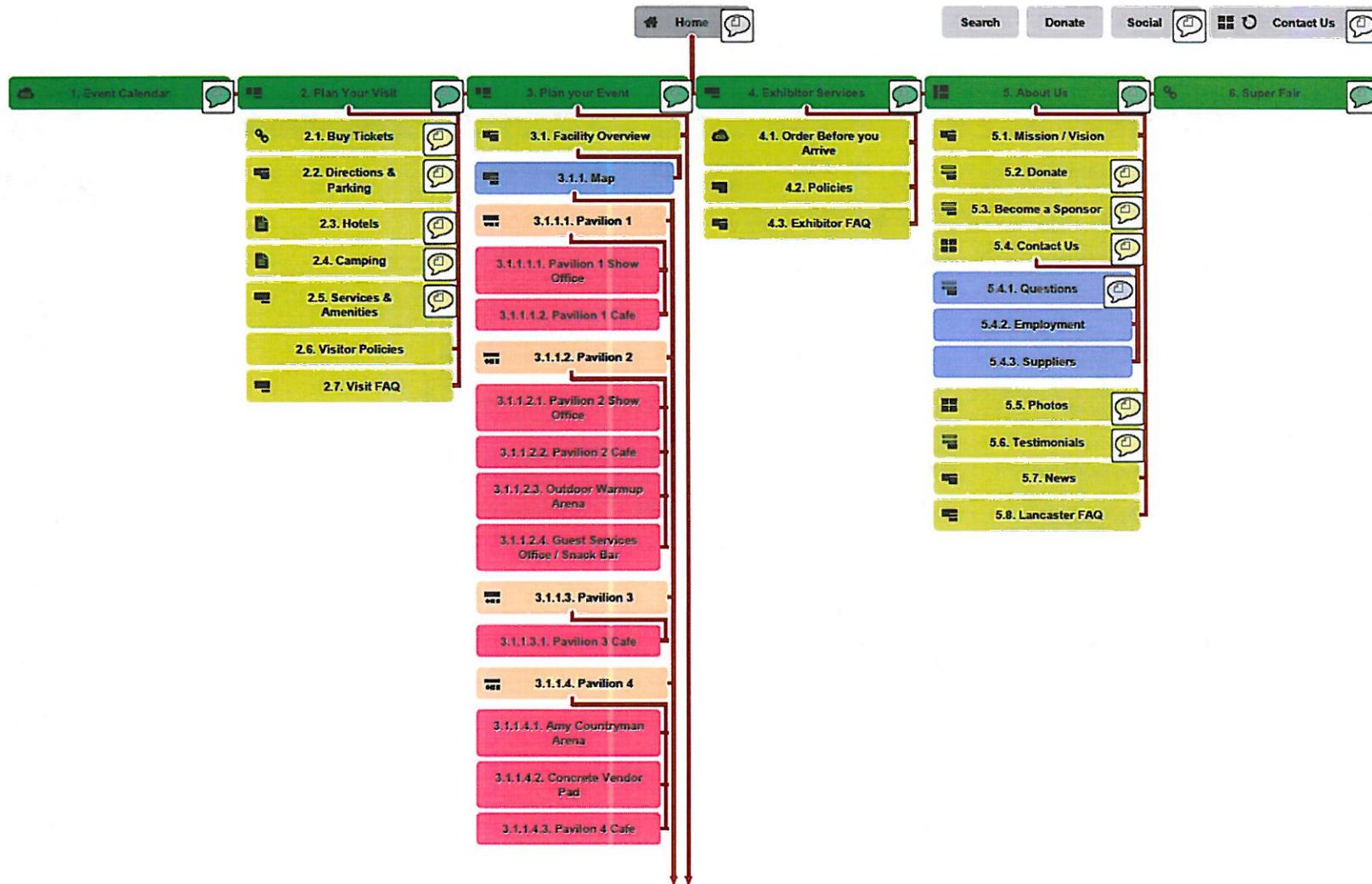
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New online shavings reservation & pay system



STEP 2 - Purchase Shavings

Event: Test (6003)
Event Dates: Friday, 03/20/15

Shavings Order Form

Please provide your building and stall numbers below and enter in the number of bags of shavings that you require.

Order Details

Building:*

Deliver to Stall Number(s):*

Shavings Delivery Date:* (MM/DD/YYYY)

Shavings Delivery Time:*

Number of Shavings per Stall:

Special Instructions:

► Please check to make sure the total number of shavings to be purchased is reflected below in your cart.

Item	Quantity/Price	Item Total
Shavings	<input type="text"/> \$8.41 Bag	\$0.00

For assistance using our Shavings Order Form please contact us at 402-441-6545.

- Save labor selling shavings
- Can print a report to do pre-delivery to stalls for each show
- Less time in line for customer on arrival, shavings waiting for them

New online camping reservation & pay system going live



Camp Site Availability Search

Welcome! Take advantage of getting out of the house with fun events and a friendly atmosphere by staying at our campgrounds. Please fill out the below information according to your overnight preferences in order to find a date and campsite to fit your specific needs. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.

[Click here to view our Campground Map](#)

Arrival Date:* 3/21/15 - 3/21/15

Date search information:

- Date format: MM/DD/YY
- Available Search Date Range: Saturday, March 21, 2015 - Wednesday, June 17, 2015
- Maximum Search Day Span: 14

Arrival Times: 12 AM 00 - 11 PM 45

Number of People at Your Camp Site:*

Space Type:

- All ----
- 30 Amp -Grass Camp Site
- 30 Amp -Gravel Camp Site
- 50 Amp - Grass Camp Site
- 50 Amp - Gravel Camp Site

Click the button below to continue on and view your results.

Search

Thank you for your interest in staying at the Lancaster Event Center campgrounds. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have regarding our campgrounds at 402.441.6545. We hope to see you soon!

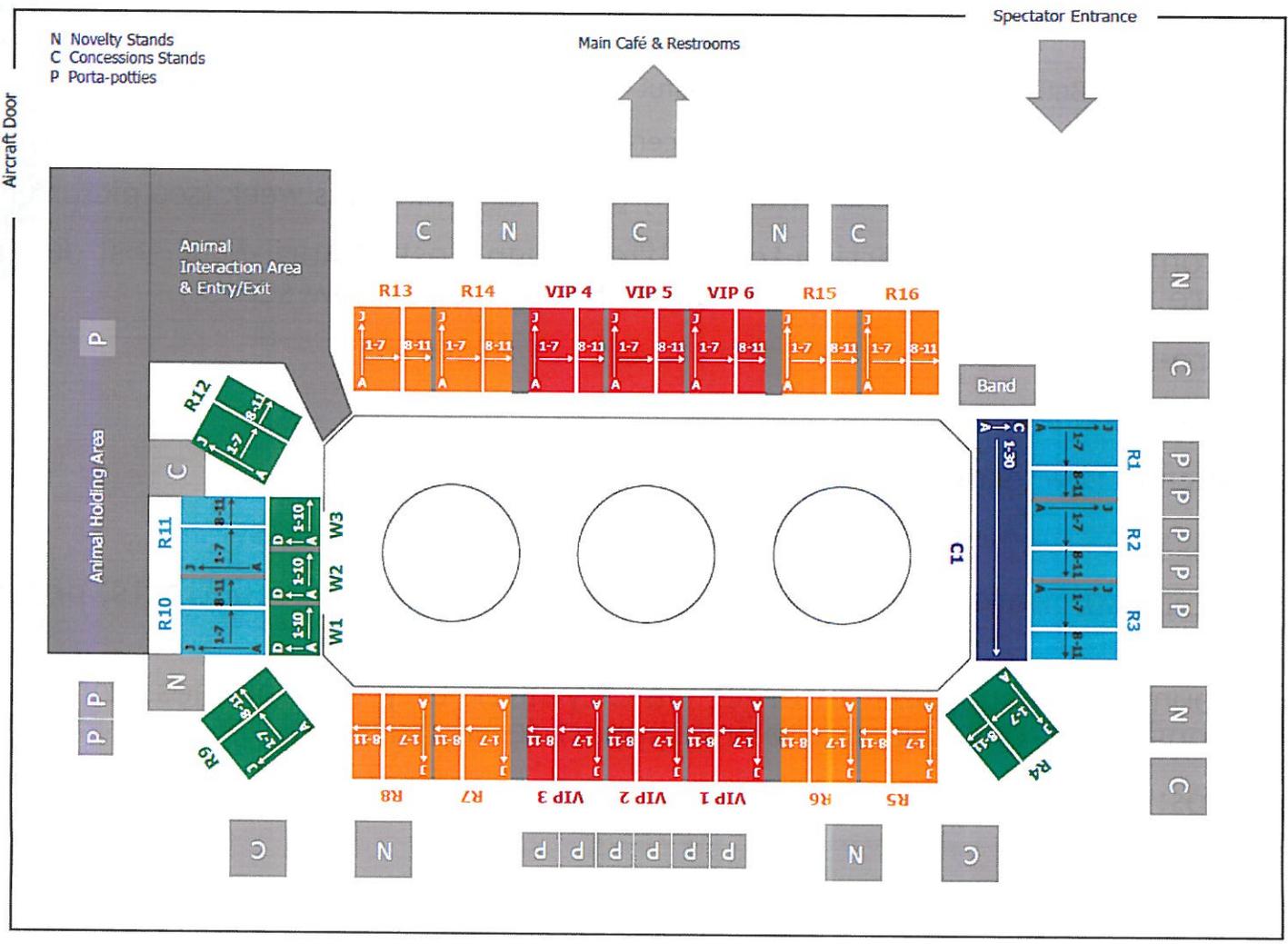
- Save office labor e.g. 200 phone reservations for Bonus Race Finals in June
- Now we can advertise our camping more easily online



Sesostris Shrine Circus Ticket Chart

March 11-15, 2015 | Pavilion 4

- Reserved VIP Center Ring Premier Seating \$17
- Reserved Side Ring \$15
- Reserved End Ring Tall \$15
- Reserved End Ringside \$15
- Handicapped End Ringside \$15



LEC re-launch update



- ▶ New revenue services:
 - ▶ Ticketing
 - ▶ Jan. PCRA Bull Ride, March Circus successful
 - ▶ Next: UNL Rodeo, Fair: Easton Corbin concert/Muhlbach Motorsports events
 - ▶ Camping & Shaving online reservation / pay portal launching this week (see picture)
- ▶ Wireless: contract signed, starting to finalize design, install April-May, test June so ready before fair; new revenues year-round & esp. trade show season
- ▶ Marketing re-launch
 - ▶ 100-person online survey
 - ▶ Transition to new logos, tagline April - Fairtime
- ▶ Web site: design complete, now in development, opening June 1st
- ▶ Event planning software: team in training, starting to enter our contracts, pricing etc.
- ▶ Ongoing County/City support: internet via City fiber, City VOIP phones, wireless design & consulting, ongoing purchasing support (eBid, surplus)
- ▶ Sponsorships: goal to increase from \$70K to \$300K; \$55K+ locked in from hotels, fair already
- ▶ Community Relations: Waverly Kiwanis, Agri-business Club, ELBA, Gateway Sertoma