

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 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  
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 May 27, 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 STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 21, 2015**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the May 21, 2015 Staff Meeting minutes. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A. Report on Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee Meeting

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

- 3**    **A) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** - Joe Kohout and Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates  
      **B) REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE BILL (LB) 605** - Jim Rowoldt, Interim Chief Adult Probation Officer

### **A) Legislative Update**

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

- A bill that could serve as a “vehicle” for an amendment for the provision of Legislative Bill (LB) 542 (Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies) could not be identified. He said the bill is on General File and said they will work over the interim to identify a prioritizer so the bill will be ready to go early next legislative session.
- The Governor signed 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) and LB 605A (Appropriation Bill). Kohout noted there had been questions relating to how the County can access County Justice Reinvestment Grant Program funding and said that will be worked out through the Nebraska Crime Commission’s rules and regulations process.

Kohout noted Hudkins had inquired about the appropriation for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Staff Meeting. He said an additional \$5,200,000 was requested for health departments statewide but only \$200,000 was appropriated. Kohout estimated \$26,000 of that amount will come to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD).

Schorr asked Kohout to identify one area in which he feels Lancaster County is weak in terms of the Governor’s budget. Kohout stressed the County needs to monitor implementation of LB 605. He said the County needs to be able to provide data on how the money is being spent and know the impacts of LB 605 long-term. He noted the County Juvenile Aid Program has “ramped up” significantly since it was passed and said concerns have been expressed that funding requests were not at the level anticipated. Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, appeared and said there was a very quick turnaround when the funds were first appropriated for community aid and consequently some agencies did not have enough time to apply. She said the assumption that too much money was appropriated is false and felt the “story” behind the application for funds needs to be communicated. Schindler also pointed out a portion of the funds allocated to the County is being “carved out” for the Juvenile Justice Institute in Omaha and the Nebraska Crime Commission for data

collection and said it will be important for those agencies impacted by LB 605 to determine whether they would prefer to have a state institution to do the evaluation or have it done locally so they can better control what is being evaluated. Kohout said he believes the funds will be susceptible to reduction in the long-term.

## **B) Report on Legislation Bill (LB) 605**

Jim Rowoldt, Interim Chief Adult Probation Officer, said the Administrative Office of Probation has studied the different facets of LB 605 and believes the impact on Adult Probation will be minor initially. A gradual increase in caseloads is anticipated over the next few years. He said Adult Probation may pick up a few new re-entry officers and indicated they might be located at the prison. There may also be a need for an additional reporting center. Rowoldt said the Council of State Government (CSG) sees it more as a shift of how supervision is done, noting some probation officers may be shifted to high-risk cases. He said the probation officers that supervise those type of cases spend a lot of time out in the field and have minimal office needs. They might even be able to work remotely.

Hudkins asked Rowoldt whether the laptop computers for those officers would be purchased by the County or State. Rowoldt said the State would supply the equipment but the probation officers would need connectivity.

## **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Report on Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee Meeting

Amundson said concerns were expressed about the projection of a \$7,518,382 deficit as the County begins its budget process and said Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, explained the figure does not reflect any change in valuation. There were also questions about whether the County would be saving money by renovating the 605 Building. Meyer said he was asked whether the County plans to privatize any other functions and said Ann Post, Director of Policy and Research for LIBA, submitted additional questions to him following the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

- B. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Monthly Meeting - Hudkins

Hudkins said there were questions about the County's budget and he explained that much depends on property valuations and the Board of Equalization (BOE) process.

- 4 **LANCASTER COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION COMMITTEE (VPC) RECOMMENDATIONS: A) REQUEST FROM LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR \$10,000 GRANT FROM VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND; B) REQUEST FROM NEBRASKA SPORTS COUNCIL FOR \$10,000 FROM VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND; C) REQUEST FROM ABBOTT MOTOCROSS PARK FOR \$221,196.53 GRANT FROM THE VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND; AND D) REQUEST FROM LINCOLN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) TO USE \$180,000 FROM VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VISITORS PROMOTION** - Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) Chair; Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director

**C) Request from Abbott Motocross Park for \$221,196.53 Grant from Visitors Improvement Fund**

Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) Chair, said the Abbott Motocross Park has requested \$221,196.53 to complete a four phase facility improvement project:

- Phase 1 - Install a permanent office building for daily customer use and to serve as event headquarters.
- Phase 2 - Install permanent fencing around the perimeter of riding areas.
- Phase 3 - Install a park shelter and furnish it with picnic tables and grills.
- Phase 4 - Widen the entryway to the facility to allow for separate entrance and exit lanes that are separated by a new ticket booth.

Additional improvements to enhance the facility, including planting of shade trees, landscaping, additional bleachers, a bike-wash station and adding rockered access roads and walkways, will be made at the expense of the facility.

Lattimer said the VPC requested clarification on the estimated number of hotel rooms for projected regional/national events and said Abbott Motocross Park indicated it has a 75% chance at hosting a regional or national event in 2016, with an estimated 300-350 room nights, if improvements are in place. Hosting the first event increases the probability of securing two additional events. She said they anticipate the three events would equate to 600 room nights and would have a \$225,000 economic impact.

Lattimer said it was also clarified that Phases 1, 2 and 4 are required to bid on regional and national events. There is no other track in Nebraska that can host such events. She said the VPC recommended funding in the amount of \$150,000, to be spent on Phases 1, 2 and 4, and encouraged the group to obtain additional bids and other donations to offset the difference in cost.

Hudkins felt a park shelter is needed in inclement weather. Lattimer said the VPC did not feel it met their mission to increase tourism dollars.

Schorr exited the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director, said he views the shelter as a "value added" opportunity and said participants will bring shade structures if needed.

Schorr returned to the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and inquired about the Visitors Improvement Fund balance. Meyer estimated it at \$360,000 which he said should cover the current fiscal year and Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. He said the only commitment beyond that period is \$500,000 for the Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Schorr asked Lattimer and Maul whether they are aware of any other funding requests coming forward. Maul said the only one he is aware of is one from the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center for the Prairie Corridor Trail.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, pointed out the County has a vested interest in the track succeeding. **NOTE:** The County and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) were co-applicants for the Recreational Trails Program Grant that funded construction of the track and under terms of their contract with the Nebraska Game and Parks Department for the project, they must operate and maintain the track for not less than 20 years following completion of the project

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved to increase the amount of funding to the Abbott Motocross Track to \$188,000, with a recommendation the facility move ahead with the park shelter if they have savings in other areas of the project.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to approve the Visitors Promotion Committee's (VPC's) recommendation of funding for Abbott Motocross Park in the amount of \$150,000. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**A) Request from Lancaster County Agricultural Society for \$10,000 Grant from Visitors Improvement Fund and B) Request form Nebraska Sports Council for \$10,000 from Visitors Improvement Fund**

Lattimer said the requests from the Lancaster County Agricultural Society and Nebraska Sports Council represent a creative partnership between two organizations to maximize the audiences of each and encourage tourists to stay longer in the

community. The Lancaster County Agricultural Society has requested \$10,000 to fund an official closing ceremony for 4H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) exhibitors and State Games of America participants at the Lancaster County Super Fair. The Nebraska Sports Council has requested \$10,000 to be used for promotion and advertising costs associated with the event. She said the State Games of America is projected to attract up to 60,000 athletes, family and friends, including 8,000 athletes from out-of-state. Lattimer said 20-30% will be staying in Lincoln and are interested in things to do. Volunteers for the event will be allowed to attend the closing ceremonies at no cost, therefore spending more money to benefit the Fair. She noted if tourist facilities are deemed adequate, funds can be used for marketing including medals and fireworks. Lattimer said the VPC recommended approval of the grant requests, at \$10,000 each, finding that tourist facilities are adequate.

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Hudkins seconded to approve the Visitors Promotion Committee's (VPC's) recommendation of funding for the Lancaster County Agricultural Society and Nebraska Sports Council in the amount of \$10,000 each.

Eagan recommended the wording for the Lancaster County Agricultural Society's funding request be changed to indicate it is for both capital improvement and promotion.

The maker of the motion and the seconder concurred with the recommendation.

**ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION:** Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**D) Request from Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to use \$180,000 from Visitors Improvement Fund for Visitors Promotion**

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director, presented a recommendation from the VPC that ½% of lodging tax funds for January, 2015 through April, 2015 be released to the CVB to cover past and existing bid fees, having deemed that tourist facilities are adequate (Exhibit C). The bid fees are as follows: \$85,000 for Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Girls State Basketball Tournaments, \$85,000 for NSAA Boys State Basketball Tournaments and \$10,000 for Formula SAE, a student automotive engineering design competition. He said the CVB has made requests for use of the funds for promotion on biannual basis and said it may move to quarterly requests.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to approve the lodging tax request from the Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau, as presented.

Eagan noted the request for use of the Visitors Improvement Fund for visitor promotion will be presented in resolution form at the June 2, 2015 County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

In response to a question from Avery, Meyer said the request is built into budget projections.

Wiltgen inquired about the economic impact of NSAA Girls State and Boys State Basketball tournaments to the community. Maul said it is approximately \$3,500,000 each.

**ROLL CALL:** Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**5 PENDING LITIGATION** - Richard Grabow, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

**ROLL CALL:** Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

A. Voting Credentials for National Association of County Officials (NACo) 2015 Annual Conference

Hudkins indicated interest in attending a National Association of County Officials (NACo) conference. Schorr expressed concern the Board would be setting a precedent if it approved travel to the conference, noting out-of-state travel has generally been prohibited the last few years unless it was related to certification or training or covered by grant funding.

There was general consensus to allow a commissioner to attend if they paid their own expenses. If one of the commissioners decides to attend, the Board will authorize voting credentials.

## B. Reconsideration of Personnel Policy Board Appointments

Copies of the state statutes relating to the Personnel Policy Board and members' qualifications, powers, duties, etc., were disseminated (Exhibit D).

It was noted the Board decided at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Staff Meeting, with only three commissioners present, to contact Linda Crump and Mike Thew and ask if they would be interested in serving on the Personnel Policy Board. Eagan said he spoke with Thew and said he indicated he would be willing to serve. He said he has not contacted L. Crump.

Schorr said she believes it is important to appoint someone with labor management experience.

Hudkins noted there would have to be a vote to reconsider that action at this meeting, according to Robert's Rules of Order, if the Board wants to change that decision.

There was consensus to let the previous action stand.

## **DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

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

Avery said they approved expenditures totaling \$83,536.09.

### C. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Amundson, Hudkins

Amundson said they approved several purchase orders, noting the funds will be held pending receipt of the items ordered. She said the JPA will decide at the next meeting whether to apply the \$1,100,000 in bond proceeds remaining from the construction of the Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LCADF) to construction of a sally port in the 605 Building or roll the funds into the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds.

## **6 UPDATE ON WIND ENERGY TEXT AMENDMENT WORKING GROUP AND PUBLIC PROCESS** - Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department; Scott Holmes, Environmental Public Health Division Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD); Chris Schroeder, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, LLCHD

Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, introduced Tom Cajka who is replacing Sara Hartzell as the County Planner.

Henrichsen also gave an update on the Commercial Wind Text Amendment Public Process to look at updating the regulations for large commercial wind energy turbines (Exhibit E). He noted there had been a proposal from Volkswind USA to amend the current County regulations with the intent of building a wind farm near Hallam, Nebraska (the area of application was within Lancaster and Gage Counties). Henrichsen said Volkswind's proposed text amendment was moving to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission in January, 2015 when a determination was made that there hadn't been enough public input. Volkswind withdrew the text amendment and a Working Group comprised of 12 members with varied interests was formed to develop a text amendment that permits commercial wind energy projects provided there is adequate protection to adjacent property owners and residents. They were joined by up to nine representatives of Gage County who were working on the same issue. A series of meetings were held that were open to the public. Scott Holmes, Environmental Public Health Division Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), said several experts testified on noise issues. **NOTE:** See Exhibit E for a draft of the topics that were discussed at the meetings.

Henrichsen noted Volkswind had also submitted six special permits that are on hold until a text amendment is in place (see map in Exhibit E). He said Volkswind has 52 separate leaseholders in Lancaster and Gage Counties, covering approximately 4,000 acres in Gage County and 7,000 in Lancaster County. Their overall proposal includes 54 wind turbines, 38 of which would be in Lancaster County.

Henrichsen also discussed the next steps in the process for new County zoning regulations for Commercial Wind Energy (see Exhibit E).

Avery inquired about coordination with Gage County. Henrichsen said Gage County had already adopted an ordinance and have approved a wind farm in the southern portion of their county. He said Gage County indicated interest in looking at the issue but didn't necessarily indicate they wanted to make substantial changes to their regulations. Henrichsen said some portions of the regulations for the two counties may be similar but other areas may be very different, particularly in terms of noise.

Schorr asked whether the applicant would be able to proceed with their proposed wind farm under the proposed text amendment. Henrichsen said he is not sure as Volkswind has expressed concerns whether they could meet all of the proposed noise and setback conditions as it is currently drafted. He noted one of the issues brought forward in the process is that Lancaster County has a different development pattern than many other counties.

Hudkins said he has heard there is interest in developing another wind farm in northwest Lancaster County.

Avery inquired about "pushback" from Volkswind. Henrichsen said Volkswind would like to have less restrictions in terms of noise and setbacks on their leaseholders, their thought being those individuals have already accepted a higher level of impact. Holmes explained the proposed regulations are written to treat those who chose to have a lease and adjacent property owners equally relative to noise levels from the wind turbines.

Amundson inquired about the impact on county roads from the machinery and equipment. Henrichsen said some counties have said 100% of the cost of necessary road improvements during construction falls to the applicant. The same could apply during decommissioning.

Avery exited the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Amundson also inquired about the estimated economic impact for landowners and the County. Henrichsen said he doesn't have that specific information today.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### **D. Meeting with Planning Department - Amundson, Hudkins**

Amundson said discussion focused on the following: 1) The proposed Commercial Wind Text Amendment; 2) A large facility east of Hickman that is being used for recreational purposes without a special permit; and 3) A follow-up meeting on the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) will be held at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

### **7 NEW CHILD SUPPORT ATTORNEY - Joe Kelly, County Attorney**

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, renewed his request for an additional full-time attorney for the Child Support Division (see April 9, 2015 Staff Meeting minutes). He said need is twofold: 1) Caseload demands; and 2) A supervision issue in the Child Support Division. Kelly said one of the attorneys will assume some day-to-day supervision duties while still maintaining an active caseload. The total cost is estimated at \$91,800 and the federal IV-D Program will reimburse the County for two-thirds of the cost. Kelly said he would not fill the position until the second half of the new fiscal year, which would reduce the County's outlay to about \$15,000. He said he will try to find savings in other areas to keep the budget in line with what was submitted. Kelly said he would like to hire one of his law clerks and requested authorization to offer that individual the position.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to grant the County Attorney's request to proceed with hiring an additional full-time attorney for the Child Support Division. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

## **8 BUDGET UPDATE - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer**

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, presented a revised Lancaster County, Property Tax Funded Budgets, FY 2016 Requested Compared to FY 2015 Adopted (Exhibit F). **NOTE:** Highlighted figures reflect changes. He also included a spreadsheet showing a breakdown of General Fund agencies to indicate the percentages for salaries and benefits and total expenditures and the dollar amounts for personal services, supplies, charges and capital outlay.

Schorr said the Lancaster County Proposed Budget for FY 2016 (copy is on file in the County Clerk's Office) shows the number of full-time equivalents (FTE's) budgeted for the Corrections Department as 213 for FY 2015 and 217 for FY 2016 and asked the reason for the difference. Meyer said he will ask Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, to attend the June 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting to answer questions regarding his budget.

Meyer said he will also ask Jennifer Kulwicki, District Court Administrator, to come back and discuss the billing system; salary increases for bailiffs and the law clerks; and video conferencing.

Meyer said Joe Nigro, Public Defender, would like the Board to make a decision on the half time attorney position he had requested and said Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, has indicated the re-entry grant will cover that cost from January-September, 2015. Schorr asked whether there is a possibility of continued funding if Hoyle reapplies for the grant. Meyer said he does not know. Schorr noted Nigro has also requested a social worker position and suggested he prioritize those two positions. Meyer said he will ask Nigro to come back and address those positions. Schorr suggested it might be beneficial to have Hoyle come as well.

Wiltgen said he would like to have another discussion about health insurance costs.

Meyer said several of the labor unions already have a contract in place for next year. He said many include 2.5% salary increases and said he will work with Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office, to project a 2.5% increase for all of the employees who are not under a labor contract so the Board can see the total figure.

Meyer said the Board will also need to make decisions regarding vehicles for Noxious Weeds and Community Corrections and out-of-state travel. Schorr asked whether the Purchasing Department could get a quote for a quality used vehicle for Community Corrections. Amundson suggested the Board consider a car pool system. Wiltgen

agreed it is something to explore. Eagan noted all county vehicles are in the name of Lancaster County.

In terms of the current year's budget, Meyer indicated plans to schedule a public hearing on June 9<sup>th</sup> to amend the Workers' Compensation and Mental Health Funds by \$100,000 each in order to provide spending authority.

## **9 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

## **10 CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

## **11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. Voting Credentials for National Association of County Officials (NACo) 2015 Annual Conference
- B. Reconsideration of Personnel Policy Board Appointments

Items A and B were moved forward on the agenda.

## **12 PENDING**

There were no pending items.

## **13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

- A. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Avery
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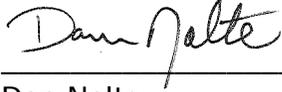
Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

## **14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no emergency items or other business.

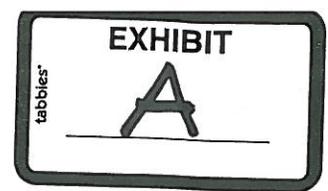
## **15 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: May 28, 2015

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

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Please accept this as the fifteenth of your weekly reports for the 2015 Legislative Session. Today is day 88. This week the Legislature has focused its debate on LB176, a bill that would allow for corporate ownership of hogs. The debate has lasted for over 8 hours during the last two days. Ultimately, there were only 31 votes to invoke cloture - 2 votes short. The Legislature also took up Senator Chambers' motion to override the governor's veto of LB268 - the repeal of the death penalty - and was successful with 30-19 votes in favor of the override.

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 Senator 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 fuel excise taxes.**  
**Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of 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. The bill advanced to Select File on April 1, 2015. The bill advanced to Final Reading on April 13, 2015. Senator Smith's motion to override the Governor's veto passed with 30-16-3 votes.

As a result of this measure, the estimated revenue for Lancaster County over the next five years is as follows: FY2016 - \$107,715; FY2017 - \$434,260; FY2018 - \$760,772; FY2019 - \$1,087,283; and FY2020 \$1,306,046.

**LB 626 – Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution.**  
**Introduced by Senator 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: MONITOR. 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 Senator 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. The Appropriations Committee chose not to fund this at any level because of the potential passage of LB610.

**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, this legislation is not likely to move in the current legislative session.*

**LB 105 - Change Provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries**  
Introduced by Senator 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 with an amendment attached. We have provided that amendment with a previous report.

**LB 427 – Provide for payment of probation office cost by the state**  
Introduced by Senator 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 Senator 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. The hearing on this bill was on March 9, 2015. Douglas County Board Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, Mr. Mark Foxall, Director of Corrections for Douglas County and Elaine Menzel, NACO all testified in support. No opponent testimony and Eric Dunning for Blue Cross Blue Shield testified in a neutral capacity. The bill is still in committee. It is not likely to move this session.

**RAISE COUNTY FEES:**

**LB 88 – Raise marriage license fees**

**Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln**

**Hearing Date: January 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 Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln  
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015  
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. The debate on this measure occurred last Wednesday and after 3 hours of debate, the Legislature bracketed LB 472. By way of reminder, the only record vote was on adoption of the committee amendment. Those members of the Lancaster County delegation voting in support were: Baker, Bolz, Campbell, Haar, Hansen, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks. Those who voted not to adopt the committee amendment were: Coash, Ebke. The bill will not come up again this year.

- 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 introduced LR 196 on April 20, 2015.

4. **Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent:** LB61 was heard before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. 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. The committee re-appropriated \$2.5 million for FY 2015 - 2016 and appropriated \$2.5 million in General Funds for 2016 - 2017 into behavioral health aid. They did not include the \$250,000 to fund Counselling Associates however there is a pot of one - time money of \$500,000 that is available to the Regions for one - time costs. The budget package was signed by the Governor with no mainline vetoes. 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 Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln**

**Hearing Date: February 20, 2015**

**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. While the bill was not advanced on its own, the provisions of this bill have been included as part of the Committee Amendment to LB 598. That amendment has been forwarded to Mr. Eagan. LB 598 was placed on Final Reading on May 13th, 2015, with AM 1587.

6. Monitor Adult Corrections Reform. We will continue to monitor introductions for legislation that affects adult corrections reform.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 before the Judiciary Committee. Mike Thurber testified in opposition on behalf of Lancaster Co. No one appeared in support. The bill will not move this session.

7. Retirement Adjustment. LB126 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: March 12, 2015**  
**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. However, under LB661 the Appropriations Committee did cap the fund at \$14 million and transferred approximately \$700,000.

2. LB 398 – Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax  
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha  
Hearing Date: March 5, 2015  
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. The fiscal impact that NACO submitted was \$217,700,000 statewide. The TEOSSA impact is \$67,000,000.

3. LB 476 – Provide duties for county assessors and Property Tax Administrator relating to tax – exempt real property.  
Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis  
Hearing Date: March 5, 2015  
Revenue

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

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

4. LB 542 – Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies  
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha  
Hearing Date: March 6, 2015  
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. There are 4 bills that appeared on yesterday’s agenda that could become vehicles for an amendment for the provision of LB542. We did attempt to work with Senator Schilz’s office for a potential amendment to LB329 – the agri-tourism bill. But, Senator Schilz was uncomfortable with the divergence from the subject matter. This bill will remain on General File over the interim. During that time we will work to identify a potential priority status for this bill next year in an effort to pass the bill in 2016.

5. **LB 13 – Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions**  
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha  
Hearing Date: February 26, 2015  
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 earmark not an ongoing one. We previously reported that the Appropriations Committee has included \$7.5 million in funding for 2015-16 and \$10 million in funding for 2016-17. In the final budget, we noticed that the Appropriations Committee funded this program at \$7.0 million per year.

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. LB 265 was sent to the Governor last Thursday.

6. **LB 15 – Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem**  
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha  
Hearing Date: February 26, 2015  
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 which was placed on final reading on tuesday of this week.

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 after adoption of the committee amendment. Joe Nigro, representatives of Legal Aid and Joe Kohout met with Senator Krist to develop an agreement that would eliminate any financial impact to Lancaster County. That amendment was adopted on March 30, 2015. On Tuesday, Senator Krist attached AM1067 to the bill. Joe Nigro submitted a fiscal note demonstrating AM 1067 had no fiscal impact to the county. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 29, 2015.

*I would note that for items 7 – 10 under this section that the Appropriations Committee included almost \$ 60 million into additional Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and an amendment was adopted to the mainline budget to increase this to \$202,000,000 in both FY2015-16 and FY2016-17.*

**7. LB 309 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund**

**Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis**

**Hearing Date: February 27, 2015**

**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 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 Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse**

**Hearing Date: February 27, 2015**

**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 Senator David Schnoor of Fremont**

**Hearing Date: February 27, 2015**

**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 Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln**

**Hearing Date: February 27, 2015**

**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 Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln  
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015  
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 sent to the Governor on Thursday of last week.

12. **LB 391 – Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles**  
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue  
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015  
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 Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha  
Hearing Date: March 3, 2015

## 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 Senator Bob Krist of Omaha  
Hearing Date: March 4, 2015  
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 items 15 & 16 remain a high priority for Governor Ricketts. During consideration of LB 419 & LB 414, senators offered amendments to amend the provisions of LB 350 into both LB414 and 419. There was not sufficient support for these several measures inside of the Revenue Committee. As such, they did not advance from committee.*

15. **LB 293 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**  
Introduced by Senator David Schnoor of Scribner  
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015  
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 Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft  
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015  
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 Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha  
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015  
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 Senator Heath Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 20, 2015

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. A copy of the amendment was forwarded to Mr. Eagan for his review. The debate on LB 605 was very centered on two areas – first, the penalty changes that were embodied in LB 605 and second, the data that was presented to affect the prison population.

Senator Seiler filed an amendment to LB 605 – AM1530 - that was adopted on Select File. It was 137 pages and was forwarded to Mr. Eagan for review. It included the provision we discussed that makes the funding under the grant program available in the first year (See sec. 87, p. 108). Too, it included a provision that would say that if the maximum penalty would place the individual in a state facility then that is where they will go (see sec. 6, p. 10). That amendment was adopted but right after an amendment by Senator Mello – AM1609 – was adopted that gives the oversight commission the ability to look at data from counties. The bill was passed on Final Reading last Thursday and signed by the Governor earlier this week. The County Aid provision that was created under LB605 would be funded at an amount of \$500,000. The bill was sent to the Governor last Thursday and was signed by him.

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 Senator Heath Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 20, 2015

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. This bill was advanced to Select File on April 13, 2015 after 30 minutes of debate. LB598 was subsequently passed and sent to the Governor on May 21, 2015.

20. LB 273 – Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices  
Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids  
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015  
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: January 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 is still pending.

22. LB142 - Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding.  
Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala  
Hearing Date: January 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: January 21, 2015

Judiciary

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: January 29, 2015

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.

AM 582 to LB 132 addresses technical issues, but keeps the original content of the bill. AM 582 clarified electorate language relating to a vote on a bond issue. JPA shall have only those powers of taxation as one or more of participating public agencies as provided by agreement proposing creation of JPA. The JPA shall not levy a local option sales tax. A levy in property tax cannot exceed the limit agreed upon, if agreement limits the levy authority of overlapping participating public agencies to same amount. Levy authority of a JPA shall be allocated by city or county. If a participating agency is a municipality agreement, an agreement can allow for any occupation or wheel tax. Prior to the issuance of bonds and pledge of property tax levy authority to a JPA, the question shall be put forth to the registered voters of the participating public agency. If voters exist in an overlap area of public agencies, the voter shall only vote once.

We met (along with Mr. Eagan) with Senator Ebke along with representatives of LIBA, the city of Lincoln and Senator Murante and Senator Morfeld's offices to bring up our two concerns about LB 132 – those about exemption under 23 – 120 and refinancing. While they have accepted our group's recommendations on the refinancing language, Senator Ebke has not agreed to the language allowing the use of the broader power of JPAs. We continued to work with her offering different options – along with those authored by the city of Lincoln. These amendments were not accepted by the bill's proponents. April 28, 2015, the bill moved to Final Reading after adoption of the refinancing language agreed to by the parties.

The bill passed on Final Reading with a 41-1-1 vote and was sent to the Governor on May 7th, 2015. The bill was approved by the Governor on May 13th, 2015.

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

1. LB482 - Change provisions relating to juveniles  
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha  
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015  
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. This bill passed on April 23, 2015 and was signed by the Governor on April 29, 2015.

2. LB 266 – Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to ordinances  
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue  
Hearing Date: February 3, 2015  
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.

3. LB 543 – Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under Medicaid  
Introduced by Senator 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. On Monday, Senator Harr offered AM153 that is still pending.

4. 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. This bill ran into serious opposition when debate began on this measure last Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Ultimately there was compromise on the bill and moved to Select File. The bill was advanced to Final Reading on April 15, 2015. The bill was sent to the Governor on May 21, 2015.

5. LB 98 - State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control  
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln  
Hearing Date: March 16, 2015  
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. The committee funded this at \$200,000 in each year of the budget from the Health Care Cash Fund.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. LB 332 - Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project  
Introduced by Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell  
Hearing Date: March 16, 2015  
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. The committee funded this at \$300,000 in each year of the budget from General Funds.

9. 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. The committee funded this at \$200,000 in each year. Last week, there was a question about the funding level of this appropriation. I would note that while the original report was \$5.2 million which would have generated the \$700,000 in additional funding to Lancaster County. This represents roughly 13% of the appropriation. Applying this percentage, it would mean \$26,000 per year to Lancaster County. I encourage you to verify this with Judy Holstead.

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

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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; AM1005 Adopted; Krist AM1067 Filed; Final Reading w/ST17; Returned to Select File; AM1067 Adopted; Final Reading Second 4/7; Krist FA46 Filed; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 47-0-2; Approved	LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court	[DC Priority]	Monitor

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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 permit holder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015	General File w/AM29			
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			

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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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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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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			

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]

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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	AM698; Watermeier AM643 Filed; General File w/AM521; Groene AM1018 Filed; Watermeier AM997 Filed; Davis AM1034 Filed; Watermeier AM1029 Filed; AM1018 Withdrawn; AM997 Withdrawn; AM1034 Withdrawn; AM1029 Withdrawn; Watermeier AM1099 Filed; AM1099 Adopted; AM643 Withdrawn; Final Reading 4/15; Passed on final reading	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

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LB111	Larson		Require identification to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/23/2015	Larson AM107 Filed; Larson AM268 Filed; Larson AM219 Filed; Murante AM273 Filed; Murante AM270 Filed; Larson AM269 Filed; Schilz AM267 Filed; Murante AM271 Filed; Larson AM272 Filed; Chambers MO30 Filed; Chambers MO32 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO32 Prevails			

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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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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; AM582 Adopted; Select File w/ER75; AM1327 Filed; AM1327 Adopted; Final Reading 4/29; Passed on Final Reading 47-1-1; Approved	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	

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LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			Monitor	
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; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Approved			
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	

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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
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

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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
LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472; AM472 Adopted; Select File w/ER82; Coash AM 1607 adopted; Harr AM 1573 filed; Harr AM1573 lost; Placed on Final Reading w. ST43; Harr AM1641 filed; McCoy AM1687 filed; Returned to Select File; AM1641 adopted;			Oppose

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LB186	Bolz		Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	Revenue	1/29/2015		This bill allows for a resident or partial-year resident of Nebraska who owns or rents his primary residence to apply for a refundable income tax credit. The applicant must have resided at the property he or she is requesting for consideration for at least six months		
LB188	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	1/23/2015	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	General File w/AM752			[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				

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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; Krist FA37 Filed; Pansing Brooks AM1045 Filed; Returned to Select File; AM1070 Adopted; Final Reading Second 4/7; Passed on Final Reading 42-4-3; Approved	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

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LB253	Morfeld	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015	General File w/AM278; AM278 Adopted; Select File 4/28; Final Reading 5/5; Passed on Final Reading 49-0-0; Approved			
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.		

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015	General File w/AM824; Gloor AM1252 Filed; AM824 Adopted; AM1252 Adopted; Gloor FA58 Filed; FA58 Adopted; Select File w/ER118; Placed on Final Reading 5/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Presented to Gov. 5/21;	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; Select File w/ER61; Final Reading w/ST26; Krist AM 1629 filed; Returned to Select File for amendments 5/19; Kriast AM1629 adopted; Placed on Final Reading Second w/ ST53 5/19; Passed on Final Reading w/ E- Clause 45-1-3; Presented to Gov. 5/21;	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

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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
LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015	Select File w/ ER103; Final Reading 5/7; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-clause 48-0-1; Presented to Gov. 5/20; Approved by Gov. 5/26	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

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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
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%.		

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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; Crawford AM556 Filed;	requires that cities of all classes and villages receive approval from county boards, with jurisdiction over an extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, before they are able to enforce ordinances, bylaws, rule, regulations, and resolutions within said extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction unless otherwise provided by law		Support
LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015	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		

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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; Select File w/ ER125; Placed on Final Reading 5/19; Passed on Final Reading 40-2-7; Presented to Gov. 5/21;	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; Select File w/ER63; Final Reading 4/14; Krist AM1490 Filed; Krist AM1547 Filed; Krist AM1490 adopted; Krist AM1547 Withdrawn; Placed on Final Reading Second 5/13; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Presented to Gov. 5/21;			
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%		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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; AM977 Adopted; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final reading 45-0-4; Approved	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
LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015	General File w/AM1147	LB 359 increases a state fee collected by local subdivisions assessed upon licensure of cats and dogs		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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
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>		

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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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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB414	Harr	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015	General File; Chambers MO84 Indefinitely Postpone Filed; Select File 4/10; MO84 Fails; Harr MO93 Invoke Cloture Filed; MO93 Prevails; Final Reading 5/1; Passed on Final Reading 33-13-3; Approved	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	w/AM200; AM200 Adopted; Select File w/ER65; Final Reading 4/15; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-2-2; Approved			Support
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/2015				

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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				
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

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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; AM676 Los; McCoy MO85 Indefinitely Postpone Filed; Chambers MO87 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO85 Prevails	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; AM485 Adopted; Select File 4/30; Final Reading 5/7; Passed on Final Reading 49-0-0; Presented to Gov. 5/20; Approved by Gov. 5/26	<b>Removes:</b> 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	

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LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM691; AM691 Adopted; Select File w/ER64; Final Reading 4/14; Passed on Final Reading 44-2-3; Approved			
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File 4/16			
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]	

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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; Select File3/26; Schilz AM1041 Filed; AM1041 Adopted; Final Reading 4/14; Howard AM1668 withdrawn; Returned to Select File for specific amendment; Howard AM1694 adopted; Placed on Final Reading Second 5/19; Passed on Final Reading w/ E- Clause 40-1-8; Presented to Gov. 5/21;	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; Gov, Military, & Veterans AM487 adopted; Crawford AM653; Select File w/ ER136 5/19; Final Reading 5/19; Passed on Final Reading w/ E- Clause 46-0-3; Presented to Gov. 5/21;	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	Harr AM153 filed;	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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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; Final Reading 4/29; Passed on Final Reading 48-0-1; Approved			
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; AM398 Adopted; Select File w/ ER106; Final Reading 5/7; Passed on Final Reading 49-0-0; Presented to Gov. 5/20; Approved by Gov. 5/26	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

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LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>		
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	General File w/AM1276; AM1276 Adopted; Select File w/ER99; Schumacher AM1424 Filed; Murante AM1510 Filed; AM1424 Lost; AM1510 Adopted; Final Reading w/ ST35; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 43-2-4; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Governor 5/19;			Oppose
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015	General File w/AM189; GM&V AM189 adopted; Select File 5/26;			Monitor

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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 its 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	General File w/AM1010; AM1010 Adopted; Seiler AM1242 Filed; AM1242 Adopted; Select File w/ER81; Harr AM1330 Filed; Seiler AM1530 Filed; Harr AM 1330 withdrawn; Seiler AM1530 adopted; Mello AM1609 adopted; Seiler AM 1610 adopted; Placed on Final Reading w/ AM782 on 5/13; Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Presented to Gov. 5/21;	LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session		

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

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LB610	Smith	Friesen	Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015	General File 3/11; Select File 4/2; Final Reading 4/15 ; Passed on Final Reading 26-15-8; Smilth MO108 Becomes la notwithstanding the objections of the Governor filed; Smith MO108 prevailed; Passed notwithstanding objections of Gov. 30-16-3;	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		

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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	w/AM1203; T and T AM1203 pending; Groene AM1620 filed; AM1620 lost; Nordquist AM1590 filed; AM1590 adopted; Kintner AM1623 filed; AM1623 lost; Kintner MO113 Reconsider vote on AM1623; Kintner MO113 failed; AM1203 adopted; Kintner FA63 filed; Kintner FA64 filed; Kintner FA63 lost; Nordquist MO116 Invoke cloture filed; MO116 prevailed; Select File w/			Support

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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		
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

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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		
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; Chambers MO88 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO88 Prevails	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			

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LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM828; Select File w/ER113; Mello AM1501 Filed; AM1501 Adopted; Returned to Select File for amendment; Mello AM1597 filed; Mello AM1597 adopted; Placed on Final Reading w/ ST36; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 49-0-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20;			

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LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM829; Mello AM1484 Filed; AM1484 adopted; Select File w/ER114; Mello AM1508 Filed; Mello AM1566 Filed; AM1508 Withdrawn; AM1566 Adopted; Placed on Final Reading 5/12; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 49-0-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20			

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LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File 4/28; Select File 5/5; Placed on Final Reading 5/12; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 49-0-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20			
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1191; Select File 5/5; Placed on Final Reading 5/12; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 48-1-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20			

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LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM830; Select File w/ER116; Mello AM1502 Filed; AM1502 Adopted; Placed on Final Reading w/ ST39 5/12; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 48-0-1; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20			

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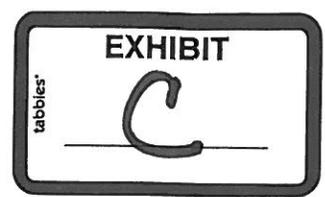
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LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM831; Mello AM1486 Filed; AM1486 adopted; Chambers AM1434 Filed; McCoy AM1486 Filed; Sselect File w/ER117; AM1488 Adopted; Placed on Final Reading w/ ST37 5/12; Motion to reture to Select File Withdrawn; Passed on Final Reading w/ E- Clause 40-9-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20			

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LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1246; Chambers AM1435 Filed; Select File 5/5; Mello AM1538 Filed; AM1538 Adopted; Attorney General's Opinion 15-007 to Mello; Placed on Final Reading 5/12; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 42-7-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20			

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LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM885; Select File 5/5; Placed on Final Reading w/ ST40 5/12; Passed on Final Reading w/ E-Clause 47-2-0; Presented to Gov. 5/14; Approved by Gov. 5/20	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		



May 28, 2015

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FR: Jeff Maul, Executive Director  
Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau

RE: Additional ½% Lodging Tax request

Formal Action was taken by the VPC on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in which they deemed the facilities as adequate. The following represents the VPC recommendation (5-6-15) that the funds for January 2015– April 2015 be released to the CVB.

**½% CVB Bid Fee Lodging Tax Request, per VPC minutes (5-6-15)**

Maul presented the request to the VPC Committee for the release of ½% of lodging tax funds to cover past and existing fees that need to be paid. Breakdown of requested funds: \$85,000 NSAA Girls State Basketball; \$85,000 NSAA Boys Basketball; \$10,000 Formula SAE. Maul also asked that funds may be requested four times per year in the new budget year rather than in six month increments presently. Lattimer made a motion to deem the facilities in Lancaster County as adequate and to approve the use of improvement fund dollars for promotion as presented; seconded by Dickerson. Motion carried.

The VPC has made a determination that the facilities in Lincoln are adequate in order to request these lodging tax funds. In order for us to continue our bid process in attracting new events and securing existing relationships with organizers, we ask that the approved funds be released to the CVB. We have past and existing fees that will need to be paid.

NEW request for ½% lodging tax (January 2015-April 2015 collection)

- a. \$85,000 (NSAA Girls State Basketball)
- b. \$85,000 (NSAA Boys State Basketball)
- c. \$10,000 (Formula SAE)

Total Request: \$180,000.00

**23-2521. Personnel policy board; members; qualifications; appointment; term; removal; chairperson; meetings; quorum.**

(1) The members of the personnel policy board shall be persons in sympathy with the application of merit principles to public employment and who are not otherwise employed by the county, except that the member employed by the county if serving on such board on May 6, 1987, shall continue to serve until the term of such member expires. No member shall hold during his or her term, or shall have held for a period of one year prior thereto, any political office or a position as officer or employee of a political organization.

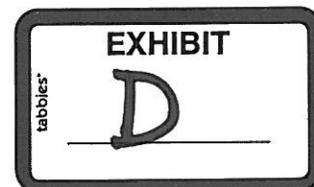
(2) Two members of the board shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners, two members shall be appointed by the elected department heads, and two members shall be appointed by classified employees who are covered by the county personnel system.

(3) The first appointments made to the personnel policy board shall be for one, two, three, four, and five years. The board of county commissioners shall initially appoint members for terms of one and five years. The elected department heads shall initially appoint members for terms of two and four years. The classified employees who are covered by the county personnel system shall initially appoint a member for a term of three years. Within three months after May 6, 1987, the classified employees who are covered by the county personnel system shall initially appoint another member for a term of one year. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of five years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed in the same manner for the remainder of the term. Each member of the board shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

(4) The board of county commissioners and elected department heads may remove any member of the personnel policy board for neglect of duty or misconduct in office after first giving him or her a copy of the reasons for removal and providing for the member to be heard publicly before the commissioners and elected department heads. A copy of the charges and a transcript of the record of the hearing shall be filed with the county clerk.

(5) The personnel policy board shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The board shall meet at such time and place as shall be specified by call of the chairperson or the county personnel officer. At least one meeting shall be held quarterly. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Board members shall serve without compensation.

**Source:** Laws 1974, LB 995, § 5; Laws 1987, LB 198, § 2.



**23-2522. Personnel policy board; powers; duties.**

The powers and duties of the personnel policy board shall be:

(1) To review and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on the personnel rules and regulations and any amendments thereto prior to the approval by the commissioners;

(2) To advise and assist the personnel officer on matters of personnel policy, administration, and practice;

(3) To cooperate with and advise the personnel officer in fostering interest and cooperation of institutions of learning and civic, professional, and employee organizations in the improvement of personnel standards and the development of high public regard for the county as an employer and for careers in the county service;

(4) To require the personnel officer to make or to make on its own initiative any investigation which it may consider necessary concerning the management of personnel in the county service;

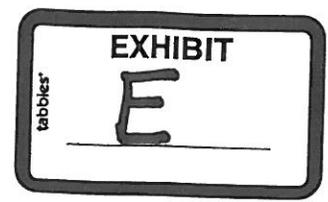
(5) To review any grievance or case of disciplinary action of a classified service employee when appealed by such employee in accordance with approved personnel rules and regulations and issue a determination that is binding on all parties concerned;

(6) To issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of county employees as witnesses and the production of documents and to administer oaths, take testimony, hear proofs, and receive exhibits in evidence in connection with any of the powers and duties of such board. In case of a refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any county employee, the personnel policy board on its own motion, or a party to the proceedings, may make application to the district court of Lancaster County for an enforcement order, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt thereof;

(7) To make annual reports and recommendations to the board of county commissioners; and

(8) To perform such other duties as may be expressly set forth in the County Civil Service Act and in the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

**Source:** Laws 1974, LB 995, § 6; Laws 1987, LB 198, § 3; Laws 2006, LB 808, § 15.



Lancaster County  
Commercial Wind Text Amendment  
Public Process -- May 22, 2015

The Lincoln/ Lancaster County Planning Department & Lincoln/ Lancaster County Health Department hosted a series of meetings with a Working Group to help staff revise the current regulations regarding Commercial Wind Energy projects. The Working Group of 12 people included persons with various viewpoints and interests, including industry representatives, environmental interests along with landowners and residents of various viewpoints about wind turbines. The Working Group was joined by 8 members from Gage County who are working on the same topic.

The goal of the Working Group process was to develop a text amendment that permits commercial wind energy projects provided there is adequate protection of adjacent property owners and residents.

Six meetings were held between March 12<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at the Roca Community Center or Cortland Community Center in Gage County. The communities of Cortland and Roca graciously donated the use of their space for the meetings. The meetings were open to the public and typically 30 to 40 people attending. At the end of each meeting there was an open comment period for the general public.

The first five meetings focused on sharing information about wind energy. Topics ranged from the economic benefits of wind energy to health and noise impacts. Staff prepared a discussion draft which was released in early May and was reviewed page by page with Working Group members at the final meeting.

**Upcoming Process:**

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| June 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Release of first draft of new County zoning regulations for Commercial Wind Energy for 30 day public comment period.             |
| June - July             | Staff revise draft as needed based on public comment.  |
| July 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Release of draft regulations for Planning Commission review  |
| August 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Technical briefing on draft by staff for Planning Commission   |
| August 19 <sup>th</sup> | Planning Commission public hearing (and recommendation unless they delay making a recommendation till next meeting in two weeks) |
| September               | County Board public hearing and final action (date to be determined)   |

TOPIC	Summary Statement	Potential Action for Discussion
Economic Implications for land owners & County	There are many positive economic benefits of wind turbines. Leaseholder receive substantial monthly income over a long period of time. Construction brings work and spending within the County as well as long term employment for a few employees to monitor the turbines. The owner of a wind energy generation facility must pay a nameplate capacity tax equal to the total nameplate capacity of the commissioned wind energy generation facility multiplied by a tax rate of \$3,518 per megawatt. In Custer County, NE, a facility with 50 turbines, this amounted to \$280,000 per year divided among the various tax jurisdictions in the county. The state does not retain any of the proceeds for administration.	No specific text.  (Lancaster County and its residents will benefit by permitting commercial wind energy projects if there is adequate protection of adjacent property owners and residents.)
Environmental implications	There is no significant impact on air or water resources. Footprint of any one turbine on land is relatively small. The University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have developed a Nebraska Wind and Wildlife map which identifies the relative sensitivity of biological populations in Nebraska. Lancaster County is shown as an area of low sensitivity, however there are biologically unique areas within Lancaster associated with the Eastern Saline Wetlands which should be protected. Wind turbines do result in bird deaths, but it is relatively less nationally compared to cars, buildings, power lines, communication towers, agricultural chemicals and cats.	Require that turbine construction not impact identified rare or endangered natural resources such as saline wetlands, native prairie and grasslands.
Shadow Flicker	Shadow flicker is the phenomenon caused by the moving shadow of the wind turbine blades moving over a point. The area where flicker is experienced moves as the sun's position relative to the ground changes throughout the day and season to season. It would be at the peak in winter months.	Require that shadow flicker shall not fall upon any dwelling, or other building which is occupied by humans, for more than 30 minutes in any one day, nor a total of 30 hours per any calendar year. Any proposed CWECS tower which is within half mile of any non-participating dwelling shall provide shadow flicker modeling data showing the expected effect of shadow flicker on non-participating properties. If shadow flicker exceeds these limits, measures shall be taken to reduce the effects of shadow flicker on buildings, which may include shutting turbines down during periods of shadow flicker.

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Ice Throw	Ice throw is the phenomenon of ice, which builds up on turbine blades during particular meteorological conditions, being "thrown" from the blades as they turn or being blown from the blades as they are stationary. Most modern turbines are able to detect vibration of turbine blades that can be caused by a build-up of ice and are programmed to shut down in such conditions in order to address safety issues and to protect equipment from damage.	No specific text.  (New turbines are better designed to minimize and monitor ice on the blades. In addition, setbacks to the property line and right-of-way are substantial so no separate setback for ice throw is proposed.)
Important view corridors	Concern was expressed about wind turbines blocking the view to the State Capitol. Also concern about views from the Homestead National Monument (in Gage Co.), Nine Mile Prairie or Spring Creek prairie. There were opinions for and against having wind turbines along entryways into Lincoln. Some stated that they didn't want their personal view from their house diminished by views of turbines. However, views from personal property can be altered by an adjoining property owner erecting accessory buildings or antennas or planting trees on their own property, though these would not be near the size of a wind turbine.	Require that no CW ECS shall obstruct or impair an identified view corridor or scenic vista of public value, as mapped on the Capitol View Corridors map in the Lincoln/ Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The views from prominent environmental areas such as Nine Mile Prairie and Spring Creek Prairie should also be protected from nearby intrusions. Those CW ECS proposed which, upon initial review, pose a possible impact to these views will be required to be relocated or provide view shed mapping, and visual simulations from key observation points for review.
Impact on development and subdivisions	It is possible that a non-participating vacant parcel could be significantly impacted by the noise of the turbines and fall within the turbine setbacks. The owner of the vacant parcel could still legally build on their lot, but the enjoyment of the parcel, particularly a smaller parcel could be reduced.	Require that lots, which because of the location of a CW ECS are left with little land outside of the CW ECS setbacks or the noise impact area, must be part of a contractual agreement with the CW ECS owner/operator. <i>There should be a standard that for vacant farm lots over 10 acres so that the area of the lot outside of the noise contours and setbacks is substantial. This will allow the owner of vacant land to have some choices in location on which to build a house outside of the setbacks and noise contours if they wish.</i>

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Impact on property value of adjacent land	<p>There is considerable debate about the impact of wind turbine projects on adjacent land values. There are so many factors that go into the value of a house and land that it is difficult to isolate individual elements. Certainly not everyone wants to live near to a wind turbine, so the number of potential buyers would be reduced for small acreage lots. Particularly in an area with many available lots or homes, some buyers will not want a lot nearer to a wind turbine.</p> <p>Many acreage owners specifically moved onto an acreage to be further from the urban environment. However, even in a rural area, adjacent owners have the right to run machinery, build large accessory buildings that obstruct views and conduct farm operations late at night. So an acreage lot doesn't guarantee a quiet setting and unobstructed views.</p>	Wind turbines can have more of an impact on the enjoyment and market for small acreage lots when compared to large farm parcels. Thus, the setback to a nonparticipating residential acreage lot under 10 acres should be larger than the setback to a farm property of more than 10 acres.
Public road improvements needed for construction	In some jurisdictions, wind developers have rebuilt bridges, roads and intersections, under government supervision, in order to carrying the required loads during CWECS construction. This was the experience in Gage County where the developer worked in advance with government officials on the routing of construction equipment and necessary improvements. After the towers are built, the impact on the roads is minimal.	Require that prior to building permit, the applicant enter into an agreement with the County Engineer regarding use of County roads during construction.
Decommissioning of wind towers	There is currently a requirement in the Lancaster Co. zoning resolution for decommissioning plans, requiring removal of structures and restoration of land, as well as a requirement to post bonds that will assure the restoration work is accomplished. The method of removal and restoration is not specified, nor is a definition of when "discontinuance, decommissioning or abandonment" has occurred and this removal would be required. In a review of model language in other jurisdictions, the specificity of these requirements varies widely, with some jurisdictions providing boiler plate language which is customized by the developer. Decommissioning plans are also often a part of the private lease agreements entered into with land owners.	<p>Continue to require decommissioning plans for the removal of the tower itself and that four feet of soil is between the ground level and cement base. Allow up to one year before requiring removal to allow time for consideration of options after turbines cease operation.</p> <p>Removal of the access roads on private property would be left to the developer and property owners. Some property owners may wish to retain the access roads on private property.</p>

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Other enforcement and regulations issues	The Building and Safety Department is the primary regulatory agency of the County Zoning Resolution. The County Board can revoke any special permit if the conditions of approval are not being met. Building and Safety often relies upon complaints received from the public to determine when investigative action needs to take place and possible enforcement action taken. In some cases, permit holders must make annual reports to Building and Safety providing specific information on the operation and activities of the permit site. Currently, the special permit rules could require 20 or more separate special permits which will be difficult to process.	<p>No change necessary in enforcement, other than in handling of noise complaints which will be addressed in noise regulations.</p> <p>Allow that in the cases where CW ECS are part of a unified plan for a wind farm, parcels which are separated from one another only by the presence of public right-of-way may be combined into one special permit application. When a CW ECS special permit covers multiple premises, the lease or easement holder may sign the application rather than the lot owner.</p>
County Liability for approval of wind turbines	The County Attorney's Office determined that was no case law that would indicate a cause of action would exist against a County for issuance of a special permit for a wind turbine site that has a later accident. Additionally, the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act enumerates an exemption to political subdivision liability if the claim is based on "the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of or failure or refusal to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license, certificate, or order." In the event the County was ever named in the type of law suit mentioned, this would undoubtedly be raised as a defense.	No specific text necessary.
Emergency Response to turbine fire	Some have suggested banning crops under turbines due to potential for lightning strikes and fires. This would significantly reduce the cropland area around a turbine. The risk of lightning strike and crop fire is not significantly more than other lightning strikes to warrant the significant increase in cost of wind turbines and resulting loss of crop land.	<p>No specific text.</p> <p>(Local volunteer fire departments and wind turbine operators should meet to discuss plan for if a turbine caught fire.)</p>

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Lighting	<p>There was concern expressed about flashing lights on top of a turbine. Any structure above 200 feet tall must be reviewed by the Federal Aviation Administration for obstruction analysis. The FAA, and other relevant Federal agencies, make a determination if the structure impacts private or commercial airspace. If it is determined the project constitutes no-hazard to air navigation, it will also analyze the project as a whole and provide its recommended lighting requirements. Prescribed lighting is typically a slow blinking red light. In addition, newer technology is in development and subject to FAA approval with radar-activated lighting, which can detect aircraft presence and thus vary the lighting and intensity according to the need.</p>	<p>Require that CW ECS shall have only the lighting required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other federal agency.</p>
Color and Finish	<p>The appearance of the wind turbines mostly related to height and size. However, most ordinances have some standard prohibition against turbines being used for advertising or bright colors to attract attention.</p>	<p>Require that CW ECS shall be finished in a white, gray, or another unobtrusive color with a non-reflective finish. There shall be no advertising, logo, or other symbols painted on the CW ECS other than those required by the FAA or other governing body. Each CW ECS shall have onsite a name plate which is clearly legible and contains contact information of the operator of the wind facility.</p>
Applicable codes	<p>CW ECS must meet all applicable electrical, building utility tie in codes and other local, State and Federal rules and regulations.</p>	<p>No specific text. (Local regulations require that CW ECS must all applicable electrical, building codes and other local, State and Federal rules and regulations.)</p>
Interference	<p>A CW ECS must not interfere with established radio or microwave signals. Most wind projects hire a company which maintains a database to report on potential impact of the project on any non-federal government microwave systems. In addition, projects provide their layout to the United States Department of Commerce – National Telecommunications and Information Administration, for review by appropriate federal agencies to identify any concerns regarding blockage of radio transmissions.</p>	<p>No specific text.  (No need for local regulations since this concern is handled at federal level.)</p>

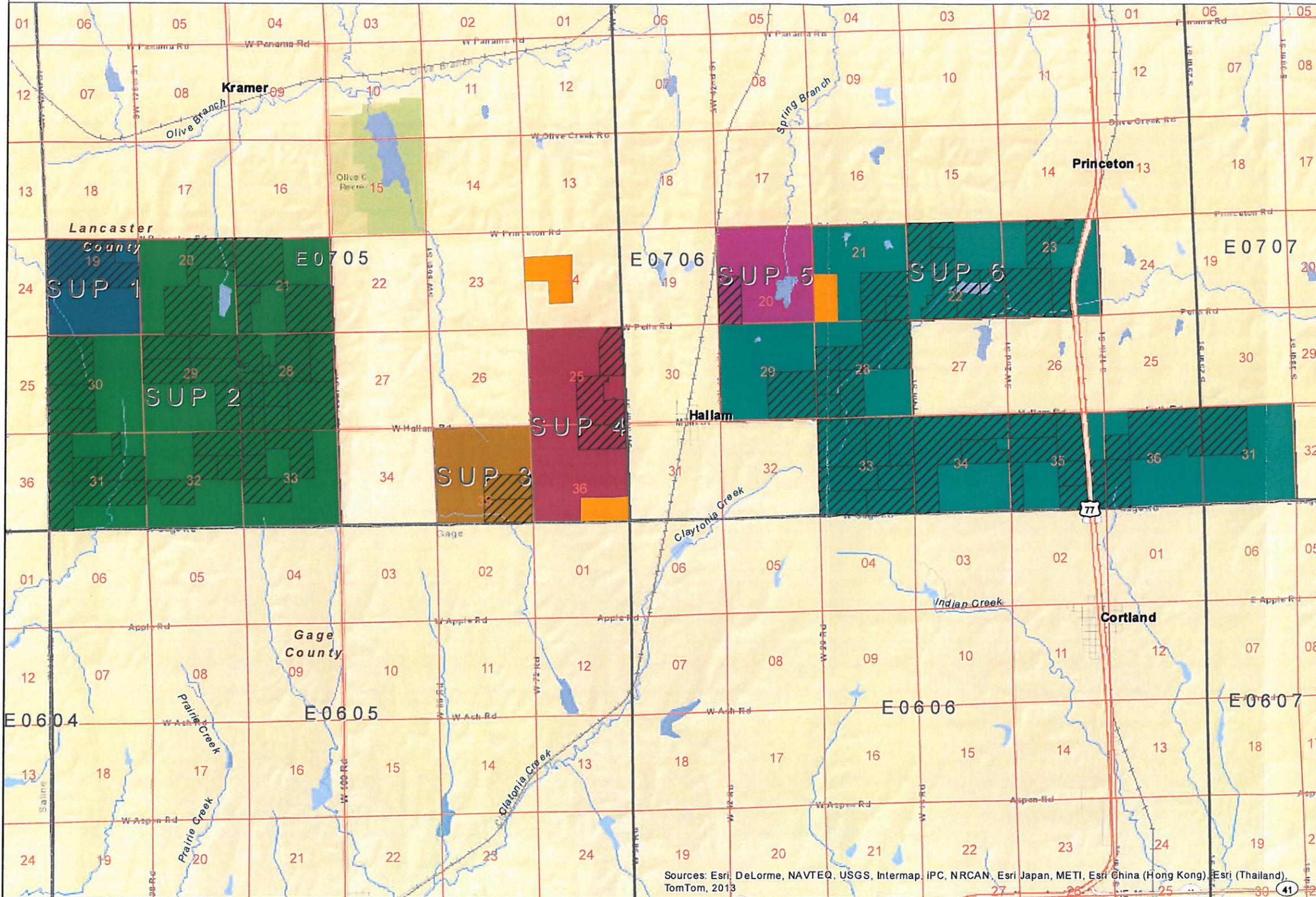
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Setback to Dwelling	<p>Current language requires a 1,000 foot setback to the property line of existing dwellings not associated with the project. The large variation of lot size in the AG district means some dwellings may sit upon a very large parcel with the dwelling at the far end while others may sit on a much smaller parcel with the dwelling located close to the property line. Measuring to the dwelling is a more consistent method. A setback of specific distance does not take into account differences in height of the turbines. For example, the visual impact of a 300 foot turbine is different than a 475 foot turbine. So many communities have include both a minimum setback and a setback based on height and used the greater distance. The increased distance reduces the visual impact, shadow flicker impact and the risk of ice throw. While distance does reduce noise, the primary measure for noise should be a noise standard (see below). The setback assists in noise reduction, but it will only be pertinent for noise reduction where the ambient background noise might be higher already, such as along a highway. The noise standard will be the primary measure for addressing any noise impacts.</p>	<p>Require that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The setback shall be 1,000 feet or 3 times the hub height plus the rotor radius, whichever is greater, to <u>the closest exterior wall</u> of any non-participating dwelling unit.</li> <li>2) For non-participating dwelling unit on a lot of less than 10 acres, then the setback of 1,000 feet or 3 times the hub height plus the rotor radius, whichever is greater, shall be measured to the <u>property line</u>.</li> <li>3) The setback shall be 1,000 feet to the closest exterior wall of any participating dwelling unit.</li> </ol>
Setback to Right of Way	<p>The purpose of this requirement is to provide for a “worst case scenario” of a tower falling over as a tree does when felled. In general towers are highly unlikely to fall over in this manner, and when failures have occurred they rather occur as a collapse of the tower. There are over 45,000 CWECS in the United States and there are less than a dozen incidents of a complete collapse event, according to industry experts. The setback of the full CWECS height is recommended by the County Engineer to be maintained when adjacent to public right-of-way in order to assure public safety and clear passage of traffic.</p>	<p>Require that setbacks to any public or private roadways shall be no less than the hub height plus the rotor radius of the CWECS.</p>

<p>Setback to Special Permit Boundary</p>	<p>This setback is necessary for circumstances where there is not an existing dwelling on the adjacent non-participating property. If the adjacent lot is primarily for residential use (less than 10 acres) then the setback to the vacant lot should be larger.</p>	<p>Require that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Setbacks to the external boundary of the special permit area shall be no less than the hub height plus the rotor radius of the CWECS, except that the owner of the adjacent property may sign an agreement allowing that setback to be reduced to the rotor radius plus the setback of the district.</li> <li>2) For a vacant non-participating lot of less than 10 acres, then the setback shall be 1,000 feet or 3 times the hub height plus the rotor radius, whichever is greater, measured to the property line.</li> </ol>
<p>Noise</p>	<p>Noise from wind turbines has been shown to be a significant concern and source of investigation. Recent research papers and studies on wind turbine noise and potential health impacts indicate that noise from wind turbines causes annoyance which can lead to sleep disturbance. In considering how to establish wind turbine noise level limits for dwellings, the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) only considered potential negative public health impacts. In addition, the LLCHD believes that all persons should be afforded, regardless of lease agreements, the same level of public health protection.</p>	<p>No CWECS or combination of CWECS machine(s) shall be located as to cause an exceedance of the following as measured at the closest exterior wall of any dwelling located on the property. For both participating and nonparticipating properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From the hours of 7 am to 10 pm:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Forty (40) dBA maximum 10 minute Leq or;</li> <li>o Three (3) dBA maximum 10 minute Leq above background level as determined by a pre-construction noise study. The background level shall be a Leq measured over a representative 15 hour period.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- From the hours of 10 pm to 7 am:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Thirty-seven (37) dBA maximum 10 minute Leq or;</li> <li>o Three (3) dBA maximum 10 minute Leq above background level as determined by a pre-construction noise study. The background level shall be a Leq measured over a representative 9 hour period.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Noise Studies</p>	<p>The purpose of noise studies is to provide data that will be used to assess potential public health impacts and compliance with the noise limits established in the county resolution.</p>	<p>A pre-construction noise study on property with a dwelling within one mile of a tower support base shall be required. The protocol and methodology for such studies shall be submitted to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department for review and approval. The results of such studies shall be submitted to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department for review.</p> <p>Prior to the commencement of construction of any CW ECS machine, pre-construction noise monitoring may be conducted to determine ambient sound levels in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.</p> <p>At the discretion of the County Board, post-construction noise level measurements may be required to be performed in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.</p>
<p>Noise Complaints</p>	<p>Noise complaints post-construction must be considered to be a potential outcome with a procedure established on how to address noise complaints. A process is proposed that directs complaints to the Lancaster County Board for their consideration</p>	<p>All noise complaints regarding the operation of any CW ECS shall be referred to the County Board. The County Board shall determine if noise monitoring shall be required to determine whether a violation has occurred.</p>

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT AREAS**

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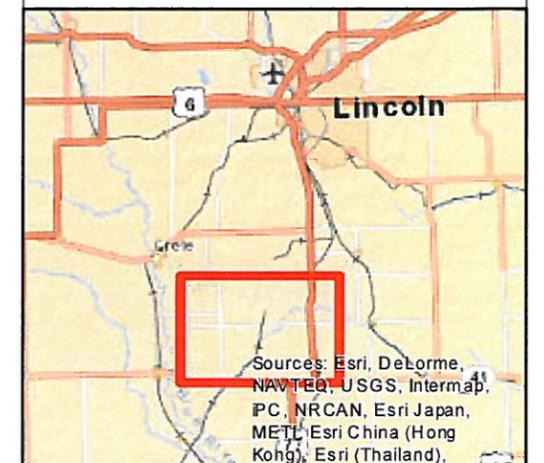


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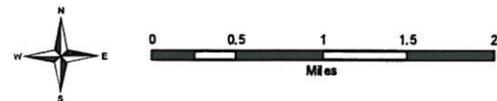
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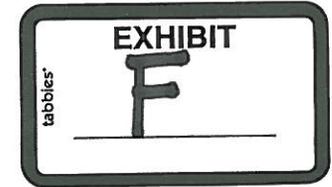
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**HALLAM WIND LLC  
LANCASTER CO., NE**

**LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**PROPERTY TAX FUNDED BUDGETS**  
**FY16 REQUESTED COMPARED TO FY15 ADOPTED**



	Adopted			Requested			Net Change
	Expenditures FY15	Revenues FY15	NET	Expenditures FY16	Revenues FY16	NET	
<b>GENERAL FUND OPERATING:</b>							
COUNTY BOARD	277,222	-	277,222	286,796	-	286,796	9,574
COUNTY CLERK	1,001,018	63,000	938,018	1,032,751	84,900	947,851	9,833
COUNTY TREASURER	3,412,291	5,381,000	(1,968,709)	3,441,543	5,438,700	(1,997,157)	(28,448)
ASSESSOR	3,894,466	2,100,000	1,794,466	4,054,870	2,000,000	2,054,870	260,404
ROD TECHNOLOGY	370,206	220,000	150,206	347,000	200,000	147,000	(3,206)
ELECTION COMMISSIONER	1,357,877	390,000	967,877	1,063,122	16,480	1,046,642	78,765
INFORMATION SERVICES	931,566	10,656	920,910	839,514	10,656	828,858	(92,052)
BUDGET & FISCAL	320,458	15,000	305,458	338,932	16,000	322,932	17,474
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	391,497	-	391,497	412,031	-	412,031	20,534
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	356,250	-	356,250	476,050	-	476,050	119,800
CLERK OF DIST COURT	1,685,257	400,000	1,285,257	1,772,759	440,000	1,332,759	47,502
COUNTY COURT	874,367	41,150	833,217	913,148	40,200	872,948	39,731
JUVENILE COURT	1,900,284	-	1,900,284	1,938,439	-	1,938,439	38,155
DISTRICT COURT	2,690,904	223,100	2,467,804	2,929,859	226,600	2,703,259	235,455
PUBLIC DEFENDER	3,822,991	401,774	3,421,217	4,040,330	389,741	3,650,589	229,372
JURY COMMISSIONER	154,759	-	154,759	144,675	-	144,675	(10,084)
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	1,067,730	159,699	908,031	1,086,275	159,736	926,539	18,508
RECORDS INFO & MGMT	597,907	88,960	508,947	636,758	81,557	555,201	46,254
SHERIFF	10,962,544	1,583,911	9,378,633	11,715,319	1,660,840	10,054,479	675,846
COUNTY ATTORNEY	6,891,769	1,351,200	5,540,569	7,227,807	1,394,646	5,833,161	292,592
CORRECTIONS	20,884,716	565,500	20,319,216	22,372,980	569,500	21,803,480	1,484,264
JUVENILE PROBATION	291,865	50,000	241,865	324,870	-	324,870	83,005
ADULT PROBATION	344,868	-	344,868	377,045	-	377,045	32,177
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	2,744,582	1,647,839	1,096,743	2,906,877	1,722,860	1,184,017	87,274
YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	6,019,052	3,493,468	2,525,584	6,309,427	4,890,000	1,419,427	(1,106,157)
EMERGENCY SERVICES	534,520	346,260	188,260	549,194	324,597	224,597	36,337
COUNTY ENGINEER	3,981,077	-	3,981,077	4,247,985	-	4,247,985	266,908
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD	139,728	-	139,728	140,731	-	140,731	1,003
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,307,315	376,000	1,931,315	2,307,315	191,000	2,116,315	185,000
VETERANS SERVICE	804,323	-	804,323	830,968	-	830,968	26,645
HUMAN SERVICES	429,243	243,719	185,524	388,605	236,028	152,577	(32,947)
<b>TOTAL G.F. OPERATING</b>	<b>81,442,652</b>	<b>19,152,236</b>	<b>62,290,416</b>	<b>85,453,975</b>	<b>20,094,041</b>	<b>65,359,934</b>	<b>3,069,518</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING BUDGETS:</b>							
G.F. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	11,270,897	-	11,270,897	11,599,413	-	11,599,413	328,516
G.F. JUSTICE SYSTEM	2,326,985	-	2,326,985	2,378,343	-	2,378,343	51,358
G.F. HHS	4,118,918	-	4,118,918	4,268,457	-	4,268,457	149,539
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (999)		16,108,720	(16,108,720)		16,108,720	(16,108,720)	-
GENERAL FUND BALANCE		10,822,896	(10,822,896)		10,822,896	(10,822,896)	-
CASH RESERVE	6,190,000		6,190,000	6,190,000		6,190,000	-
General Fund	105,349,452	46,083,852	59,265,600	109,890,188	47,025,657	62,864,531	3,598,931

FY15-16 General Fund -		Salaries &	Total				Capital	
Dollar Amount of Increase		<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Exp</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Outaly</u>	<u>Total</u>
601	County Commissioners	100.00%	3.45%	9,574	-	-	-	9,574
602	County Clerk	80.34%	3.17%	28,226	-	3,507	-	31,733
603	County Treasurer	79.67%	0.86%	50,972	-	(16,720)	(5,000)	29,252
605	County Assessor/ROD	90.21%	4.12%	171,092	-	(16,688)	6,000	160,404
606	ROD Technology	0%	-6.27%	-	-	(50,303)	27,097	(23,206)
607	Election Commissioner	66.42%	-21.71%	(147,426)	(49,875)	(86,454)	(11,000)	(294,755)
610	Information Services	0%	-9.88%	-	-	(92,052)	-	(92,052)
611	Budget & Fiscal	96.98%	5.76%	18,391	-	83	-	18,474
612	General Government	0%	2.91%	-	-	328,516	-	328,516
613	Administrative Services	88.52%	5.24%	15,036	350	4,548	600	20,534
618	BOE	0%	33.63%	-	-	119,800	-	119,800
621	Clerk of District Court	89.48%	5.19%	71,105	-	14,947	1,450	87,502

FY15-16 General Fund -		<u>Salaries &amp; Benefits</u>	<u>Total Exp</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Capital Outaly</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dollar Amount of Increase								
622	County Court	0%	4.44%	-	-	37,851	930	38,781
623	Juvenile Court	30.84%	2.01%	44,675	(2,000)	(10,770)	6,250	38,155
624	District Court	39.71%	8.88%	60,488	1,050	135,167	42,250	238,955
625	Public Defender	89.92%	5.69%	203,754	-	9,585	4,000	217,339
627	Jury Commissioner	71.66%	-6.52%	(11,029)	-	945	-	(10,084)
628	Justice Misc	0%	2.21%	-	-	51,358	-	51,358
645	Extension Service	49.44%	1.74%	90,046	-	(72,484)	983	18,545
648	Records & Information Management	65.05%	6.50%	30,967	-	10,884	(3,000)	38,851

FY15-16 General Fund - Dollar Amount of Increase		<u>Salaries &amp; Benefits</u>	<u>Total Exp</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Capital Outaly</u>	<u>Total</u>
651	County Sheriff	84.55%	6.87%	764,927	(906)	(32,223)	20,977	752,775
652	County Attorney	87.23%	4.88%	263,579	2,000	70,459	-	336,038
671	Corrections	67.96%	7.13%	1,280,585	11,000	76,379	120,300	1,488,264
673	Juvenile Probation	0%	11.31%	-	(6,500)	39,505	-	33,005
674	Adult Probation	0%	9.33%	-	-	32,177	-	32,177
676	Community Corrections	63.04%	5.91%	175,610	17,330	(28,145)	(2,500)	162,295
678	Youth Services Center	68.56%	4.82%	270,342	(7,472)	20,285	7,220	290,375

FY15-16 General Fund -

	Dollar Amount of Increase	Salaries & Benefits	Total Exp	P.S.	Supplies	Charges	Capital Outaly	Total
693	Emergency Management	45.23%	2.75%	11,466	(3,100)	6,308	-	14,674
703	County Engineer	86.81%	6.70%	168,957	122,450	174,956	(199,455)	266,908
751	Mental Health Board	75.98%	0.72%	1,503	-	(500)	-	1,003
801	General Assistance	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-
803	Veterans Service	91.99%	3.31%	23,415	(4,000)	7,230	-	26,645
805	Human Services Misc	0%	3.63%	-	-	149,539	-	149,539
837	Human Services	88.46%	-9.47%	(50,951)	(250)	10,563	-	(40,638)
				3,545,304	80,077	898,253	17,102	4,540,736