

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on February 12, 2016.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

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

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through February 16, 2016.

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Commissioner's Award of Excellence – 2015 Winner – Stefani Grell, County Sheriff's Office, in the category of Productivity and Loss Prevention.

Grell thanked the Board for the award and Captain Joe Lefler for the nomination.

The Clerk read the nomination for the record.

Wiltgen presented Grell with a plaque and thanked her for her contribution to Lancaster County.

B. Proclamation declaring Lancaster County as a Purple Heart County – Tom McBride, Military Order of The Purple Heart Chapter 200 Adjutant; Jim Varejcka, State Commander of Military Order of The Purple Heart and National Purple Heart Trail Coordinator; and Jim Powers, Military Order of The Purple Heart Chapter 200 Commander. (See correlating item 4A)

The Clerk read the proclamation for the record.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:

Jim Varejcka, State Commander of the Military Order of The Purple Heart and National Purple Heart Trail Coordinator, presented Amundson with a plaque proclaiming Lancaster County a Purple Heart County. Amundson thanked the members that were present for the plaque and for their dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution in the matter of declaring Lancaster County as a Purple Heart County. (R-16-0011)**

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

- B. Special designated license application from Meier's Wine, Inc. d/b/a Meier's Cork 'N Bottle for a reception to be held on March 19, 2016 at Roca Ridge Events, 5265 Prairie Sage Drive, Roca, Nebraska.**

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

- C. Adoption of the revised job description for the Lancaster County Youth Services Director effective February of 2016.**

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

- D. Contract between Language Line Services, the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County for language interpretation services by phone and video. Term of the contract is from the date of execution through July 31, 2016. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000. (C-16-0078)**

Bob Walla, Interim Purchasing Agent, said this contract provides audio and video interpretation services. He stated this is in addition to LanguageLinc and private interpreter services that are now available for use throughout the County-City Building.

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

- E. Utility Permit No. 1375 allowing Windstream Communications to remove and replace 500 linear feet of underground cable in the area of Southwest 119th Street and West Beam Road. There is no cost to Lancaster County. (C-16-0079)**

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- F. Utility Permit No. 1376 allowing Windstream Communications to remove and replace 803 linear feet of underground cable for County bridge replacement project C-55-X-205 in the area of South 68th Street and Firth Road. There is no cost to Lancaster County. (C-16-0080)**

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

- G. Utility Permit No. 1377 allowing Windstream Communications to remove and replace 320 linear feet of underground cable for County culvert replacement project CP-P-253 in the area of South 98th Street and Rokeby Road. There is no cost to Lancaster County. (C-16-0081)**

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

- H. Utility Permit No. 1379 allowing Windstream Communications to install new service for a residence at 6305 Agnew Road. There is no cost to Lancaster County. (C-16-0082)**

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

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, told the Board that Jim Shotkoski would now be handling all utility permits.

- I. Amendment to County Contract C-16-0005 between Hamilton Equipment Company and Lancaster County for the rental of a Bobcat S750 skid loader. The amendment removes rental of an HS8 spreader with a price reduction of \$825 and adds the appropriate serial number of the rental equipment to the agreement. (C-16-0083)**

In response to Schorr's question regarding the difference in the equipment, Walla stated that the HS8 spreader was a skid loader attachment that was returned as it was not needed.

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

5) CONSENT ITEMS: These are routine business items that are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

- A. Receive and place on file the following reports for February, 2016:**

- 1. Records & Information Management**

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- B. Right-of-way contracts between Lancaster County and the following:**
- 1. Harold and Verna Deinert, Northwest 98th Street and West Adams Street, in the amount of \$2,626.35. (C-16-0084)**
 - 2. Robert and JoAnn Boshart, Northwest 98th Street and West Adams Street, in the amount of \$1,625.25. (C-16-0085)**
 - 3. Galen Spath, Trustee, Northwest 84th Street and West Bluff Road, in the amount of \$1,056. (C-16-0086)**

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

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

Gary Aldridge, 7112 South 45th Street, Lincoln, NE, appeared and commented on the Lancaster County Treasurer's tax statement he received. He stated there were line items included on the statement that were unclear and requested clarification.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold public hearings on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding a request to vacate a portion of (old) South 54th Street between Hickman Road and relocated South 54th Street and automatic renewal of retail liquor licenses issued in Lancaster County and outside the corporate limits of any city, for which the County Clerk has received no protests.**
- D. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.**
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesdays (1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.), Wednesdays (12:00 a.m.-midnight) and Saturdays (3:30 p.m.) on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on the internet at lancaster.ne.gov under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.**

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:33 a.m. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Advance public notice of the Board of Equalization meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on February 12, 2016.

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

Others present: Scott Gaines, County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

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

2) ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS: (See attached additions and deductions.)

In response to Avery's inquiry regarding the three NEBCO decrease values listed, Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, said the values were the final settlement amounts as determined by the Tax Equalization and Review Committee (TERC). Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, noted that additional information was presented to TERC that was not available to the Assessor's Office.

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

3) NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGE FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES:

A. Iain MacDonald Revocable Trust

Gaines recommended the Board approval of the notice. He stated that during the 2016 informal hearing process it was discovered that the square footage on the parcel was incorrect.

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

4) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications

**Catholic Social Services
CEDARS Youth Services
Developmental Services of Nebraska, Inc.**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

No one appeared to testify in support, opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

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

5) PUBLIC COMMENT: Those wishing to speak on items relating to County Board of Equalization business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

No one appeared for public comment.

6) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:37 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk

