

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 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 August 26, 2016.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, 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, August 23, 2016.

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

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through August 30, 2016.

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

3) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Keno Fund Projects

B. Lancaster County's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. (See correlating items 4A-4C)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer, was administered the oath. Meyer provided an overview of the planned Keno fund projects for fiscal year 2016-17. Meyer said it is required that 5% of the Keno funds be used for preventive grants which will amount to \$55,000. He stated other obligations include \$59,949 for video conferencing, \$500,000 to the East Beltway project and \$550,000 for property tax relief.

The Chair read a prepared statement regarding the budget process (Exhibit A).

Gary Aldridge, 7112 South 45th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, declined to take the oath. He stated that he felt the budget posted on the Lancaster County official website contained incorrect amounts.

Tim Hruza, Director of Policy and Research, Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) was administered the oath. Hruza appeared on behalf of LIBA in support of the budget and read a prepared statement (Exhibit B).

In response to Avery's inquiry if LIBA would support a multi-million dollar transfer to the County Engineer's budget for bridge and road repair by raising property taxes, Hruza responded he would not be comfortable answering that question on behalf of LIBA membership, but was certain they would consider any proposal.

Meyer was administered the oath. He noted certain funds are budgeted to spend everything to allow the County "spending authority". Meyer explained this is the case with the \$4,000,000 interlocal agreement for the Lincoln Electric System (LES) Rokeby Road project. If it is not built into the budget, another public hearing would be required as well as an amendment to the budget and refiling with the State auditors. He said the money is not property tax dollars.

Meyer noted the proposed budget, which appears on the County's website, is filed with the County Clerk's Office by July 31st. He said between that date and today's adopted budget, things often change.

Hudkins expressed concern with not meeting the expansion request of the County Extension Office. He questioned if it could be financed through a Nebraska Association of County Officials lease or the Building Fund. Meyer said this is really a cash flow issue with the biggest concern being the 605 Building, however once that is completed other projects could be considered.

Avery questioned how much money was allocated for bridges and roads. Meyer said over the last couple years the budget increased by \$2.2 million and this year's property tax obligation reflects a \$1.1 million increase. Avery asked if all the money allocated last year has been spent on roads and bridges. Meyer said with the end of the fiscal year coming at a peak construction time it is common for the funds to be encumbered and the projects completed the following fiscal year.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution in the matter of exceeding the budgeted restricted funds limit for the 2015-2016 fiscal year by an additional one percent. (R-16-0056)

Meyer stated state statute allows the lid to grow at a 2.5% increase each year and by an additional 1% with a super majority vote of the Board. He stressed that increasing the lid by 1% does not mean property taxes will be increased, it is simply growing the base amount.

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

B. Resolution in the matter of approving the Lancaster County budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. (R-16-0057)

Meyer said Attachment "A" outlines changes from the proposed budget submitted to the final numbers. He noted the changes are \$4,000,000 for the LES project and \$121,242 general fund property tax increase which will then be transferred to the Bridge Fund.

Wiltgen commented the budget is something that is developed throughout the year. He said with the assistance of elected and appointed officials, the Board has developed a balanced budget which fulfills the commitment to the Mayor to begin restoring the Railroad Transportation Safety District levy.

Hudkins asked Meyer to explain how the additional \$121,242 is budgted. Meyer said it included in the General Fund and then a transfer is made to the Roads and Special Bridge Fund.

Schorr expressed appreciation to Dennis Meyer, Liz Thanel and their team on behalf of the Board for their hard work on the budget process.

Avery clarified if voting for the resolution with Attachment "A" is permanently committing the \$121,242 to the Roads and Special Bridge Fund. Meyer said yes.

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

C. Resolution in the matter of final allocation of levy authority to all political subdivisions subject to Lancaster County levy authority. (R-16-0058)

Meyer said this resolution provides the miscellaneous political subdivisions information so they may prepare their own budget documents. He added that all requests fit within the overall fifteen-cent levy lid.

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

D. Resolution in the matter of recognizing September 2016 as National Preparedness Month. (R-16-0059)

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, told the Board the program is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security as part of their "Ready Campaign". He provided an emergency supply checklist pamphlet from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Exhibit C). Davidsaver added he will be hosting a class for the community emergency response team in October.

Amundson inquired if it would be possible to provide a link on the County webpage to FEMA's website. Davidsaver indicated there is a link on the Emergency Management website.

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

E. Emergency Management Performance Grant from NEMA to Lancaster County on behalf of Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management in the amount of \$128,014.50 for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-16-0511)

Davidsaver said the grant will pay 50% of the salary and benefits of the three Emergency Management staff members.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the grant. Hudkins, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

- F. Resolution for acceptance of "Meadow View 1st Addition" for maintenance by Lancaster County generally located at Southwest 78th Street and West Van Dorn Street, in the northwest ¼ of Section 2, T9N, R5E, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-16-0060)**

With regard to items F and G, Ken Schroeder, County Engineer's Office, stated that the two rural developments have been asking for maintenance since 2013. He said six other developments have also requested maintenance. Schroeder noted that the rural developments do have to bring the roads up to County standards.

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

- G. Resolution for acceptance of "Cardwell Reserve Addition" for maintenance by Lancaster County generally located at Southwest 12th Street and West Denton Road, in the northeast ¼ of Section 21, T9N, R6E, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-16-0061)**

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

- H. Resolution in the matter of requesting the Nebraska Department of Roads to act on behalf of Lancaster County to administer Federal assistance from the Department of Transportation through the Emergency Relief Federal Program of the Federal Highway Administration related to County Bridge D-88 and authorizing the County Engineer and the Chair to execute the attached Certificate of Compliance. (R-16-0062)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, stated Bridge D-88 is on a federal aid route, which makes the repairs reimbursable by the Federal Highway Program and exempted from FEMA reimbursement.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the resolution. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

- I. Resolution in the matter of closure of Bridge B-147, Bridge Y-181 and Bridge G-111. (R-16-0063)**

Dingman said the three bridges have been inspected and are determined to be a clear and present danger to the public. She stated she did have a conversation with several local consulting engineers as well as the State bridge engineer for recommendations on how best to "fix" the bridges. Dingman noted three options: 1) A new bridge; 2) Box culvert; 3) Pipes.

In response to Hudkins' inquiry regarding how long Bridge B-147 would be closed, Dingman responded with the many steps that need to be taken prior to construction starting it most likely would be next spring before it could be reopened.

Wiltgen asked if the bridges were weight rated and if lowering the weight limits could be a solution as opposed to closure. Dingman said the three bridges are scour critical bridges, thus weight rating would not be appropriate.

Dingman provided an overview of the location, history and the current concerns with Bridge B-147, Bridge Y-181 and Bridge G-111.

Avery questioned how many scour critical bridges were in Lancaster County and if the Board should expect more closure requests. Dingman stated there are 32 or 33 scour critical bridges as determined by the Department of Roads and Federal Highway regulations. She said there is no way of knowing at this time if more closures will be needed.

Wiltgen inquired how the County Engineer's Office is handling information sharing with adjacent property owners and how the bridges are prioritized for repairs or replacement. Dingman said they do look at traffic count, environmental regulations and hydraulics when considering the best plan of attack. She stated that she would like visit with the Board at a future staff meeting once more information is available about the bridges. Dingman said all Lancaster County fire departments are notified as well as the schools.

In response to Hudkins' inquiry if Dingman had notified the Board Chair or any Board members prior to placing the barricades last week, Dingman stated that she would need to go back to her notes as there has been a lot going on in the past two weeks. Hudkins stated that he would like to meet with Dingman regarding Bridge F-225.

Avery asked if priority could be assigned to those bridges in need of immediate attention. Dingman stated that information is not available at this time. Avery said he has asked for this information previously and that he would not be supportive of the County Engineer's budget or closure request until he received that information. Dingman reminded the Board that she is discussing Bridges B-147, Y-181 and G-11 at this time.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the resolution. Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Avery and Hudkins were present but did not vote. Motion carried 3-0.

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

J. Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office regarding equitable sharing activity of drug forfeiture funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. (C-16-0512)

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, said this is an annual renewal certification that is filed with the Federal government.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the agreement and certification report. Schorr, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

K. Interlocal agreement with the City of Hickman for one Sheriff's Deputy for law enforcement services within the corporate limits of the City of Hickman. The City of Hickman will pay \$8,783.08 per month for the services. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. (C-16-0513)

Wagner stated this is a continuation of an agreement for dedicated law enforcement services in Hickman.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the agreement. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- L. Interlocal agreement with the City of Hickman for the provision of law enforcement services within the City on an as needed basis. The Sheriff shall assign one Deputy for duty and provide one Sheriff's cruiser. The County shall be reimbursed at the Deputy's overtime rate for the services provided and shall be reimbursed \$0.54 per mile for cruiser maintenance. Total compensation to the County shall not exceed \$4,500. Term of the agreement is October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. (C-16-0514)**

Wagner said this agreement is for special projects or events whereby the City of Hickman requests additional dedicated law enforcement services.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the agreement. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- M. Medicare enrollment application for clinics/group practices and certain other suppliers for Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center. The application is to change the Center's address to its new location at 825 J Street. (C-16-0515)**

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

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the application. Schorr, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

- N. Agreement with Edward D. Wimes for Diversity and Cultural Awareness training for the staff and management of the Lancaster County Youth Services Center. The County will pay up to \$4,000 for the training. (C-16-0516)**

Shelli Schindler, Youth Services Center Director, stated there is a very diverse workforce and over-representation of minorities in the facility. She said this training will assist staff with understanding diversity. Schindler added that all staff will be encouraged to go through the training.

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

- O. Agreement between the Nebraska Administrative Office of Probation, Bryan Health, on behalf of its Independence Center, and Lancaster County, for non-physician substance abuse treatment services for adolescents placed in the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court. The County will pay up to \$2,000 for the services. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. (C-16-0517)**

Lori Griggs, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation, said the County's funding support for Juvenile Drug Court will be ending.

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

- P. Interlocal agreement with the Nebraska Administrative Office of Probation Administration for the operation of the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-16-0518)**

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

Schorr clarified the County's funding portion of the Juvenile Drug Court will be ceasing as of September 30th but, in regards to administration and providing space and equipment, the County is still providing support.

- Q. Contract with Midwest Storage Solutions, Inc. to provide wheelhouse storage system with floor prep work (Bid No. 16-156). Cost to the County is \$41,861.65. (C-16-0505)**

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

- R. Contract with Paramount Linen to provide rental and cleaning of mats, various linens and related items (Bid No. 16-170). Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$10,000. (C-16-0498)**

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

- S. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0481 with Midwest Service and Sales Company for the annual supply of grader blades. The amendment renews the contract from October 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$44,200. (C-16-0492)**

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

- T. Amendment to County Contract C-12-0477 with Husker Car Wash, Inc. for the annual requirements for vehicle washes and related services. The amendment renews the contract from September 17, 2016 through September 16, 2020. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$16,000. (C-16-0493)**

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

- U. Amendment to County Contract C-12-0478 with Jet Splash Full Service Car Wash for the annual requirements for vehicle washes and related services. The amendment renews the contract from September 17, 2016 through September 16, 2020. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$16,000. (C-16-0494)**

In response to Avery's inquiry if all the car wash contracts are necessary, Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent, explained that the cost is a cumulative amount for all contracts. He added the car washes are located throughout the City of Lincoln for convenience.

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

- V. Amendment to County Contract C-12-0476 with Randolph Car Wash for the annual requirements for vehicle washes and related services. The amendment renews the contract from September 17, 2016 through September 16, 2020. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$16,000. (C-16-0495)**

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

- W. Amendment to County Contract C-12-0479 with West 'O' Super Wash, Inc. for the annual requirements for vehicle washes and related services. The amendment renews the contract from September 17, 2016 through September 16, 2020. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$16,000. (C-16-0496)**

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

Item GG was moved forward on the agenda.

- GG. Setting the annual salary for Charles Byrd, Jr., Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$73,771 (Step 6) as Attorney I, effective September 6, 2016.**

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, introduced Charles Byrd, Jr. Kelly explained the reason for starting Byrd at Step 6 is due to his sixteen years of experience.

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

- X. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0494 with Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, Inc. using the State of Nebraska NDOR Contract No. HH1305 for maintenance and repair of guardrails. The amendment renews the contract from August 22, 2016 through August 31, 2017. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$6,000. (C-16-0499)**

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

- Y. Amendment to County Contract C-16-0204 with JVCKenwood USA using the State of Nebraska Contract No. 14305 OC for public safety communication equipment. The amendment extends the contract from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$10,000. (C-16-0500)**

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

- Z. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0407 with NMC, Inc. for the annual supply of Caterpillar filters. The amendment renews the contract with a price change from August 28, 2016 through August 27, 2017. The estimated cost will be increased for the contract term. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$18,000. (C-16-0501)**

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

- AA. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0426 with Pavers, Inc. for the annual supply of cold mix asphalt. The amendment renews the contract from September 17, 2016 through September 16, 2017. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,000. (C-16-0502)**

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

- BB. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0379 with Cross-Dillon Tire for the annual supply of tires, tubes and tire repair services (Bid No. 13-175). The amendment renews the contract with line item revisions from August 6, 2016 through July 31, 2017. The estimated cost for services will be increased for the contract term. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$90,000. (C-16-0503)**

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

- CC. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0378 with Bauer Built Tire & Service for the annual supply of tires, tubes and tire repair services (Bid No. 13-175). The amendment renews the contract with line item revisions from August 6, 2016 through July 31, 2017. The estimated cost for services will be increased for the contract term. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500. (C-16-0504)**

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

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, provided an overview of items DD thru FF.

- DD. Grant contract with El Centro de las Americas to provide funding in the amount of \$45,000 for the Joven Noble program. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-16-0506)**

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

- EE. Grant contract with El Centro de las Americas to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Latina Leaders program. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-16-0507)**

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

- FF. Grant contract with The Bay to provide funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the The Bay Lincoln program. Term of the grant is from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-16-0508)**

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

Schorr suggested The Bay be the Board's next volunteer project.

- GG. Setting the annual salary for Charles Byrd, Jr., Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$73,771 (Step 6) as Attorney I, effective September 6, 2016.**

This item was moved forward on the agenda.

- 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

- 1. Annual Inventory of County Real Property**
- 2. County Sheriff – July 2016**

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

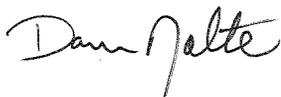
Gary Aldridge, 7112 South 45th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, appeared and commented on grant funding of the 5-0 Fun Club and the ongoing situation in Afghanistan.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissions will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, September 1, 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, September 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in the Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.
- C. A public sale of County property, generally located at 2201 South 17th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, will be conducted on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the East door of the Justice & Law Enforcement Center, located at 575 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 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.

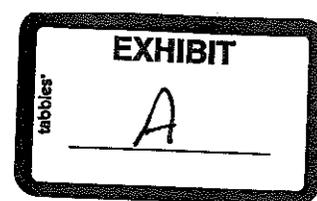
8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk





2016-2017 Lancaster County Budget Hearing

Before we start, I would like to make some comments relative to the budget process and the proposed 2016-2017 budget:

The Lancaster County Board's proposed budget that was filed with the County Clerk's office on July 29th was completed using the property tax rate of 27.53 cents along with a projection of a 2.75% increase in valuation. A couple changes have occurred since the filing. The actual valuation increase was 2.92%, which will generate an additional \$121,242. The additional revenue will be transferred to the Bridge & Special Road Fund to be used for bridge projects.

The other change is the total proposed budget of expenditures and revenues have been increased by \$4 million because of the county's interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln and LES for a paving project on Rokeby Road. The paving costs will be paid entirely by LES as part of its project to construct a new LES Operations Center but the costs will run through the county budget.

Lancaster County does not receive any sales or income tax and relies heavily on property tax to fund the budget. The general fund also receives a substantial amount of inheritance tax. Inheritance tax is deposited in the general fund and is utilized to decrease the amount of property tax required. Lancaster County received \$6.3 million in inheritance tax for fiscal year

2015-16. If it were not for the use of inheritance tax, an additional 2.8 cents would have been needed in property tax.

The total budget of expenditures is \$187,227,504 which is a 5.02% increase from last year. Before adding the \$4 million LES project, the percentage increase was 2.64%.

The property tax rate will decrease from 27.83 cents to 27.53 cents. The reduction will be allocated to the Railroad Transportation Safety District. The amount of property taxes for the proposed budget is \$64,417,400.

Here are some of the notable changes to the budget:

- The total budget of expenditures in the general fund has increased by 1.47%. The increase associated with payroll costs is 1.88%. Health insurance costs for the majority of county employees increased by 2.4%.
- The transfer amounts from the General Fund to the Bridge & Special Road Fund and the Highway Fund will increase \$1.1 million from last year. There will also be \$500,000 of Keno Funds allocated to the East Beltway.
- The transfer amounts from the General Fund to the Workers Compensation Fund and the Other Self Insurance Fund will decrease \$1.8 million from last year. Prior year activity allowed for the decrease.

- Property taxes will increase by \$306,000 in the Building Fund due to the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the 605 Building.

The complete 2016-2017 proposed budget can be found on the County's website.

We appreciate the cooperation of the elected officials and appointed department heads in arriving at this year's budget. Also, a special thanks to all county employees for their assistance in providing the necessary services within the budget restraints.

At this time, we welcome any comments you may have relative to the County proposed budget.

TO: The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: The Lincoln Independent Business Association

RE: 2017 County Budget

DATE: August 30, 2016



The Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) appears today in support of the County's proposed 2017 Budget.

We begin by saying that we appreciate the hard work done by this Board, County Administrators, and county department heads and elected officials to hold the line on property taxes in this budget. The increased commitment to the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) by this Board meant that maintaining the overall tax levy would require a small reduction in the county's general fund levy. Your willingness to make the efforts necessary to do that and protect the interests of taxpayers is deserving of applause.

Second, we appreciate and recognize your plan to begin building up savings to pay for the East Beltway project by placing a half million dollars in a fund this year. We appeared before this board previously and explained our belief that the East Beltway is absolutely vital to our transportation infrastructure in Lancaster County and to the future growth and development of our capital city. Thank you for your investment in this important project.

And while the East Beltway is an important piece of our future infrastructure planning, LIBA would also like to reiterate our call for continued investment in our roads and bridges. Month in and month out, we continue to see our county road and bridge work fall behind as natural elements take their toll on decades-old infrastructure. With each storm, our bridges take a hit. County Engineer Pam Dingman has worked hard to put together a plan that would address our aging bridges, deteriorating asphalt and concrete, and our need to pave county roads that see increasing numbers of cars using them daily. We are glad to see you commit an additional \$1 million to these projects compared to last year's budget, and want to urge this Board to continue to prioritize the County Engineer's budget moving forward. Doing so is pivotal to ensuring that the future of our county roads system meets our growing needs and keeps the public safe.

LIBA also acknowledges the fact that certified valuations came in slightly higher than the estimated increase contemplated in the development of the budget. In the past, LIBA has called on this Board to return such increases to taxpayers by reducing the levy. Because of the dire

situation faced with regard to our county roads and bridges, LIBA is instead asking that the additional revenue be directed to the County Engineer. This additional \$120,000 may not seem like much, but even the slightest amount will help us continue to meet our infrastructure needs.

Finally, we would reiterate our call for the County to work with the Nebraska state legislature to reform the Commission on Industrial Relations in an effort to alleviate the burdens placed on taxpayers by a system that favors pay hikes nearly every year at the expense of the taxpayer.

LIBA thanks the Board for being mindful of taxpayer interests as you developed this budget.



Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

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Emergency Supply List





Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Through its *Ready* Campaign, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. *Ready* asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



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MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 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 August 26, 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; 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 11:00 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, August 23, 2016.

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

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

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

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications (See correlating item 4)

Bryan Medical Center
Sacred Winds Native American Church

The Chair opened the public hearing.

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.

4) ACTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS:

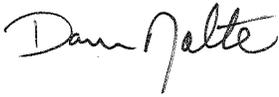
MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the motor vehicle exemption applications. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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 11:02 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk

