

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 November 18, 2016.*

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

Commissioner absent: Bill Avery

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, 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:**

**A. Approval of the minutes of the Tri-County meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2016.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted yes. Hudkins abstained. Avery was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

**B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.**

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

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through November 22, 2016.**

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

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Visitors Improvement Fund Grant in the amount of \$2,810,000 to the Lancaster County Agricultural Society to host the National High School Rodeo Finals – Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director. (See correlating item 4A)**

Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director, said the rodeo could have a significant economic impact on the community of approximately \$16 million dollars. She stated the event involves over 1700 high school contestants from forty-three states, six Canadian Provinces and Australia with thirteen performances over ten days. Dickerson said the facility improvements would include a multipurpose arena, additional parking, loop road around the property to serve the area and increased camping spots which will benefit other events in addition to the rodeo. Dickerson noted the National High School Rodeo Finals will make their decision on location in January.

The Board thanked Dickerson for her work in continuing to promote and increase interest in the Lancaster County Event Center.

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Visitors Improvement Fund Grant contract in the amount of \$2,810,000 to the Lancaster County Agricultural Society to host the National High School Rodeo Finals in 2021. The grant shall be divided into five phases covering the period from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2021. (C-16-0649)**

Wiltgen noted this grant contract is contingent on the Lancaster Event Center hosting the event.

Schorr stated she would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest (her husband works for the law firm which currently represents the Lancaster Event Center).

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the grant contract. Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Schorr abstained. Avery was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

- B. Third addendum conditionally amending Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Contract C-13-0084 with the Lancaster County Agricultural Society reducing the grant amount by \$190,023.85 or extending the completion date to December 31, 2017 dependent on whether the grantee is able to complete a contract with the National High School Rodeo Finals Association as set forth under County Grant Contract No. C-16-0649. (C-16-0676)**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the addendum. Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Schorr abstained. Avery was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

- C. Special designated license application from Meier's Cork N' Bottle for a reception on December 9, 2016 at Roca Ridge, 5265 Prairie Sage Drive, Roca, Nebraska.**

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

- D. Setting the annual salary for Mary Norrie, Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$61,813.44 as an Attorney I, effective November 16, 2016.**

Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney, introduced Mary Norrie and noted she was a graduate of Creighton Law School and previously served as a law clerk for the Douglas County Attorney's Office. She will be working in the Child Support Division. Norrie provided a brief overview of her background and experience.

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

**E. Grant adjustment notice from NEMA to Lancaster County, increasing the amount of the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (C-16-0425) from \$119,971.00 to \$240,744.89. (C-16-0677)**

James Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, said this grant allows for reimbursement of Emergency Management staff salary and benefits. Additional appropriations can also be applied for to cover such things as operating expenses.

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

**F. Memorandum of Understanding with GovTech Services, Inc., to provide Escrow Pro software to the County Treasurer's Office. Term of the agreement is one year from the date of acceptance. There is no cost to the County. (C-16-0678)**

Candace Meredith, Deputy Treasurer, said GovTech is an escrow management service that will help increase efficiency. She stated Lancaster County will be the first Treasurer's Office in Nebraska using the system.

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

**G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the Sheriff's Office to award and execute a sole source purchase order to Rescue Phone Inc., for a Rescue Phone Sniper Video Command System. The total amount of the order is \$24,990. (C-16-0687)**

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

**H. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to pay overtime in the amount of \$5,250 for the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." crackdown. (C-16-0679)**

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

**I. Change order supplemental agreement to County Contract C-16-0340 for a decrease of \$12,108.15 to add edge milling to the project. (C-16-0680)**

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

- J. Contract between WARJAR, Inc., on behalf of Wendell Roscoe, M.A., L.A.D.C., L.M.H.P. and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center, for certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor services. The rate of payment for services is provided in Section 4 of the agreement. Term of the contract is from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-16-0681)**

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

- K. Amendment to County Contract C-06-0201 with Global Software, Inc., for computer software "Spreadsheet Server for JD Edwards". The amendment provides for upgrading two limited licenses to full licenses at a cost of \$900 per license. The amendment increases the total amount paid by the County for user licenses to \$24,700. (C-16-0682)**

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer, said this is a beneficial spreadsheet server package utilized by accounting employees over the last several years. He stated the amendment upgrades two limited licenses to full licenses.

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

- L. Amendment to Grant Contract C-16-0468 with Volunteer Partners to provide funding for the Youth Community Service Project. The amendment increases the amount of the grant from \$24,314 to \$38,314. (C-16-0683)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, gave an overview of items L thru O. She stated items L, M and O are a result of Juvenile Diversion restructuring.

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

- M. Amendment to Grant Contract C-16-0487 with The Hub, Inc., to provide funding for the Project HIRE program. The amendment increases the amount of the grant from \$3,800 to \$7,600. (C-16-0684)**

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

- N. Amendment to Grant Contract C-16-0146 with Men with Dreams to provide funding for the Brick by Brick Mentoring program. The amendment extends the term of the grant through December 31, 2016. (C-16-0685)**

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

- O. Amendment to Grant Contract C-16-0624 with Lighthouse, Inc., to provide funding for the Restorative Justice program. The amendment increases the amount of the grant from \$20,000 to \$24,294. (C-16-0686)**

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

- P. Amendment to County Contract C-16-0032 with Inteconnect, Inc. d/b/a Inteconnex (using the University of Nebraska agreement – RFP #2307-14-4617) for electronic video surveillance equipment and installation. The amendment renews the contract from December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,000. (C-16-0672)**

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

- Q. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0603 with Vulcan Signs d/b/a Vulcan Aluminum for the annual supply of aluminum sign blanks (Bid No. 13-316). The amendment renew the contract from December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$8,000. (C-16-0673)**

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

- R. Amendments to the following contracts for the annual requirements of motor grader snow removal services (Bid No. 15-224). The amendments renews the contracts from November 17, 2016 through November 16, 2017. The estimated total cost of all contracts is not to exceed \$45,000.**
- 1. County Contract C-15-0600 with K2 Construction. (C-16-0674)**
  - 2. County Contract C-15-0599 with Gana Trucking & Excavating. (C-16-0675)**

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

**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 Sheriff's Office report for October, 2016.**

- B. **Setting a public hearing for County Text Amendment No. 16012 to add maximum area standards to residential accessory building regulations on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).**
- C. **Setting a joint public hearing with the Lincoln City Council regarding updates to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (55 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).**

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

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

Kerry Eagan, Chief Executive Officer, read a letter from Larry Nedrow into the record (Exhibit A).

Wiltgen announced that he recently resigned as the District Director and Financial Coordinator for Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, therefore, he will no longer need to abstain from voting on federal government related agenda items. He stated it was a difficult decision but felt it was important to focus more attention on County Board issues especially those that involve the federal government.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will not hold a staff meeting on Thursday, November 24, 2016 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next regularly scheduled staff meeting will be on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln)**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**
- C. **The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lanaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lanaster.ne.gov).**
- D. **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 [lanaster.ne.gov](http://lanaster.ne.gov) under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.**

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

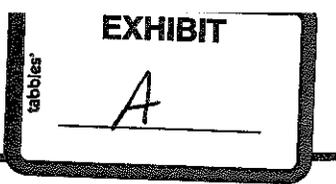
**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:49 a.m. Hudkins, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Avery was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

*Dan Nolte*

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Dan Nolte, County Clerk





**Kelly S. Lundgren**

**From:** Minette M. Genuchi on behalf of Commish  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 2:25 PM  
**To:** Kelly S. Lundgren; 'Roma Amundson'  
**Cc:** Kerry P. Eagan  
**Subject:** FW: STATEMENT FOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Hardcopy – Larry H

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**From:** Larry Nedrow [<mailto:lnedrow@outlook.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 2:10 PM  
**To:** Commish; Bill P. Avery; Deb E. Schorr; Todd J. Wiltgen; Pamela L. Dingman; Kerry P. Eagan  
**Cc:** [hribenking@windstream.net](mailto:hribenking@windstream.net); [cnedrow1@outlook.com](mailto:cnedrow1@outlook.com)  
**Subject:** STATEMENT FOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

THIS IS TO REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BE READ INTO RECORD AND THE NEXT LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPEN COMMENT PERIOD.

GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LARRY NEDROW. MY WIFE, CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER, HEATHER RUBENKING AND FAMILY RESIDE IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF WAVERLY AS LANCASTER COUNTY CITIZENS.

THIS STATEMENT IS TO EXPRESS IN THE MOST PROFOUND MANNER; PRAISE, THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR COMPLETION OF THE BLUFF ROAD PROJECT.

AS YOU KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A MULTI-YEAR WISH PROJECT REQUIRING ADJUSTMENTS AND RE-PLANNING.

HOWEVER, THANKS TO OVERSIGHT AND COMMITMENT OF BOTH THE BOARD AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER. THE WISH HAS COME TRUE.

MANY GENERATIONS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PAVED ARTERIAL STREET FROM THE EAST INTO THE CITY OF WAVERLY.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOU EFFORTS.

LARRY NEDROW

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 November 18, 2016.*

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

Commissioner absent: Bill Avery

Others present: Scott Gaines, Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, 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 9:49 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, November 15, 2016.**

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

**2) PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

**School Sisters of Christ the King**

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.

**3) ACTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

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

**4) APPEAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PENALTY:**

L A Young, Inc.

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, appeared and recommended denial of the request as the Board does not have the authority to waive penalties that have been correctly imposed.

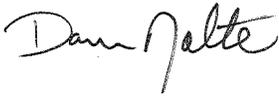
**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to deny the appeal. Schorr, Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Avery was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**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 Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:52 a.m. Wiltgen, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Avery was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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Dan Nolte, County Clerk

