

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

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 January 20, 2016.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016 STAFF MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 11, 2016 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the January 14, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the January 11, 2016 Legislative Breakfast meeting minutes. Wiltgen, Hudkins, Schorr, and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Nebraska Children's Commission Meeting

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Schorr, Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Kissel, Joe Kohout, Jonathon Bradford and Ryan McDonald, Kissel/E&S Associates

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, gave a legislative update (Exhibit A).

With regard to Legislative Bill (LB) 958 (Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land and levy limitations), Dennis Meyer, County Budget and Fiscal Officer, said the bill appears to remove lid exceptions but it would (1) allow last year's exceptions to be added back in; and (2) increase the base amount. He said he is more concerned with the proposed 3% limit on unused authority. Meyer added another component addresses voter bond language. He said he will continue to review the bill and will also participate in a conference call with other county budget preparers. Kohout suggested Meyer contact the Revenue Committee for clarification on the bill.

Kohout said Senator Lydia Brasch has designated LB 960 (Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund) as a priority.

Avery arrived at 8:45 a.m.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, appeared and said LB 960 states the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will determine at a later date how the funding will be spent and allocated. She said she also has other concerns about the process so would like to see more information on the bill. Kohout felt there is time to develop questions to address these issues prior to the hearing. It was also noted that Larry Dix, Executive Director, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) had concerns on how the bill would work with LB 958.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said LB 992 (Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions) places an arbitrary limit of \$25,000,000 on installment contracts. It was noted Lancaster County currently has no such contracts in place. Hudkins thought Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) purchased land in the past through installment contracts which may have attributed to higher farm land prices.

Eagan discussed LB 1031 (Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts). He said this bill transfers the railroad transportation safety district (RTSD) levy authority from the County Board to the RTSD Board. In Lancaster County, doing so would free up two cents of the county board's levy authority. Eagan noted this could have unintended tax consequences. Avery said an amendment could possibly improve the bill. Kohout suggested changes be forwarded to Senator Matt Hansen.

In reference to LB 1032 (Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services), Kohout said this is in response to Medicaid expansion and would help lower general assistance costs by funding private health insurance for those who qualify. Wiltgen said the County's General Assistance Monitoring Committee explored the possibility of using general assistance funds for this purpose. It was noted a legal opinion would be needed before proceeding with that option.

Kohout mentioned LB 1044 (Terminate the Commission on Industrial Relations) would eliminate the Commission on Industrial Relations (CIR) and reinstate the right of employees to strike.

Eagan said he is also monitoring LB 976 (Change provisions related to jury sequestration) which would give judges more discretion on jury sequestration. He added the biggest impact of this bill would be on jurors and their families as they would only be separated when there is "good cause." Eagan felt a letter of support for the bill would be appropriate.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to authorize Kerry Eagan, in consultation with the lobbyist, to draft a letter of support for LB 976. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Eagan noted the following bills may also be of interest to the County: LB 998 (Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relating to emergency protective custody) and LB 1042 (Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing).

Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates, said the following juvenile justice bills were heard together by the Judiciary Committee: LB 673 (Change provisions relating to appointment of guardian ad litem), LB 675 (Change provision relating to placement and detention of juveniles), LB 709 (Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles), LB 845 (Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare) and LB 894 (Change provisions relating to appointment of Counsel in juvenile cases). Bradford said stakeholders are

seeking a uniform definition of “detention” and “solitary confinement.” He thought the neutral position Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy Counties took whereby one testifier represented the three counties on LB 673 and LB 894 was effective. Bradford added that Margene Timm, Lancaster County Deputy Public Defender, provided strong testimony related to the average daily population in the Youth Services Center and how existing alternatives have helped lower that number significantly over the years.

Kohout said a hearing will be held today on LB 777 (Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow). He said it appears the bill is intended to provide an easy mechanism for taxpayers in rural counties to make monthly property tax payments. Kohout said if the Lancaster County Treasurer desires to testify in opposition, clarity should be provided as to why concerns exist and potential solutions offered. Candace Meredith, Real Estate Manager, County Treasurer’s Office, appeared and encouraged the County to oppose the bill due to potential procedural and transparency issues. She also noted the Treasurer’s Office does not have an accounting system in place to accommodate this practice. Hudkins thought counties can currently allow partial payments but doing so would come with additional cost, i.e., paperwork and accounting. Kohout encouraged someone from the County to testify and raise concerns. Meredith noted that she would be attending the hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

B. Tours of Lancaster County Youth Services Center (YSC) with Area Senators

Minette Genuchi, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, said she has received only three RSVPs to date. Schorr said she also extended the invitation to Gordon Winters of the Lincoln Journal Star. Genuchi said she would follow up with the remaining senators.

4 A) ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING; AND B) SEVERE WEATHER EXERCISE - Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director; Mark Hosking, Deputy Emergency Management Director

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, provided an overview on active shooter training and a severe weather exercise (Exhibit B). He said the ultimate goal under both scenarios is to provide a safe and secure environment for all. It was also stressed that employees should be familiar with existing policies.

A) Active Shooter Training

Daidsaver said most acts of violence are carried out by employees, former employees or significant others. If employees have a concern about someone, information can be funneled to subject-matter experts in law enforcement, human resources, legal department and/or mental health, who can determine credibility. He added the best way to deal with an active shooter event is prevention.

It was noted that the Public Building Commission (PBC) recently addressed active shooter training and has a Security Committee in place to review ongoing safety measures in the County-City Building. Daidsaver referenced a memo from Sheriff Terry Wagner (see Exhibit B) which includes a link to a brief training video entitled, "Run, Hide, Fight."

B) Severe Weather Exercise

Daidsaver said a statewide tornado drill is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 10:15 a.m. He referenced last year's drill and what was learned through participating in that exercise, i.e., the need for more weather alert radios and desktop notifications and development of individual department evacuation plans.

In response to Schorr's inquiry, Daidsaver confirmed that the Hall of Justice does have plans in place to safely evacuate a potentially large number of jurors in the event of severe weather.

It was noted that County Departments can contact the Sheriff's Office with regard to active shooting training and Emergency Management for assistance with severe weather planning.

Wiltgen exited the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

With regard to the upcoming tornado drill, Eagan suggested Hosking facilitate a committee to organize an onsite event. He said installing secure doors in the tunnel was explored following last year's drill but he was not sure if any cost estimates were received. Hudkins said he and Amundson would ask the PBC to revisit the issue.

Wiltgen returned to the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Hosking inquired if a shelter plan was in place. Eagan said shelter identification charts were reviewed and re-designated. He felt the County Board should be more aggressive with regard to participation this year, noting that it would be a tall order as far as the public is concerned. Hosking said the process starts with a plan and inquired if the "plan" is the County's or the individual department's. Eagan felt a committee should be created with representatives from each department to organize a drill and encourage participation. Hosking said the severe weather exercise is relatively easy - it is the active shooter exercise which becomes more difficult unless a plan is in place. He questioned if the committee will address both events. Davidsaver felt the latter exercise should fall to the existing Security Committee.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

5 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS - Mike Thurber, Corrections Director

Separate minutes.

The Chair resumed the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, requested a letter of support from the County Board to participate in the Behavioral Health and Justice Leadership Academy. She explained that the Academy is a year-long process which would provide a great opportunity to gain more guidance and education on behavioral health and criminal justice issues. She added she would also like her office to take more of a leadership role in educating the community about such things as problem-solving courts.

In response to Wiltgen's inquiry, Etherton said the cost to participate will be covered by the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation. Travel would be limited to a two-day training session with follow-up webinars and phone calls.

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

7 HEWLETT PACKARD RECORDS MANAGER (HPRM) LICENSES AND HEWLETT PACKARD (HP) DORMANCY AGREEMENT - Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, distributed information regarding the number of Hewlett Packard Records Manager (HPRM) licenses requested by County Departments (Exhibit C). Note: HPRM is the County's electronic records management software, formerly known as HP TRIM. Since groupings are in increments of 25, Thorpe recommended the County maintain 125 licenses which would allow for a slight growth in usage. Note: The County currently owns 450 licenses.

In response to Hudkins' inquiry, Thorpe said the per license cost will depend on the number of licenses maintained. Amundson stated that there was an initial estimate of \$8,700 for 100 licenses. She said 25 licenses would increase that amount by roughly \$2,000. Thorpe said once a number is confirmed and the dormancy agreement executed, she will get a price quote from HP and then the licenses will be maintained on a year-by-year basis (as opposed to three years).

Wiltgen noted the electronic records administrator in the County Clerk's Office will begin on February 4. One of the tasks of this position will be to encourage increased usage of the software throughout County Departments and he cautioned that too great of a reduction in licenses would be counterproductive, thus, he supported 125 licenses. Amundson said she was also comfortable with that number.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to maintain up to 125 licenses.

Amundson said that would leave 325 licenses in dormancy. Thorpe said she will schedule the dormancy agreement on the January 26, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda. She also explained that the County will continue to own 450 licenses but should additional licenses (more than 125) need to be maintained in the future, the cost would be the full price maintenance fee for every year the license was dormant plus a percentage.

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

It was noted that Thorpe would contact HP regarding the dormancy agreement.

RETURNING TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Annual Director Evaluation Process

Eagan said it is premature to conduct evaluations until the updated job descriptions are approved. Amundson suggested the updates first be discussed at a Staff Meeting. She also provided a brief overview on a proposed annual evaluation process (Exhibit D).

Schorr felt consistency will be key throughout the process and questioned whether the evaluations would be done in Executive Session. Eagan said while that is up to each director, the Board could encourage all to do so. Schorr suggested that directors be notified that their evaluation will be done in Executive Session when dates/times are arranged.

8 MID-YEAR BUDGET RETREAT AGENDA - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Meyer said the meeting will be held from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m., at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. He noted a legislative discussion will begin at 8:00 a.m. Other items of interest to be discussed include: mid-year budget requests, health insurance, general assistance, changes to the STOP Program, building projects and next year's budget process. He added the Sheriff, District Court and County Engineer also have individual items to discuss.

It was suggested to add discussion on District Court law clerk salaries and furnishing costs for the Crisis Center.

Wiltgen exited the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

RETURNING TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- C. 2015 Public Employer Retirement Plan Annual Report for Lancaster County

Eagan said the report would be scheduled on the January 26, 2016, County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Wiltgen

No report was given.

- B. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Amundson

Amundson said the following items were discussed: tax increment financing (TIF), Mid-Year Budget Retreat, Tri-County Meeting with Senators, Phase III expansion of the Lancaster Event Center, "Growing Up Locked Down" report and remodel costs for the 605 Building. There was also interest in having the County Engineer attend next month's meeting.

- C. District Energy Corporation - Hudkins, Schorr

Hudkins said election of officers was held (Hudkins was elected President). He also noted that they discussed a contract dealing with sales tax on equipment and a financial report showing a reduction in expenses and revenues. Additionally, Schorr said a feasibility study on providing power to the Municipal Services Center was approved.

- D. Parks and Recreation Futures Committee - Hudkins

Hudkins said the meeting was rescheduled for later today.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Nebraska Children's Commission Meeting

Schorr said she attended a recent Nebraska Children's Commission meeting to hear Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center Director, speak. She noted it was an interesting panel with strong attendance and felt Schindler did an excellent job of outlining Lancaster County's juvenile justice reform efforts.

9 EXECUTIVE SESSION (POTENTIAL LITIGATION) - Dave Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Sue Eckley, Risk Manager; Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer

MOTION: Avery moved and Schorr seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to potential litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

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

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

10 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

11 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Annual Director Evaluation Process
- B. Tours of Lancaster County Youth Services Center (YSC) with Area Senators
- C. 2015 Public Employer Retirement Plan Annual Report for Lancaster County

Items 12A-C were moved forward on the agenda.

13 PENDING

There were no pending items.

14 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Wiltgen
- B. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Amundson
- C. District Energy Corporation - Hudkins, Schorr
- D. Parks and Recreation Futures Committee - Hudkins

Items 14A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

15 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

16 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting 10:52 a.m. Hudkins, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte

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Lancaster County Clerk





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: January 21, 2016

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

Please accept this as the third of your weekly reports for the 2016 Legislative Session. Today is day 11. Yesterday, the Legislature spent most of the day discussing LB 18 Senator Bob Krist's bill on meningitis immunization ultimately resulting in a failed motion to invoke cloture (with only 29 votes). Earlier in the week, Senator Tyson Larson bracketed his LB 113 – a bill that would have provided for a process for co-payment by an inmate for health care services. The bill will not be back this session. Bill introduction concluded yesterday, with the final bill introduced being LB 1110 bringing the total of bills introduced to 442 for the sixty-day session.

We would note that since our last briefing to the board, several bills of potential impact on Lancaster County have been introduced. These include the following:

LB 958 – Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations.

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island at the Request of the Governor

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue

LB 958 strikes the allowable growth percentage from exceeding a levy that may be approved at the same meeting as a vote to exceed the limits of a final levy. Limitations do not apply to restricted funds budgeted for capital improvements, or restricted funds from a qualified sinking fund for acquisition or replacement of tangible personal property. The bill increases any budget adopted by a governmental unit by an amount equal to the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year for capital improvements, the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year and the restricted funds expended in the immediately prior fiscal year. The Property Tax Administrator

shall provide information to the commission necessary to determine the adjustments for agricultural land and horticulture.

LB 960 – Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion at the Request of the Governor

Hearing:

Committee: Appropriations

LB 960 provides that the Transportation Innovation Act is created. It allows for design build as an alternative method when considering projects. A transportation infrastructure bank is created from the state reserve fund in the amount of \$150 million to accelerate projects. A capital improvement program is created to speed up capital improvements projects. The county bridge match program is created for repair and replacement of county bridges. This includes matching requirements.

LB 992 – Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date:

Committee: Government

LB 992 states no political subdivision, with statutory authority can enter into an installment contract for the purchase of property, if already an obligation exist of twenty-five million dollars or more from previous contracts. If a debt does exist above twenty-five million dollars, the subdivision cannot enter into a new contract.

LB 1031 – Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee:

LB 1031 removes the levy authority away from the county board and places it with the Railroad Transportation Board, which is made up of 3 county board members and 2 city council members. The move would free up two cents to the county board levy authority.

LB 1032 – Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services

Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha

Hearing Date:

Committee: Health and Human Services.

LB 1032 would provide health care coverage to individuals who cannot qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid funds would be used to buy private health insurance for those individuals making up one hundred thirty –three percent of the federal poverty level with no insurance. The bill allows for small contributions from enrollees and would take funds from the state health care cash fund to extend coverage up to seventy-seven thousand Nebraskans.

LB 1044 – Terminate the Commission on Industrial Relations

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date:
Committee:

LB 1044 would eliminate the CIR and reinstate the right of employees governed thereby to strike.

Also, LB742 has been introduced by Senator Matt Hansen. This is the legislation to increase the thresholds for population in Lancaster County that we have been working on for several months with his office. We are currently working with Sen. Hansen to get the bill scheduled.

Below, please find the latest legislation of particular note to Lancaster County:

Hearings that will occur before the next staff meeting:

January 21, 2016

LB 746 – Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

Senator Campbell Priority Bill

LB746 implements provisions of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act regarding the promotion of "normalcy" among children and youth in foster care. Normalcy is intended to mean age and developmentally appropriate activities and experiences essential to the healthy development of children and youth.

The bill creates the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act for the following reasons: To ensure foster children can participate in extracurricular and social activities such as field trips, sports, school clubs, religious groups, family vacations and photos, sleepovers, and obtaining a driver's license. To ensure foster parents are able to make decisions about such activities using a reasonable and prudent parent standard. To involve birth parents in such decisions. To require the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure children are made aware of their rights and responsibilities and have access to certain documents before aging out, to ensure foster parents are trained and supported in making determinations as to reasonableness, and report on progress. To require juvenile courts to ensure children's rights are protected and that children are able to engage in such activities, and to make certain findings part of the child's record. To eliminate the use of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement as a permanency goal for youth under age 16.

LB 776 – Change revenue and taxation provisions

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 776 includes food that ordinarily requires additional cooking to finish the product to its desired final condition in the definition of what food means in the bill. The bill also exempts that there will be subtracted interest received by the owner of obligations of the State of Nebraska or its political subdivisions or authorities which are Build America Bonds to the extent includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The federal adjusted gross income or federal

taxable income shall be reduced by contributions to an account established under the achieving a better life experience program made for the benefit of a beneficiary. It increases the federal taxable income for any withdrawals by the owner of an account established under the achieving better life experience program for nonqualified expenses or to terminate such account. The bill includes that a refundable income tax credit is considered an overpayment even if the taxpayer has no income tax liability prior to applying the refundable credit. LB 776 adds that if an individual is granted a homestead exemption that individual is not required to submit the certification required under this subdivision in succeeding years.

LB 777- Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow
Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island
Hearing Date: January 21, 2016
Committee: Revenue

LB 777 Requires County Treasurers to accept partial payments for property taxes. The bill removes the language any county board may pass a resolution and replaces it with the county treasurer shall.

January 22, 2016

LB 722 – Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act
Introduced by Senator Roy Baker of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 722 creates the Stroke System of Care Act. In an effort to meet the increase of strokes in the state of Nebraska, this bill creates an effective stroke system of care to be provided to individuals. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and regulations that include the criteria for designation of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke-ready hospital. The American Heart Association, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or another nationally recognized stroke care organization will approve the certification.

LB 723 – Change sales and use tax collection fees
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Revenue

LB 723 changes the date of October 1, 2002 to read on and after January 1, 2017 and doubles the 2.5% to 5% of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month and two and one-half percent of the next three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.

LB 724 – Change sales and use tax collection fees.
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Revenue Committee

LB 724 states that for all sales tax collected by a taxpayer on/after 1/1/2017, he or she will withhold 5% of the first \$6,000 remitted each month for reimbursement of collecting the tax.

LB 893 – Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles.

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

This bill would require that a juvenile would have to be at least eleven (11) years old to be prosecuted or adjudicated for a criminal law violation or to be prosecuted as ungovernable, in juvenile or adult court. Instead, the juvenile court in each county, shall have jurisdiction of children who are 10 and younger, who engage in conduct which would otherwise be considered as a law violation under 43-247(3)(a)

LB 884: Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.

Introduced by Senator Jim Scheer of Norfolk

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 884 would increase the recapture zone from 200 to 600 yards for the Omaha arena and from 400 yards to 600 yards for Lincoln. It would require that ten percent of such funds appropriated to a city of the primary class may be invested in areas with a high concentration of poverty to assist with low-income housing needs. Applications for state assistance submitted prior to the operative date of this act, the area that is located within six hundred yards of an eligible sports arena facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking facility or other structure. Applications submitted on or after the operative date of this act, a map identifying the program area, including any unbuildable property within the program area or take into account in adjusting the program area as described.

LB 954 – Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare.

Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 22, 2015

Committee: Executive Board

Executive Board priority bill

LB 954 states the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare can submit a written request to the Probation Administrator for access of juvenile records pertaining to a particular case. Those records will be turned over with approval via a court order. All juvenile cases as defined in sections 43-246 and 43-247, of the juvenile court will provide confidential information to the Foster Care Review Office. If upon investigation, the Inspector General finds misconduct by the juvenile services division, the probation administrator will immediately notified.

January 25, 2016

LB 906 – Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers.

Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 25, 2016

Committee: Education

LB 906 – waives 30 percent of resident tuition for law enforcement officers attending a university, college or community college. An officer has to maintain an acceptable performance level with the agency.

LB 716 – Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists.

Introduced by Senator Rick Kolowski of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 25, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

LB 716 states a pedestrian lawfully entering designed bike or walk path of a highway intersection or adjacent to intersection of two highways controlled by traffic signal has the right-of-way within the crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles. Bicyclist cannot suddenly leave a curb or safety path into the path of a car that it is so close it is impossible for the driver to stop. Nothing in the subsection relieves a bicyclist or driver from duty of care.

LB 929 – Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers.

Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft

Hearing Date: January 25, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication.

LB 929 updates effective date from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. Adds language making self-propelled CMV's and intermodal equipment will not apply to forum trucks and forum truck-tractors registered and operated solely in intrastate commerce.

January 26, 2016

LB 918- Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator John Murante of Gretna

Hearing Date: January 26, 2016

Committee: Transportation

LB 918 transfers on one percent of the collected motor vehicle tax to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund.

January 27, 2016

LB 888 – Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act.

Introduced by Senator Health Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 888 states that a taxpayer who claims a tax credit will not pay additional retaliatory tax as described under section 44-150 for claiming a tax credit. Any tax claim will be considered a payment of tax as in subsection (1) of 77-2734.03

LB 937 – Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 937 strikes the language stating that no person with a venereal disease shall be married in Nebraska.

LB 943 – Update references with respect to husband and wife
Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 943 – changes references of husband and wife to “spouses in a marriage relationship.”

LB 944 – Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships.
Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 944 – addresses last year’s United Supreme Court ruling of legalizing same sex marriage and changes some references to “parents”

LB 784 – Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards
Introduced by Senator Kurt Friesen of
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Government

LB 784 harmonizes language in the County Budget Act and the Nebraska Budget Act. Currently both Acts proportionally limit expenditures from each budgeted fund between July 1 and the adoption of the budget in September. The Nebraska Budget Act also provides a mechanism to exceed such proportional expenditures upon an express finding of the governing body that the expenditures are necessary to meet statutory duties and responsibilities. LB 784 would add this concept to the County Budget Act.

January 28, 2016

LB 693 – Change limitations of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.
Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 28, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 693 extends from one year to two years every tort claim against a political subdivision.

LB 787 – Allow a voter to photograph and reveal a marked ballot
Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 28, 2016
Committee: Government

LB 787 would allow for a voter to photograph his or her ballot.

Hearings since the Last Meeting:

LB 673 – Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 673 states that if there is a guardian ad litem division, appointments will first be directed to them and if a conflict exists the court may appoint a guardian ad litem outside of the division. It also replaces the court hearing of an application with the county board.

LB 675 – Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 675 adds language that prohibits a juvenile from being placed in a rehabilitation center unless an immediate and urgent reason persists. It also ensures that a juvenile will not be detained unless there is a legitimate threat to the security of anyone in the community or if it is necessary to ensure that the juvenile will appear at the next hearing due to a trend of absences at a hearing over a period of 12 months. It states that no juvenile under the year of 12 years old will at anytime under any circumstance be placed in detention; to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility, punish treat or rehabilitate the juvenile, permit more convenient administrative access to the juvenile, facilitate further interrogation or investigation of the juvenile, due to lack of more appropriate facilities, or satisfy the demands of a victim, law enforcement, or the community.

LB 709 – Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles.
Introduced by Senator Sara Howard of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 709 provides for alternate detention of increased supervision for a youth to ensure the youth attends court and avoids future law infractions. Supervision includes electronic monitoring, day/evening reporting centers, house arrest and temporary shelter placement. Placement does not include facilities that allow for physical restraint or ingress and egress for placement.

LB 786 – Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits.
Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 786 removes the handwritten option of a funeral director, embalmer, physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner when signing a medical death certificate. Legislation allows for an electronic signature in place of handwritten signature. LB 786 states before any dead body may be cremated, permit of cremation will be signed electronically by the county attorney or designee.

LB 845: Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 845 includes section 6 stating that the Legislature creates a system of investigation and performance review in order to provide increased accountability and oversight regarding the use of room confinement for juveniles in a juvenile facility. All confinement incidents must be documented and include the race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the juvenile, the reason for confinement, an explanation of why less restrictive means were unsuccessful, the ultimate duration of the placement in room confinement, and any incidents of self-harm or suicide committed by the juvenile while he or she was isolated.

LB 894 – Change provisions relating to appointment of Counsel in juvenile cases

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 894 would allow for a minor to have a court appointed attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.

Bills of Interest, but not yet scheduled:

LB 886 – Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue

LB 886 creates the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act. For taxable years on or after January 1, 2017, a volunteer on the list will receive a refundable credit against income tax imposed in an equal amount to two hundred fifty dollars beginning with the second taxable year the volunteer is on the list. A point system of one hundred possible points, per year, is created for an active emergency responder, active rescue squad member or active volunteer firefighter. Various methods to accumulate points are available for an individual. To name a few, responding to ten percent of emergency calls; participation in training courses and participation in drills.

LB 896 – Require pay increases for state employees to recognize length of service.

Introduced Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Business and Labor

LB 896 states that state employees would get a raise every five years. Raises would be at 6.25cents/hr(five years); 12.5cents/hr(ten years); 18.75cents/hr (fifteen years); 25 cents/hr (20 years); 31.25 cents/hr(twenty five years); 37.5 cents (thirty years); 43.75 cents/hr (thirty five years); 50 cents/hr (forty years)

LB 905 – Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys Establishment Act of 2016.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date:

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 905 establishes the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. The commission will be made up of ten members. Five members appointed by the Governor and five ex officio appointed by the

Executive Board of the Legislature. Commission will advocate, make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on issues and concerns raised by fathers, men and boys. The commission will address issues of socioeconomic concerns raised.

LB 910 – Change provisions relating to parole administration

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 910 states starting January 1, 2017, the Office of Parole Administration will be moved to the Board of Parole. The board and director will meet once a month to prepare a plan for legislative review to cover budget, transitions, board policies and procedures with coordination for community based services.

LB 911 – State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems.

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Appropriations

LB 911 appropriates two-hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 to program 268, Behavioral Health Administration for creating a plan of system care for adults using behavioral health services.

LB 912 – Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting.

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion

Hearing Date:

Committee: Government

LB 912 – states an individual, prior to voting must present valid photo identification and two of the following: a valid utility bill, bank statement, payment check or other government document. Documents presented must be within sixty-days of the present day with matching address to vote in that precinct.

LB 915 – Create a veterans' treatment court pilot project

Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 915 – Creates a three-year pilot program for treatment of veteran's in Douglas County. After conclusion of the three-year study, the Nebraska Supreme Court would make recommendations for the model to be used in other counties.

LB 916 – Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a motor vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator Sara Howard of Omaha

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 916 allows for an individual who rescues an animal from a locked car or the animal is trapped inside the car, that individual is immune from criminal or civil liability for damage to the automobile.

LB 919 – Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs.

Introduced by Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 919, the Legislature declares that problem solving court programs, including drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, and other problem solving court programs, help in reducing recidivism. The bill states problem solving court programs offer a person accused of drug alcohol and other alternative to traditional criminal justice proceedings or juvenile justice dispositions. LB 919 would use funds already appropriated to Nebraska Supreme Court to be used to look into evidence-based interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.

LB 920 – Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing- Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 920 adds nine members to the council starting January 1, 2017. The seventh member of the council will be either a member of the Jail Standards board or from the public at large. The eighth and ninth members will be full time officers from a state law agency with a rank no higher than sergeant. The eighth and ninth members of the council will be appointed by the Governor.

LB 922: Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed

Introduced by Senator Mark Kolterman of Seward

Hearing Date:

Committee: Retirement

LB 922 requires member to serve five years to ensure an experienced and knowledgeable board. It provides that a member appointed to any of the Nebraska retirement systems will serve five years including the; School Employees Retirement System, Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, and Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System.

LB 925 – Change provisions relating to issuing a treasurer’s tax deed and bringing a tax lien foreclosure action as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue

LB 925 states at anytime within 9 months after the expiration of two years after the date of sale of any real estate for taxes or special assessments if such real estate is not legally occupied and deemed vacant or abandoned. Vacant and abandoned real estate is defined by local ordinance or determined by the appropriate local governing body. Conditions of real estate include overgrown or dead vegetation, trash and waste and /or visible deterioration.

LB 927: Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 services

Introduced by Senator Bob Hilkemann of Omaha

Hearing Date:

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

LB 927 changes the uniform service charge for 911 services to say: except that the monthly uniform service surcharge shall not exceed one dollar per month. It strikes language that states a surcharge of up to fifty cents on all active telephone numbers every month from users or wireless service shall remit the surcharge.

LB 931: Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted-living facilities and change distribution of the Behavioral Health Services Fund

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Appropriations

LB 931 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to the Department of Health and Human Services. The allocation of funds will provide incentives for certain assisted-living facilities for adults with mental illness or a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

LB 934 – Change provisions relating to the Office of Public Guardian

Introduced by Senator Colby Coash of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 934 defines multidisciplinary team means a team of professionals hired by the Public Guardian. Public Guardian will be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska. Public Guardian will hire a multidisciplinary team. The team will be made up of professionals in public guardian and trained in the area of law.

LB 935 – Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts

Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala

Hearing Date:

Committee: Government

LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31st of a calendar year will be considered delinquent. A political subdivision will be notified of the delinquency. If the necessary material is not received within thirty days of the December 31st, a five hundred dollars will be withheld from the next state aid payment to that that political subdivision and continue for each additional thirty days of delinquency. Upon delinquency, the auditor can make an audit of the political subdivision at which the cost will be billed to the political subdivision.

LB 936 – Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue

LB 936 changes inheritance tax to one percent for everything above one-hundred thousand dollars and anything below that limit will not be taxed.

LB 938: Adopt the 911 Service System Act and transfer funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to the 911 Service System Fund

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion

Hearing Date:

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

LB 938 creates the 911 Service System Act to establish the Public Service Commission as the statewide implementation and coordinating authority to plan, implement, coordinate, manage, maintain, and provide funding assistance for a statewide next-generation 911 service capability.

LB 940: Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act
Introduced by Senator Jerry Johnson of Wahoo
Hearing Date:
Committee: Revenue

LB 940 creates the Tax Stabilization Act to provide property tax relief to property owners across that state and to give the Legislature time to consider appropriate changes to state law that would reduce the reliance on property taxes for the funding of school districts in the state of Nebraska.

LB 951: Adopt the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date:
Committee: Revenue

LB 951 creates the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act to provide an owner of an affordable housing project to apply for an affordable housing tax credit. A qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project.

LB 952 – Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services.
Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date:
Committee: HHS

LB 952 states starting January 1, 2016, a county board is responsible to make sure emergency medical services are available for all county residents. The bill states that the county can contract for medical emergency and public safety services. The Board of Emergency Medical Services in regards to the seven out of hospital care providers, two will be emergency medical responders, two will be medical technicians, two will be paramedics and one will be an advanced medical technician. Members appointed after January 1, 2017, three of them will be volunteer emergency medical care providers.

LB 670 – Require a hearing prior to release for persons taken into custody for mental health reasons.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date:
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 670 strikes language making a more strict interpretation of the release of a juvenile from temporary custody. The bill also inserts additional language that requires a mental health professional to immediately notify the county attorney if the juvenile is not deemed mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender in which the county attorney shall proceed to a hearing before the court within 24 hours regarding the juvenile's release.

LB 711 – Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and create the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force

Introduced by Senator Dan Hughes of Venango

Hearing Date:

Committee: Natural Resources

LB 711 establishes the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force to be housed within the Department of Agriculture. Starting FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2million dollars annually for the management of vegetation within the banks of a natural stream. Governor will appoint members of the task force; one surface water project representative from each river basin; one representative from Dept. of Agriculture; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources; office of the Governor; office of the State Forester; Games and Parks; and the University of Nebraska. Two representatives nominated by Association of Resources Districts; two representatives nominated by Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from congressional districts; one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Any member of the Legislature may serve as an ex officio at his or her option. Meetings are to be held in communities within the Republican River and Platte River basins. Report submitted to the Governor each year on June 30th. First report would be due on 6/30/2017

LB 717 – Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property.

Introduced by Senator Mike Groene of North Platte

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue Committee

LB 717 States that the actual value of real property for purpose of taxation means the value to be determined by the use of professionally accepted mass appraisal methods. It removes language of “market value of real property in the ordinary course of trade”. Legislation states, except for assessment occurring on January 1, 2016, the assessed value shall be the same as the assessed value on January 1, 2015, in relation to assessing tax on real property.

LB 720 – Change certain invasions of privacy provisions to include unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems.

Introduced by Senator Kuehn of Heartwell

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 720 states an individual is liable for invasion of privacy for flying an unmanned aircraft below 200ft of privately owned property without permission of the owner of the property in the act of capturing any form of visual image/recording. Individual is responsible for reasonable damage caused by the invasion.

LB 783 – Provide for registration of public power district vehicles as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication

LB 783 creates a public power district license plate to be issued and used by each motor vehicle and trailer operated by a public power district. The application will be accompanied by a fee of three dollars for each motor vehicle and three dollars for each trailer. Any public power district vehicle will display a distinctive license plate provided by the department. The license play will

be placed on both the front and back of the motor vehicle and to the rear of the trailer. The renewal for the license plate will be two dollars and will be collected every year after they are issued. If a permanent license plate is lost or destroyed, the owner will submit an affidavit to that effect to the county treasurer. A fee of one dollar will be applied to any lost or stolen license plate. All funds collected by the department will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Cash Fund.

LB 795 – Establish the Wireless in Nebraska Program under the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act.

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date:

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

LB 795: adds the definition of wireless carrier to mean a telecommunications company providing mobile radio service, radio paging service, or wireless telecommunications service for a fee in Nebraska intrastate commerce. It removes the section that requires the state treasurer to transfer funds from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of Administrative Services. It further removes the section that states any transfer under this subsection not reversed within thirty days after the initial transfer shall accrue interest in the amount of five percent annually. It replaces those sections with granting the commission the power to establish the Wireless in Nebraska Program and states that the purpose of the Wireless in Nebraska Program is to promote the provision of the universal wireless telecommunications services throughout the state by providing assistance from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to eligible wireless communications towers. It also requires a wireless carrier that receives funds to file a report with the commission by June 1 of each year, which includes information on investments for the previous year.

LB 825 – Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue

LB 825 By April 1 of each even-numbered year, the owner of each parcel of property that is exempt from property taxes shall file with the county assessor of the county in which the property is located a form containing the following information: name and address, legal description of property, date of acquisition of the property, description of any improvements on the property, whether the property was leased or not, and the owners estimate of the fair market value of the property on January 1 of the even numbered year. The bill adds that by July 1 of each even-numbered year, the county assessor of each county shall complete and deliver to the Department of Revenue a form on which the county assessor estimates the fair market value of tax-exempt property, classified by the type of owner, within his or her county and that the Department of Revenue shall prescribe the forms to be used for purposes of the value ranges for estimating the fair market value of property. The Department of Revenue will prepare an estimate of the fair market value of tax-exempt property in this state by category of owner. All persons required to file a report with all pay a reasonable fee that is sufficient to defray costs to the county of distributing and reviewing the forms. IF the form is not received by April 1 of the even-numbered year, the county assessor will send the owner of the property a notice, by certified mail, stating that the property for, which the form is required, will be appraised at the owner's expense.

LB 848 – Change provisions relating to courts

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Judiciary

LB 848 defines fee record, general index, Judge's notes, Judgment index, register of actions, and case type when filing of complaints or petitions and subsequent pleadings and date of such filings, including orders and judgments of the court. The bill states that the county court shall file the following with the district court within ten days after entry of the transfer order: Certification of the proceedings; all original documents of the action; certification of the transcript of the register of actions; and certification of the court costs with the clerk of the district court. The clerks of the district court shall use the court's electronic case management system provided by the state, which shall be the record of receipts and reimbursements. The bills strikes the foreman and secretary from filing in the office of the clerk of the district court in section 35 101. The bill also requires the case file to contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgments, post judgment actions, and other documents. The case file can be maintained either electronically or on paper file. It removes the requirement to hold a separate docket for the purpose to be unopened for inspection by any person except upon order of the court for good cause shown.

HEARINGS FOR BILLS OF INTEREST BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING:

January 21, 2016

LB 703- Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages

Committee: Urban Affairs

LB 704- Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions

Committee: Urban Affairs

LB 746 – Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 776 – Change revenue and taxation provisions

Committee: Revenue

LB 777- Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow

Committee: Revenue

January 22, 2016

LB 884: Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.

Committee: Revenue

LB 893 – Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles.

Committee: Judiciary

LB 954 – Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare.

Committee: Executive Board

LB 714 – Provide for and change a provision relating to sufficient cause of nonuse of a water appropriation.

Committee: Natural Resources

LB 722 – Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 723 – Change sales and use tax collection fees

Committee: Revenue

LB 724 – Change sales and use tax collection fees.

Committee: Revenue Committee

January 25, 2016

LB 906 – Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers.

Committee: Education

LB 929 – Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers.

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication.

LB 716 – Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists.

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

January 26, 2016

LB 918- Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed.

Committee: Transportation

January 27, 2016

LB 888 – Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act.

Committee: Revenue

LB 937 – Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease.

Committee: Judiciary

LB 943 – Update references with respect to husband and wife

Committee: Judiciary

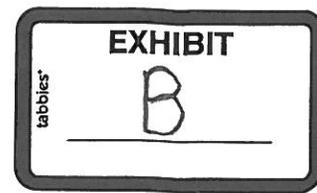
LB 944 – Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships.

Committee: Judiciary

LB 784 – Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards

Committee: Government

LR 389CA – Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the
Constitution of Nebraska
Committee: Judiciary



**County Board Briefing
Staff Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2016**

Exercises

- Active Shooter
- Severe Weather 'Tornado Drill'

Overall Goal: Establish and maintain a safe and secure work/business environment for all
Emergency Management Mission Goals: *Prevention-Protection-Mitigation-Response-Recovery*

Exercise Process

Establish or Review Current Plan

- Active Shooter:** Ensure all employees are familiar with the county Workplace Violence policy
- Severe Weather:** Ensure all employees know the difference between a severe weather watch and a severe weather warning

Establish the Exercise Goal: What facets of the plan will the exercise test?

Identify specific objectives

- Active Shooter:** All employees can identify at least two available evacuation routes.
- Severe Weather:** Within 5 minutes of the notification of a tornado warning, all employees move to the designated shelter area(s).

Conduct and Evaluate the Exercise

Draft, Share and Review the After Action Report

- Identify gaps and issues in need of attention
- Implement corrective action as needed

Start the Process Over

Timeline

Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 21-25, 2016

Statewide Tornado Drill: Wed, March 23, 10:15am

Active Shooter

Date(s): TBA

County-City Building Security Committee: Next scheduled meeting in March, 2016

Resources

Security Survey: Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

Severe Weather Shelter Review: Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management

Exercise Development Assistance and Facilitation: Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management

References are listed on page two.

References:

Standard Response Protocol: <http://www.iloveguys.org/srp.html>

Active Shooter Video: 'Run, Hide, Fight' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4IJA5Zpzz4>

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Sheriff Terry Wagner, Chief Jim Peschong

To: Elected Officials, County/City Directors

Date: January 14, 2016

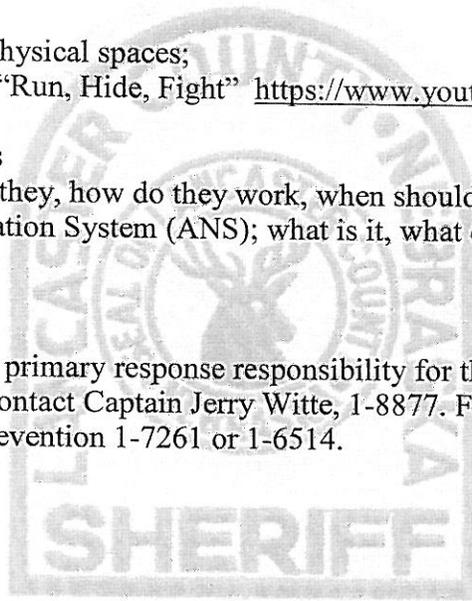
Re: Security

Recently the Public Building Commission established a Committee to examine Security in the County/City Building and discussed security measures that could benefit all agencies and departments. If you would like to have a presentation or participate in any of the other security measures available, the Sheriff's Office and Lincoln Police Department are willing to assist you.

Below is a sampling of training/services that can be provided for your office/department/employees:

Security Survey of your physical spaces;
Active Shooter Training; "Run, Hide, Fight" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4IJA5Zpzz4>
Bomb Threats;
Suspicious Mail/Packages
Panic Alarms; Where are they, how do they work, when should they be activated?;
VOIP Automated Notification System (ANS); what is it, what do we do when activated?;

Since the Sheriff's Office has the primary response responsibility for the County-City Building, and for those off-site County agencies, Contact Captain Jerry Witte, 1-8877. For off-site City departments, contact LPD Education/Crime Prevention 1-7261 or 1-6514.



SCHOOL SAFETY

THE STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the uniform classroom response to any incident. Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by school and district administration and staff. Historically, schools have taken this scenario-based approach to respond to hazards and threats. It's not uncommon to find a stapled sheaf of papers or even a tabbed binder in a teacher's desk that describes a variety of things that might happen and the specific response to each event.

SRP IS ACTION BASED

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based not on individual scenarios but on the response to any given situation. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility. The premise is simple - there are four specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders.



- Lockout is followed by the Directive: "Secure the Perimeter" and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within the building.
- Lockdown is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep students quiet and in place.
- Evacuate is always followed by a location, and is used to move students and staff from one location to a different location in or out of the building.
- Shelter is always followed by a type and a method and is the protocol for group and self protection.

These specific actions can act as both a verb and a noun. If the action is Lockdown, it would be announced on public address as "Lockdown! Locks, Lights, Out of Sight." Communication to local Law Enforcement Agency would then be "We are under Lockdown." Each response has specific student and staff action. The Evacuate response is always followed by a location: "Evacuate to the Bus Zone." Responses can also be combined: "Evacuate to Hallway; Shelter for Tornado; Drop, Cover and Hold."

BENEFITS

The benefits of SRP become quickly apparent. By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event. For students, this provides continuity of expectations and actions throughout their educational career. For teachers, this becomes a simpler process to train and drill. For first responders, the common vocabulary and protocols establish a greater predictability that persists through the duration of an incident. Parents can easily understand the practices and can reinforce the protocol. Additionally, this protocol enables rapid response determination when an unforeseen event occurs.

The protocol also allows for a more predictable series of actions as an event unfolds. An intruder event may start as a Lockdown, but as the intruder is isolated, first responders might transition parts of the school to an "Evacuate to the Gym and Lockdown," and later "Evacuate to the Bus Zone."

LOCKOUT VS. LOCKDOWN

The differentiation between Lockout and Lockdown is a critical element in SRP. A Lockout recovers all students from outside the building, secures the building perimeter and locks all outside doors. This would be implemented when there is a threat or hazard outside of the building. Criminal activity, dangerous events in the community, or even a vicious dog on the playground would be examples of a Lockout response. While the Lockout response encourages greater staff situational awareness, it allows for educational practices to continue with little classroom interruption or distraction.

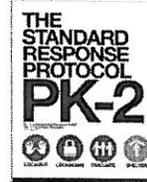
Lockdown is a classroom-based protocol that requires locking the classroom door, turning off the lights and placing students out of sight of any corridor windows. Student action during Lockdown is to remain quiet. It does not mandate locking outside doors. There are several reasons for not locking perimeter doors during a Lockdown. Risk is increased to students or staff in exposed areas attempting to lock outside doors. Locking outside doors inhibits entry of



SRP V2
What New in Version 2 of the SRP. Download PDFs for free or order books from our eStore.



SRP K12
SRP K12 - Operational Guidance for Districts, Departments and Agencies.



SRP PK-2
Pre-K to Second Grade Curriculum Workbook.



SRP K12-T
K-12 Training Workbook. Train students and staff in 25 minutes. Powerpoint and presenter's guide now available.



STUDENT PARENT HANDOUT
This introduction to SRP gives parents and students the basics in a single handout.



RED CARD/GREEN CARD
A number of red card green card variants.



CLASSROOM POSTER
Also available in Spanish.



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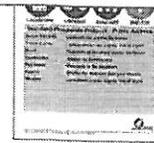


HOME | STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

There may be situations where both Lockdown and Lockout need to be performed, but in this case they are identified individually. "Lockout! Secure the Perimeter. Lockdown! Locks, Lights, out of Sight." would be announced on public address. We are in "Lockdown and Lockout" would be conveyed to emergency services or 911.

TACTICAL RESPONSES

SRP also acknowledges that some school incidents involve a tactical response from law enforcement, and suggests consulting with local law enforcement for specific simple actions in that event.



PUBLIC ADDRESS POSTER
A sample public address protocol reminder poster



LOCKDOWN DRILL GUIDANCE
Simple, single page guidance on planning, briefing, conducting and de-briefing Lockdown Drills.



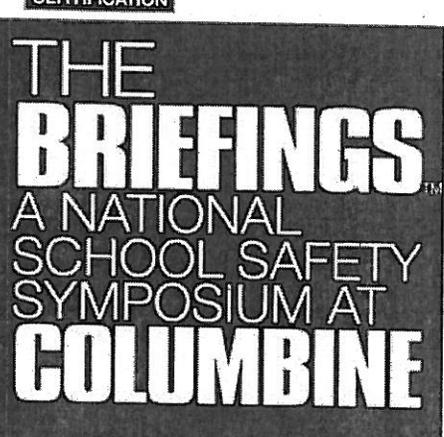
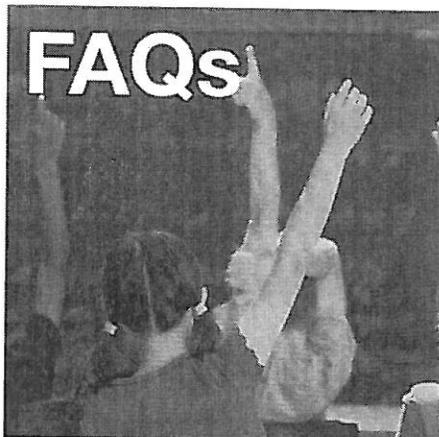
LOCKDOWN DRILL POSTER
This poster can be displayed on exterior entrance windows during a Lockdown Drill.



LOCKOUT POSTER
This poster can be displayed on exterior entrance windows during a Lockout.



CERTIFICATION
Advanced or Basic Certification. Coming Soon.



PROGRAMS

- STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL
- STANDARD REUNIFICATION METHOD
- THE SEXTING CONVERSATION

EVENTS

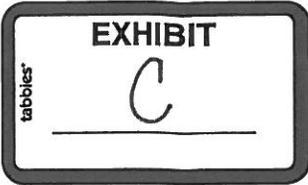
- EMILY'S PARADE
- THE BRIEFINGS AT COLUMBINE
- GET INVOLVED

CONTACT

- GENERAL CONTACT INFO
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OTHER STUFF

- GRAPHICS & LOGOS
- PRIVACY POLICY
- MEDIA RESOURCES



Departments and Number of HPRM Licenses Requested

Department	# Licenses Requested
Administrative Services	3
Budget and Fiscal	3
Community Corrections	7
Corrections	5
County Attorney	9
County Clerk	12
County Engineer	14
Emergency Management	3
General Assistance	6
Human Services	3
Juvenile Detention Center	5
Property Management	2
Public Defender (no response)	2
Record Center	5
Assessor/Register of Deeds	5
Risk Management (have 2, no response)	2
Veterans Services	6
Weed Control	2
Crisis Center (when moved)	3
City Licenses	
Planning	2
Information Services	3
Human Resources	2
Purchasing	2
Mayor's Office	1
Total	107



Annual Evaluation Process with Appointed Directors

For discussion purposes, we may want to have some specific questions to ask of each of the directors. We should probably decide if we want a particular format to follow, and then we need to figure out where to put the results of our conversations. Does each commissioner want to take specific notes and keep them personally to review before the next annual evaluation, or should we have Kerry compile our respective comments and place in a folder for him to keep for our reference.

Possible objectives of the meeting may as follows:

1. Major accomplishments, what's going well, strengths of department
2. Problems, both recent and ongoing, with operations, training, and personnel, weaknesses of department and where development needs to occur.
3. Facility issues.
4. Budget issues.
5. Wish list.
6. Contributions that the Board of Commissioners can make to ameliorate problems.
7. Goals for next year and for 5 years in future.
8. Management style, supervisory responsibilities, immediate employees whom director evaluates.
9. ???
10. ???

Board of commissioners may make recommendations for future considerations.

Annual evaluation may be in either executive or open session. If issues may relate to personnel or other sensitive items, we may strongly suggest that the meeting be held in executive session.