

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 112, CITY-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Roma Amundson, Chair
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Todd Wiltgen, Vice Chair
Bill Avery

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer
Dave Derbin, Deputy County Attorney
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on August 22, 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 AUGUST 18, 2016 STAFF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the August 18, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Avery and Wiltgen were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

**3 A) FINAL FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-2017 BUDGET; AND B)
ALLOCATION OF THE 15 CENT RURAL LEVY - Dennis Meyer, Budget
and Fiscal Officer**

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said three resolutions will be scheduled on the August 30, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda. The first resolution would increase the lid by an additional 1%. He said state statutes allow for the lid to grow by 2.5% each year and by an additional 1% with a super majority vote of the Board. Meyer stressed that increasing the lid by 1% does not mean property taxes will be increased. He said the second resolution is related to the 15 cent allocation for certain political subdivisions and said there are no issues this year. One of the highest districts within the 15 cent allocation is the Raymond Rural Fire District (RFD), which has a levy of 10.4944 cents. Meyer said the overall levy for the districts that include the Raymond RFD is 14.2657 cents. The third resolution will be to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 budget.

Meyer explained that \$4,000,000 will be added to the County Engineer's budget as expenditures and revenues because of the County's interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Electric System (LES) for paving of Rokeby Road between South 84th and South 98th Streets. **NOTE:** The paving costs will be paid entirely by LES as part of its project to construct a new LES Operations Center (LOC) at South 98th Street and Rokeby Road but the funds will be run through the County's budget. He said in order to do so, the County will need that spending authority. There will be no net effect on the County's budget.

Meyer reported that property valuations have increased 2.92%, noting he had projected a 2.75% increase. If the levy remains the same it will generate an additional \$121,242. He offered four options for those funds: 1) Reduce the levy from 27.53 cents to 27.4782; 2) Levy for it in the Building Fund; 3) Levy for it in the General Fund and transfer the funds to the County Engineer's budget; and 4) Levy for in the General Fund, reduce the Keno Fund transfer, and increase the amount being set aside for right-of-way for the East Beltway project.

Board members favored options 3 and 4 with consensus to seek input from Pam Dingman, County Engineer, as both options would affect her budget.

4 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

5 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Fall Legislative Retreat Agenda (Thursday, August 25, 2016)

Informational only.

7 PENDING

There were no pending items.

8 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

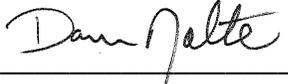
There were no Board member meeting reports.

9 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Hudkins said he learned changes have been proposed to the way the County would be involved in the District Energy Corporation (DEC) and has asked Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, to review the proposal.

10 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Avery and Wiltgen were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

