

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
10:00 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE 9:00
A.M. REGULAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
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 October 10, 2016.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2016 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded approval of the October 6, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted yes. Schorr abstained from voting. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

Hudkins arrived at the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Avery exited the meeting at the same time.

2 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES - Gordon Kissel and Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates (Legislative Consultants)

The Board discussed the proposed list of 2017 Lancaster County Legislative Priorities (see agenda packet) with Gordon Kissel and Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates:

- 1) Monitor Adult and Juvenile Justice Reform
- 2) Raise Population Threshold to 400,000 for Creation of a Civil Service Commission
- 3) Eliminate Responsibility of Counties to Pay Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS) Rent
- 4) Allow Financing of County Bridges Under Nebraska Revised Statute § 23-120(3)(b)

Avery returned to the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

With regard to the fourth priority, Schorr thought language should be added to explain the bonding component. Wiltgen expressed concern about the Board making a commitment that would bind future county boards to raising property taxes to finance those projects. He felt using bonds to finance bridges should be subject to a vote of the people. Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said if the Board wants to proceed in that manner he would caution against using this statute because it provides the only bonding authority the Board has to pay for county buildings. Kohout suggested adding the phrase "or other mechanism" to provide more flexibility in case it is determined that Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-120(3)(b) is not the best option.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to: 1) Adopt the standing priority of property tax relief and the other four legislative priorities; and 2) Direct Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, to rework the language related to the fourth priority and to email the finalized priority list to the Commissioners. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

4 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

There were no administrative officer reports.

6 PENDING

There were no pending items.

7 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

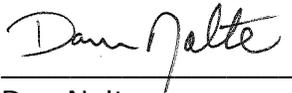
There were no Board member meeting reports.

8 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

9 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

