

**MID-YEAR BUDGET RETREAT  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BRYAN/LGH WEST  
2300 SOUTH 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CLASSROOM 1  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010  
8:30 A.M.**

County Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair; Ray Stevens, Vice Chair; Larry Hudkins; Bob Workman and Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer; Minette Genuchi, County Board's Administrative Assistant; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office; Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Monica Ross-Williams, Public Defender's Office; Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Director; Travis Parker, CMHC Deputy Director; Kyle Fischer, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Ron Bush, Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) and Al Laukaitis, Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Invitation to Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball Game**
- B. Appointment of a Temporary Chair for the Period of February 22-26, 2010**
- C. Legislative Update**
- D. Approval of the Village of Bennet as a Keno Gambling Location**
- E. Coverage of Commissioner Stevens' Committee Assignments During his Absence**

**1 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer**

**Five-Year Forecast**

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, gave an overview of the following documents (Exhibit A):

- County Tax Levy (10 Year History) (Page 2-1)
- Percentage Increase in Valuation (10 Year History) (Page 2-1)

- County Property Tax (10 Year History) (Page 2-2)
- Percentage Increase in Property Tax (Page 2-2)
- Total Budget of Expenditures-10 Year History (Page 2-3)
- Percentage Increase in Total Budget (Page 2-3)

Meyer said payroll costs, including benefits, increase \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 on an annual basis.

Hudkins asked whether the recent reduction in the number of County employees will affect that number. **NOTE:** The County turned operation of Lancaster Manor over to a private company and is in the process of selling the Manor property to the new operators. The County terminated the employment of all County employees at the Manor, effective December 31, 2009.

Meyer said it will not.

Hudkins asked whether funds were transferred from the General Fund to the Lancaster Manor Fund.

Meyer said \$500,000 was transferred but said he anticipates it will be reimbursed before the end of the fiscal year.

- General Fund Breakdown (Pages 2-4 through 2-6)

**NOTE:** The numbers shown reflect the adopted budget and do not include projected additional appropriations (see Page 1-1).

Meyer said public safety is the County's largest function and accounts for 59% of the General Fund budget (see Page 2-7). He said the Corrections budget has been increasing and will continue to increase with opening of the new jail.

Hudkins questioned the increase in the Juvenile Court budget (23.60%).

Meyer said some of the Juvenile Court legal contracts were ending and those costs were moved to the Juvenile Court budget. The General Fund justice system line item (see Page 2-4) was decreased to reflect the transfer. He said he spoke to Theresa Emmert, Juvenile Court Administrator, and said she feels the numbers are on track.

Meyer noted the County had a decrease in revenue because of the agreement with the City to form the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA).

**NOTE:** The City previously paid for City prisoners housed in the jail through an interlocal agreement. Under terms of the JPA agreement, the City loaned the County levy authority for the JPA in exchange for the housing of City prisoners.

In response to a question from Hudkins, Meyer said it may not be necessary to transfer the \$1,402,123 that was allocated as emergency funds for Lancaster Manor (see Page 2-5). He said those funds could then be used to help the fund balances.

Meyer noted the Board was able to decrease property taxes last year, partly by reducing the debt service tax asking. He said that option will not be available in the coming year. He stressed that the Board needs to make budget decisions earlier and relay that information to department heads so they can adjust their budgets accordingly.

- 2009-10 General Fund Budget (Page 2-7)
- Public Safety Breakdown (Pages 2-8 through 2-11)

Heier questioned the increase for the Mental Health Board.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said there has been a change in Mental Health Board practices, which has increased costs. He said Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, has been looking into the matter.

- Public Safety Budgeted Expenditures (10 Year History) (Page 2-12)
- Public Safety Revenue (10 Year History) (Page 2-12)
- Lancaster County, Public Safety (Page 2-13)
- Lancaster County, Public Works (Page 2-14)
- Public Works Budget of Expenditures (Page 2-15)
- Public Works - County Funding (Page 2-15)
- Lancaster County, Human Services (Pages 2-16 through 2-18)

Meyer said the Board needs to make sure that the County's share of funding for joint agencies is not increasing because the City's share is decreasing. He cited the Commission on Aging as an example, noting that agency has taken some significant "hits" from the City the last couple of years and their request for County funding increased by 5.44% this year.

Brief discussion took place regarding Joint Budget Committee (JBC) funding. Meyer said Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, is looking at two-year contracts again and has indicated the funding level will remain stable.

Heier asked Meyer for the total the County provides for grant match out of the General Fund.

Meyer said most of the match is related to graduated sanctions (see Page 2-9) and he estimated that amount at \$500,000.

Schorr noted that amount leverages approximately \$2,000,000.

Meyer said much of the match is in-kind services.

Heier asked Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to monitor when grants end, as well as the County's cost to maintain a program once grant funding ceases.

- Human Services Budgeted Expenditures - 10 Year History (Page 2-20)
- Human Services Revenue (10 Year History) (Page 2-20)

#### **A. Mid-Year Status of Expenditure Budget**

Meyer gave an overview of the following documents (Exhibit A):

- Lancaster County, Report of Obligations Versus Budget - December 31, 2009, Percent of Fiscal Year Remaining - 50.00% (Pages 3-1 through 3-2)
- Lancaster County, Payroll Costs Compared to Budget - December 31, 2009, Percent of Days Remaining - 49.43% (Page 3-3)

Heier and Schorr requested an explanation of the \$214,151 projected deficit for the Sheriff's Office.

Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff, said they made cuts to their personnel budget, at the Board's request, but were not able to stay within that amount.

Meyer said the Bridge and Special Road Fund may be over budget, due to snow removal costs, but said there could be some reimbursement.

- Lancaster County, Comparison of Obligations Through December, Fiscal Year 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year 2009 (Page 3-4)
- Lancaster County, Comparison of Payroll Obligations Through December, Fiscal Year 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year 2009 (Page 3-5)
- Lancaster County, Overtime by County Agency Compared to Budget - December 31, 2009, Percent of Year Remaining - 49.43% (Page 3-6)
- Lancaster County Boarding Contracts, Juvenile Court, Fiscal Year 1986 to Fiscal Year 2009 Actual Net Costs, Fiscal Year 2010 Projected Based on Bills Paid - July Through December (Page 3-7)
- General Assistance (Page 3-8)

## B. Mid-Year Status of Revenue Budget

Meyer gave an overview of the following documents (Exhibit A):

- Lancaster County, Report of Revenues Versus Budgeted - December 31, 2009, Percent of Fiscal Year Remaining - 50.00% (Page 4-1)
- Lancaster County, Comparison of Actual Revenues, Fiscal Year 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year 2009 (Page 4-2)

Meyer said revenues are down 1% overall.

- Lancaster County, Inheritance Tax Collections (Page 4-3)
- Lancaster County, Register of Deeds Fees (Page 4-4)
- Lancaster County, Interest Income Comparison (Page 4-5)
- Lancaster County, Employees Insurance - Fund 14 (Page 4-6)

Meyer noted the Board has been “buying down” insurance premiums to help offset the percentage increases. He said it will become more difficult to continue that practice as the fund balance decreases.

Schorr asked whether the loss of the Lancaster Manor employees will have an impact on group health insurance costs.

Hudkins said no, because insurance costs for the Manor employees were paid through Medicare/Medicaid, rather than the General Fund.

## C. Miscellaneous Budgets

Meyer gave an overview of the following documents (Exhibit A):

- Lancaster County, Building Fund Budget (Page 5-1)

Hudkins said he believes the Building Fund balance is extremely low and needs to be built back up.

Schorr asked how finishing of the County/City Building third floor will affect the budget.

Meyer said rent will be a factor. He said that could be offset by a reduction in funding of the Personnel Department. **NOTE:** A reduction in funding is anticipated since the County has had a significant reduction in employees.

- Lancaster County, Keno Collections (Page 5-2)
- Keno Collections by Fiscal Year (Page 5-2)
- Lancaster County, Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Keno Fund Budget (Page 5-3)

Meyer said approximately \$1,300,000 of the \$1,947,369 Keno Fund balance is committed, primarily for road projects.

- Indigent Defense Costs (Page 5-4 Through 5-7)
- Lancaster County, Year End Fund Balances from Budgets (Page 5-8)

Meyer said the General Fund balance was down approximately \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2009, compared to Fiscal Year 2008. He said the Board took one-time measures last year to offset that difference that won't be available this year. Meyer said the General Fund balance is down approximately \$1,700,000 when comparing January, 2010 balances to January, 2009, but he has yet to transfer \$3,100,000 from the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) to the General Fund.

Meyer noted the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) has requested the return of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income funds (Economic Development Fund). In the past the County has used a portion of those funds to pay its dues to the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) and the County's share of the salary for the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to pay the County's dues to the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) and the County's share of the salary for the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development out of the Economic Development Fund. Workman, Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion then focused on cash reserves. Meyer said the General Fund cash reserve is \$4,190,000 and said it needs to be at the \$12,000,000 level by the end of the fiscal year.

- Lancaster County, Bonds Outstanding, June 30, 2009 (Page 5-9)
- Capital Lease, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), June 30, 2009 (Page 5-10)

Hudkins asked Meyer to check on the interest rate so the Board can assess whether it would be better to pay off the lease.

### **Letters from Agencies**

Meyer gave an overview of the following documents (Exhibit A):

- Lancaster County, Fiscal Year 2010 Projected Additional Appropriations, Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Review (Page 1-1)

Meyer said requests total \$838,112. He said that amount is comparable to the total amount requested in Fiscal Year 2009 (\$830,631).

- Lancaster County, Funding Issues Next 5 Years (Page 1-2)  
**NOTE:** This document is repeated on Page 2-24

Stevens noted the projected costs for District Court and asked whether there would be savings from the new technology that is requested.

Meyer said he will ask Troy Hawk the Court Administrator for District Court.

Jarrett said video conferencing would reduce costs to transport prisoners from the new jail.

Hudkins asked whether deputies must complete all their training and be off probation before they can handle prisoner transports.

Jarrett said not necessarily, although that is the preference.

### **D. Five-Year Forecast**

Meyer gave an overview of the following documents (Exhibit A):

- Lancaster County, Levy Projections (Page 2-21)
- Lancaster County, Levy Projections (3 Year Average) (Page 2-22)

Heier questioned whether the jail operating expenses reflect full capacity and staffing.

- Lancaster County, Levy Projections (9 Year Average) (Page 2-23)
- Lancaster County, Funding Issues Next 5 Years (Page 2-24)
- Lancaster County, History of Tax Requirements (Page 2-25)
- Lancaster County, Historical Taxable Assessed Valuation (Page 2-26)

- Lancaster County, Change in Unused Budget Carryforward Authority (Page 2-27)
- Change in Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), 1989 to 2009 (Page 2-28)
- Lancaster County Group Insurance, County Share of Cost (Page 2-29)
- Health Insurance Comparison (Page 2-30)

Heier asked Meyer to check whether Douglas and Sarpy County are self-insured.

- Lancaster County, General Fund Budgeted Payroll Costs (Page 2-31)

Meyer said Commissioner Hudkins asked him to calculate how much money the County would save by furloughing employees. He said the total payroll is approximately \$2,500,000 therefore, a one-day furlough would save the County approximately \$250,000.00. Excluding employees in 24-hour operations would reduce that amount to approximately \$112,000.00.

Stevens noted voluntary furloughs have also been suggested.

Schorr asked whether this issue is addressed in the labor contracts.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to ask Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer; and the County Attorney's Office to consult the Personnel Department on the issue of furloughs. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Eagan recommended that the Board get a legal opinion on the issue.

- Lancaster County, Non-Mandated County Services (Page 2-32)

#### **E. Letters from Agencies**

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

#### **F. Department Budget Hearing Schedule for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

The Board reviewed the budget calendar.

Stevens said he would prefer that the agency budget hearing dates be changed since he will be absent on the proposed dates.

There was general consensus to hold the agency budget hearings on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> instead of the dates indicated on the budget calendar.

### **G. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Instruction Letter to Agencies**

Board consensus was to have the Chair, Kerry Eagan and Dennis Meyer draft the instruction letter to departments.

Thorpe asked that departments be instructed to list any grants, the positions the grants are funding and the amount of match required.

Stevens suggested that departments give consideration to limiting services when possible, to certain hours or days of the week.

## **2 LUNCH**

The Chair recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#### **A. Invitation to Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball Game**

Heier said John Abel has invited the Board to watch the June 8<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Saltdogs baseball game from his SkyBox Suite in Haymarket Park.

#### **B. Appointment of a Temporary Chair for the Period of February 22-26, 2010**

It was noted that the Chair and Vice Chair will both be absent February 22-26, 2010

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to appoint Commissioner Workman to serve as temporary chair during their absence. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

### C. Legislative Update

Eagan gave an overview of the following legislation:

- LB 970 (Change provisions relating to appeals from county planning commission decisions)

Eagan said the legislation was partially derailed at the legislative hearing, due to confusion on whether the bill would change the process for special permits appeals. He said that issue has been cleared up and asked whether the Board would prefer that the legislation apply just to Lancaster County or state-wide.

Board consensus was to let Senator Campbell, introducer of the bill, make that determination.

- LB1079 (Change the time for appealing to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) and certain dates relating to property tax assessment and equalization)

Eagan said the Assessor's Office has expressed concern regarding a proposed amendment that would extend the deadline for TERC appeals and would allow property owners to continue to negotiate with the Board of Equalization (BOE) regarding their values (see Exhibit B) and plans to testify in opposition.

- LB 953 (Provide a rate of payment for certain medical services in emergency protective custody situations)

Eagan said a negotiating session was held with Bryan/LGH Health System to discuss extending their contract to provide certain medical services at Medicaid rates in emergency protective custody situations.

Schorr expressed concern that an agreement will not be reached before the legislative hearing on the bill.

Eagan said there wasn't enough time to work out an agreement. He said the hospital would like to see the bill pulled but said the County doesn't have that authority, even though it was introduced on the County's behalf. Eagan said there is a lot of interest in the bill and said the County made a concession to have it scheduled for the last hearing date of the session to slow it down and allow for contract negotiations.

Schorr said she believes the process was handled poorly.

Eagan said he believes they have a good foundation for an agreement and said he and Joe Kohout, Legislative Consultant, will meet with Senator Coash, introducer of the bill, tomorrow to discuss the situation.

### **E. Coverage of Commissioner Stevens' Committee Assignments During his Absence**

Workman agreed to attend the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was no commitment by any of the Board members to attend the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Advisory Committee Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

With regard to City-County Common meetings, Stevens asked that the next agenda include discussion on meeting times. He suggested starting Common meetings at 8:15 a.m., on Tuesdays and later in the morning on Mondays to better coincide with the City Council's schedule.

## **5 OTHER ISSUES**

### **A. Sex Offender Treatment Funding**

Eagan said Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, is still searching for possible funding sources for the program. **NOTE:** A Bureau of Justice Administration Grant that has funded the program will expire in June, 2010 and cannot be renewed.

### **B. Information Services (IS) Flat Rate Schedule**

Meyer said the proposed flat rate schedule is based on the previous year's usage and said the total increase is approximately \$51,000, a 2.9% net increase. He said the departments have not seen the proposed rates yet and said some may have issues.

Meyer was asked to inform Ken Kuszak, Interim Information Services (IS) Director, the County may not be able to absorb that large of an increase this year.

## **3 LINCOLN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) FUTURE BUDGETS** - Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director; Derek Feyerherm, CVB Director of Sales

The following documents were disseminated (Exhibits C, D & E): CVB Highlights (2005-2010); 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska, The Year of National Championship Competition; and a brochure on Nebraska tourism.

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director, discussed how County Visitors Improvement Fund dollars are allocated (0.5% for bid fees, 0.5% for grants and 1.0% for capital improvements to facilities) (see Exhibit F). He said there are individuals in the community that would like to see the dollars allocated for grants applied to various attractions. Maul said he has had discussions with several of them and believes many of their facilities do benefit a component of tourism. He said he believes requests for the grant funds will increase and said he would like to appropriate a portion of the annual collections in the new budget year so the CVB would have additional bid fee dollars to attract events to the community.

It was noted that the funds allocated for grants were originally allocated for entryway signage. Maul said there were too many limitations placed on signage by the Department of Roads and City of Lincoln and the funds were reallocated. Hudkins asked Maul whether they have looked into having a brick sign, rather than a billboard, placed along Interstate 80 to attract visitors to Lincoln.

Maul said he was told there are right-of-way issues.

Hudkins said he would like to see it pursued further.

Maul said perhaps it could be accomplished through a partnership with Yankee Hill Brick (a local company).

Workman said he dislikes the concept of bid fees.

Derek Feyerherm, CVB Director of Sales, said that is becoming the industry trend, especially for sporting and agricultural events.

Maul explained that the dollars are used to help pay for things such as facility fees, staging and marketing.

Copies of a letter from the Lincoln Parks Foundation requesting a \$100,000 grant from the County Visitors Improvement Fund for renovation of support facilities at Sherman Field, a baseball facility owned by the City, were disseminated (Exhibit G). **NOTE:** See Exhibit H for additional information regarding the proposed improvements.

Hudkins questioned whether bid fees are a better use of the funds than improving a facility such as Sherman Field.

Maul stressed the need to balance improvement of facilities with providing financial assistance to the events that use those facilities.

Board consensus was to refer the request to the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) for recommendation.

Schorr noted the letter from the Lincoln Parks Foundation also asks the Board to consider helping to fund renovation of Centennial Mall. **NOTE:** See Exhibit I for additional information regarding the project.

Board consensus was to refer the letter from the Lincoln Parks Foundation to the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) for recommendation.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Workman seconded to allocate the County Visitors Improvement Fund dollars as follows: 0.75% for bid fees, 0.25% for grants and 1.0% for capital improvements to facilities. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Stevens noted the Board has been approached about providing visitor improvement funds for several facilities and asked Maul if he could assist with prioritization.

Maul said it would be difficult for him to do so, as the CVB represents every tourism interest in the community. He said he could provide the Board with information regarding the number of events the facilities attract and their tourism impact.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **C. Director Salary Comparability**

The Board reviewed the information (Pages 5-11 through 5-14). Updated salary information showing the increases that were recently approved was requested.

### **D. Sick Leave Accrual and Payout**

The Board discussed sick leave options (Page 5-15).

Hudkins said he believes a direct buyout is a better approach in terms of encouraging retirement.

Eagan said one advantage of a payout into the Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) is the County will not have to pay taxes or Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) on the funds.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Workman seconded to: 1) Pay half hours over 2080 hours annually into the Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP); and 2) Increase the sick leave payout from 55% to 60%.

In response to a question from Workman, Eagan said the proposal only applies to unrepresented employees. He said the labor unions have different payouts.

The maker of the motion and the seconder withdrew their motion.

Schorr expressed concern that the labor unions could make a similar request.

Hudkins questioned whether the County can afford the expense this year.

Board consensus was to hold the item. Additional information on the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) numbers and input from departments who have a significant number of unrepresented employees regarding the proposed changes were requested.

**4 GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA) STRATEGIC PLANNING - Gary Chalupa, Veterans Service Officer/General Assistance (GA) Director**

Gary Chalupa, Veterans Service Officer/General Assistance (GA) Director, asked the Board to consider hiring an Assistant GA Director. He said he does not have enough time to devote to GA, given his other duties, and said a middle manager is needed to help with the workload. Chalupa suggested an annual salary of \$50,000. Benefits at the maximum rate and rent for office space would increase the cost to \$91,200. He said he would like to move the Veterans Service office to the second floor of Trabert Hall, which would increase the annual rent by \$14,740, explaining some of the offices used for client interviews do not fit the model in terms of security.

It was suggested that Chalupa look at alternatives, including a part-time, shared or contract position.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded to direct the Personnel Department to expedite creation of a job description for an Assistant General Assistance (GA) Director.

The Chair noted the Board is not making a commitment to hire an assistant at this time.

Stevens said costs related to the position were included in the projected additional appropriation for General Assistance (see Page 1-1).

**ROLL CALL:** Workman, Stevens, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

Schorr exited the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

## **5 OTHER ISSUES**

- A. Sex Offender Treatment Funding**
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- C. Director Salary Comparability**
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Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

### **RETURNING TO ITEM 5A**

Settle said he is still looking for funds to maintain the Sex Offender Management Program, noting there are over 900 sex offenders living in Lancaster County. He said he submitted funding requests to the Legislature and United States Attorney's Office in Omaha and recently learned of a new grant opportunity (see Exhibit J).

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, to apply for the grant, with signature by the Chair. Workman, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Settle said the Bureau of Justice Administration Grant that helped fund the program will expire in June of 2010 and said they will drop down from serving 70 individuals a month to 35, which is the number they served before the grant. He estimated the cost to continue the service level at 70 individuals at \$75,000 a year. Settle said another case manager is also needed and estimated that cost at \$50,000 a year, with benefits.

Schorr returned to the meeting at 2:23 a.m.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **E. Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Over Highway 34**

Heier said he spoke to the Mayor and City Councilman John Spatz who indicated the proposal for a bridge over Highway 34 to provide a safe alternative for students crossing from the Highlands Neighborhood to the new Schoo Middle School in the Fallbrook Neighborhood has been placed on hold until after the vote on the arena project. He said a City bus is transporting students in the meantime.

## **6 BUDGET WRAP-UP**

There were no further items to discuss.

## **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **D. Approval of the Village of Bennet as a Keno Gambling Location**

The Board scheduled the item on the February 23, 2010 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda (see Exhibit K).

#### **7 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Hudkins, Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk