

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA)
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Present: Bernie Heier, Chair; Eugene Carroll, Vice Chair; Deb Schorr; and Chris Beutler

Others Present: Dennis Meyer, County Budget & Fiscal Officer; Mike Thurber, Corrections Director; Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2011 MEETING

MOTION: Carroll moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting. Carroll, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Beutler was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

2 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROCESSED THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2011

Dennis Meyer, County Budget and Fiscal Officer, gave an overview of the claims, which total \$1,691,084.62. The claims reflect payments to Wells Fargo for bank fees and Sampson Construction Company, the construction manager at risk.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Carroll seconded approval. Carroll, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Beutler was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

Beutler arrived at the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

3 PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to testify.

The Deputy County Clerk administered the oath to Meyer.

Meyer said the property tax levy will decrease by \$51,000 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The decrease is the result of a reduction in the bond payments. The total property tax request will be \$4,947,000. He said expenditures total \$32,844,727, noting this should be the final year for construction costs. The budget includes a calculation of levies for the County and City, with the decrease in the City portion. There was also an 1.21% increase in valuation. The combined levy is \$.029045 per \$100 of valuation.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

4 ADOPT RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

MOTION: Carroll moved and Schorr seconded approval. Schorr, Beutler, Carroll and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

5 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER - AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011

MOTION: Schorr moved and Carroll seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Beutler, Schorr, Carroll and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

6 BLACK HILLS UTILITY 2009 TAX REFUND - DISCUSS PAYMENT VERSUS HARDSHIP

Meyer said the Nebraska Department of Revenue has notified the County Treasurer a settlement has been reached with Black Hills Energy on a decrease of their 2009 taxable value. The utility is owed a refund since they have already paid the 2009 taxes. He estimated the refund for the two funds at \$5,400 to \$5,500. Meyer said political subdivisions are allowed to pay the funds back over time if it creates a hardship. He recommended that the JPA take care of the refund through the tax distribution instead.

Schorr asked whether the settlement will impact the 2010 taxes as well. Meyer said he will check and report back. He will also report back on the total amount of the settlement.

In response to a question from Beutler, Meyer said he believes the refund is related to pipeline, not real property.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Carroll seconded to authorize the refund from funds held in the County Treasurer's Office. Carroll, Beutler, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT

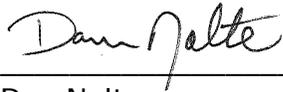
There was no public comment.

8 SETTING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

9 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Carroll seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m. Beutler, Carroll, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

