

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING WITH VILLAGE CLERKS AND BOARDS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006
11:00 A.M.

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director
Don Thomas, County Engineer
Mike Dekalb, Planning Department
Melissa Koci, County Clerk's Office

Village Clerks & Boards Susan Seeman, Bennet Village Board
Patricia Rule, Bennet Village Clerk
Don Murray, Bennet Village Board
Bill Edwards, Denton Village Board
Brett Baker, Hickman City Administrator
Dave Dykmann, Hickman City Council
Steve Noren, Hickman City Council
Richard Harms, Hickman City Council
Doug Houston, Hickman City Council
Nadine Link, Malcolm Village Clerk
Denise Saathoff, Malcolm Village Attorney
Eric Johnson, Panama Village Board
Ron Melbye, Waverly Mayor
Bruce Forbes, Waverly City Council
Doug Rix, Waverly City Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Lancaster County Board Chair Deb Schorr at 11:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

- 1 RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICES** - Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director

Doug Ahlberg, appeared and gave an overview of the rural ambulance services. He noted in November, 2005, the County Board asked him to Chair a committee to look at EMS response in the County. He also said there are 13 total fire districts that are part of Lancaster County, however only 9 of them are in Lancaster County. He said benefits for ambulance services from Medicare have been reduced significantly and some of the rural departments are not charging people because they didn't feel it was necessary to bill the people that needed services if they lived in the fire district. Ahlberg noted they decided everybody would start billing and bill equally and it will be the same county wide. He said they also made a determination that Lincoln Fire would not automatically be detailed out into the County for alpha, bonnelly and charlie calls for service unless the fire district has a contract with Lincoln Fire to do so. Ahlberg noted Bennet has an agreement with Lincoln Fire & Rescue to take all calls for service and Malcolm has the southern half of their district that Lincoln responds to.

Ahlberg also noted the mileage fee was increased from \$10 to \$12.50 and if Lincoln is involved in an intercept, then the collection is up to the transporting agency who would then bill the person and give Lincoln 40%.

Ahlberg said there is another meeting on March 14, 2007 and they will be looking at how the collections have impacted the entities in the County and all the rural departments that have rescue units that respond into Lancaster County.

Ahlberg reported on an average there are around 990 calls for service outside the City of Lincoln and in the county per year.

Ahlberg distributed documentation regarding the *Pandemic Flu Planning* (Exhibit A).

2 ADDRESS CHANGES FOR UNINCORPORATED VILLAGES

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, reported the rural address changes are now being done in the unincorporated villages which may cause some streets names to be changed. He said they will be starting the changes in the next few months.

3 ROAD AND BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE

Don Thomas, County Engineer, appeared and briefly gave an overview of the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program paving projects coming up.

Dave Dykmann, Hickman City Council, indicated he would like to see a few roads paved around Hickman.

Thomas said in the near future the roads will be paved, but because of how and when the County gets State or Federal funding is when the projects can begin.

Doug Rix, Waverly City Administrator, asked the status of the beltway project.

Thomas said they are in the process of selecting a consultant to get enough design work done so they can get corridor protection, which would allow Lancaster County the ability to acquire property as someone develops land. He said a red flag would also come up if the property being developed is in the East Beltway. Thomas said the East Beltway will not tie into Highway 6, but go only to the Interstate.

Rix also said some time ago Waverly was working with the County Board to come up with a way to pave the road north of Millard Lumber which will connect to Waverly Road so Millard Lumber can get to Highway 77 and bypass the railroad crossings.

Thomas noted there is an interlocal agreement with Waverly to pave the road, however the monies have not been set aside for the project which would cost the county \$80,000. He said he would talk to the Board about it at the December 14, 2006 staff meeting.

Bruce Forbes, Waverly City Council, asked if there has been any discussion about improving the intersections at 148th and "O" Street and 120th & "O" Street.

Thomas said he would speak with the State to see if there are any plans for the intersections.

4 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mike Dekalb, Planner, appeared and distributed documentation regarding acreages (Exhibit B) and gave a brief overview about them. Dekalb also said whoever gets to a particular piece of land first, whether it be the City of Lincoln or a village, can lock it in and it will not be superceded.

Larry Hudkins reported there is some controversy going on with regards to cell towers in the Malcolm area.

Denise Saathoff, Attorney for Malcolm Village, stated there have been some concerns about a cell tower in Malcolm and they will be informed about it at a meeting on Thursday.

Saathoff also indicated Malcolm is having some problems with coming up with the monies to improve the water and sewer system. She said the residents make too much money to get any funding and there haven't been any grants that will help.

Several clerks gave some advice to Saathoff on who to call or contact.

5 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk