

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LANCASTER COUNTY VILLAGES
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010
8:00 A.M.

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

County Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Terry Kathe and Dale Stertz, Building and Safety Department; Don Thomas, County Engineer; Doug Pillard, County Engineering; Mike DeKalb, Planning Department; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office; and Al Laukaitis, Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper

Village Representatives: Don Murray, Bennet Village Board Chair; Patricia Rule, Bennet Village Clerk; Bill Edwards, Village of Denton; Jill Hoefler, Firth Village Clerk; Vicky Polak, Hallam Village Clerk/Treasurer; Brett Baker, Hickman City Administrator/Economic Development Director; Nadine Link, Malcolm Village Clerk; Denise Saathoff, Malcolm Village Attorney; Nancy Niemann, Raymond Village Clerk; Mike Werner, Waverly Mayor; Glenda Wood, Waverly Zoning Administrator; and Doug Rix, Waverly City Administrator/Clerk

Bernie Heier, County Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 RECEPTION (8:00 - 8:30 A.M.)

The County Board Chair welcomed village representatives and introductions were made.

2 REVIEW OF FLOODPLAIN MAP REVISIONS - Shuhai Zheng, Floodplain Management Chief, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR); Gloria Bucco, Public Information Officer, NDNR; Staci Parent, Floodplain Mapping Specialist, NDNR; Bill Jones, Floodplain Management Specialist, NDNR; Ben Higgins, Senior Engineer, Lincoln Public Works/Utilities; Paul Zillig, Assistant Manager, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD); and Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager, Nemaha NRD

Shuhai Zheng, Floodplain Management Chief, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR); Gloria Bucco, Public Information Officer, NDNR; and Staci Parent, Floodplain Mapping Specialist, NDNR, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Lancaster County floodplain mapping, noting the following (Exhibit A):

- * Floodplain mapping objectives and benefits
- * Flood map terminology
- * Scope of the project
- * Types of engineering analysis
- * Data that is needed from villages
 - * Extraterritorial jurisdictions
 - * Corporate boundaries
 - * Road names
 - * Transportation features
 - * Base maps
 - * Stormwater studies
 - * Elevation data
- * Project schedule
- * Project contacts

Al Laukaitis, Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper, asked how the floodplain mapping will impact flood insurance for county residents.

Bill Jones, Floodplain Management Specialist, NDNR, said the only impact will be to those that move in or out of the floodplain.

In response to a question from Denise Saathoff, Malcolm Village Attorney, Ben Higgins, Senior Engineer, Lincoln Public Works/Utilities, said information that was submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) last year has been shared, or will be shared, with NDNR.

Jones added that it is important to review the preliminary floodplain maps when they come out to see if any changes are necessary.

Information related to the 2010 Lancaster County mapping effort and a map of the 2009-2010 restudy floodplain map were also disseminated (Exhibits B and C).

3 UPDATE ON EXPANSION OF RURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS BY SPECIAL PERMIT - Mike DeKalb, Planner, City of Lincoln - Lancaster County Planning Department

Mike DeKalb, Planner, Planning Department, gave an update on a recent text amendment to the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution to allow expansion of rural home occupations by special permit (Exhibit D). He said the special permit will run with the land unless there is a request to have it removed. Compliance checks will be performed on a complaint basis. DeKalb noted it is still the intent to direct commercial development to the incorporated towns.

DeKalb also indicated that work to update the Comprehensive Plan has begun and said his department will be in contact with the villages as part of that process.

4 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Hudkins said the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) has asked the County to return over \$460,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income funds because the funds were not used for more than two years. He asked the villages to let the Board know if they have any projects that might qualify.

Commissioner Schorr noted the funds must be tied to job creation. She said Mike Lang, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of Lincoln for Economic Development, would be willing to share specifics of the program with any community that has an interest.

Hudkins said the Board is anticipating reductions in state aid to counties and said he has suggested the Board look at furloughing employees in order to meet the budget.

Jill Hoefler, Firth Village Clerk, said her community has concerns regarding the County Sheriff's response time to incidents in that community.

Patricia Rule, Bennet Village Clerk, reported that Bennet has received a CDBG grant for a stormwater study. She also reported that the Bennet Village Board is looking at the issue of whether to allow Keno gambling in that community.

Nancy Niemann, Raymond Village Clerk, said her community lacks a decent sewer system.

Brett Baker, Hickman City Administrator/Economic Development Director, thanked City and County departments for the assistance they have provided his community. He also reported on a regional master trails plan, plans for a new recreational complex and water treatment plant, new commercial development and grants for stormwater analysis and a new municipal water well.

Jill Hoefler, Firth Village Clerk, inquired about the possibility of paving 82nd Street from Saltillo Road to the Village of Firth.

Don Thomas, County Engineer, said the design is scheduled in the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.

Bill Edwards, Village of Denton, reported that radium was discovered in his community's water supply.

5 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk