

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LANCASTER COUNTY VILLAGES
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010
8:30 A.M.

County Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair; Bernie Heier; Jane Raybould; and Brent Smoyer

Village Representatives: Jill Hoefler, Firth Municipal Clerk; Vicky Polak, Hallam Village Clerk; Silas Clarke, Hickman City Administrator; Dave Dykmann, Hickman City Council; Nadine Link, Malcolm Village Clerk; Denise Saathoff, Malcolm Village Attorney; Pam Pickard, Panama Village Clerk; Nancy Niemann, Raymond Village Clerk; Mike Werner, Waverly Mayor; and Doug Rix, Waverly Village Clerk

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, County Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Chief Administrative Officer; Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds; Don Thomas, County Engineer; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Deb Schorr, County Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

- 1 DISCUSSION WITH LANCASTER COUNTY VILLAGES**
 - A) ADDRESSING WITHIN VILLAGE LIMITS** - Silas Clarke, Hickman Administrator; Terry Kathe, Zoning Coordinator, Building and Safety Department; Doug Pillard, Design Division Head, County Engineering; Arlynn Brunke, Computer and Geographic Information System (GIS) Records Assistant II, County Engineering; Jeff McReynolds, GIS Program Manager
 - B) ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

A) Addressing Within Village Limits

Silas Clarke, Hickman Administrator, said the City of Hickman is implementing collaboration software that allows them to put their building permits on-line using their Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping software. He said their goal was to mimic the GIS system for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County and show the addresses of properties in Hickman's jurisdiction using the City/County's GIS viewer. Clarke said his query on how to achieve that raised the issue of possible readdressing.

Jeff McReynolds, GIS Program Manager, said the address that is displayed in the GIS system is supplied and maintained by that jurisdiction. He said the City of Lincoln maintains the GIS system for properties within its jurisdiction, as well as Lancaster County and within the one-mile planning jurisdictions for cities and villages within the County, through an interlocal agreement. McReynolds said he has had discussions with Clarke on how to get address information that is the responsibility of the rural cities and villages into the City/County's GIS system so that it can be displayed. He said it is an issue of public safety as well, noting addresses are not in sequential order across the County.

Kerry Eagan, County Chief Administrative Officer, said it may require amendment of the existing interlocal agreement. Issues that would need to be addressed include who will maintain the system and signage enforcement.

Schorr asked McReynolds whether existing addresses could be entered into the GIS system. McReynolds said they could but that information would need to come from the rural cities and villages. Clarke asked whether the County Assessor/Register of Deeds property information system could serve as a starting point. McReynolds explained that the address that is entered as the situs address with County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office may not be the address that was assigned through the platting process, but agreed it would be a good place to start.

In response to a question from Raybould, McReynolds said emergency responders currently use existing GIS address information, noting if information isn't available inside the rural cities and villages the default would be Google maps (web mapping application). He stressed the need to bring that information into the GIS system so there is an authoritative copy of those addresses housed in one location. Schorr asked whether a fee would be charged. Terry Kathe, Zoning Coordinator, Building and Safety Department, said his department bills the County for the hours it spends on county activities. Eagan added that the County has not passed that cost on to the rural cities and villages.

Nancy Niemann, Raymond Village Clerk, asked whether it would be better to start with existing addresses and "fix" them later on. McReynolds said they could use the existing address provided it is possible to determine the corresponding lot. Kathe cautioned that property owners may get upset if their address is changed once it has been acknowledged and shown on the map.

Heier noted the County Board took a lot of "guff" when it changed addresses in the County but said it was worth it. Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Chief Administrative Officer, added the Board tried to make the changes easier for property owners, such as working with the U.S. Postal Service to make sure their mail was still delivered.

Denise Saathoff, Malcolm Village Attorney, asked what type of format they would use to submit the information. Kathe said they could provide the rural cities and villages with a spreadsheet to provide the necessary information. McReynolds agreed to send the rural cities and villages an email with a link to the situs addresses. He said they could also look at a means to allow the rural cities and villages to use the map and place those points without having the GIS software. McReynolds said he will let them know up-front if there will be an associated cost.

B) Roundtable Discussion

Saathoff discussed a problem involving a bar/restaurant that closed. She said the building has deteriorated but not enough to be condemnable. Saathoff said Malcolm is seeking a "tool" to force something to happen that does not include Malcolm having to purchase the property. Heier suggested Malcolm contact the County Attorney's Office to see if there is a way for the County to get involved.

Hudkins said the County has a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income Revolving Loan Fund that can be used to assist businesses. Schorr said there are certain requirements that must be met, such as job creation, and suggested that anyone interested contact Craig Eberle, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD), who is administering the program for the County.

Saathoff also reported that Malcolm is in the process of entering into an interlocal agreement with the Villages of Bee, Denton, Pleasant Dale and Staplehurst to share water/sewer services and equipment.

Nancy Niemann, Raymond Village Clerk; Pam Pickard, Panama Village Clerk; and Nadine Link, Malcolm Village Clerk, all reported significant turnover on their village boards. Raybould suggested they provide an orientation session for new members.

Jill Hoefler, Firth Municipal Clerk, said their nursing home, which was a big employer in the community, recently closed.

Doug Rix, Waverly Village Clerk, said Waverly continues to work on their "quiet zone" (a railroad grade crossing at which trains are prohibited from sounding their horns in order to decrease the noise level for nearby residential communities). He said Waverly is also working on a new comprehensive plan, design regulations and a transportation plan. Rix also reported that Valmont Industries is expanding its operations, utilizing their site in Waverly. He said that could lead to 50-60 new jobs.

Mike Werner, Waverly Mayor, expressed appreciation to the County Board and Sheriff's Office regarding the interlocal agreement for three Sheriff's deputies for law enforcement services within Waverly's corporate limits. He also expressed concern

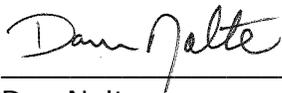
regarding a dust problem on Bluff Road related to traffic going to the Camp Creek Threshers events. Hudkins said Bluff Road is also a main route from the east for the school buses. Werner said Waverly would be willing to pay the additional cost to make the first five or six blocks pavement instead of asphalt when the road is improved. Hudkins suggested that Waverly bring the issue forward at the County Board's public hearing on the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.

Vicky Polak, Hallam Village Clerk, reported on an ongoing problem involving the railroad leaving debris along the railroad tracks off Hallam's main street.

Schorr reported on the Emergency Medical System Oversight Agency (EMSOA), noting the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, BryanLGH Medical Center, and St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center have restructured the way that medical oversight is provided to rural responders.

2 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the County Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

