

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2001**  
**7:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair  
Bob Workman, Vice-Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier

Others Present: Patricia Owen, Deputy County Clerk  
Don Thomas, County Engineer

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners convened and was called to order on Wednesday, November 7, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers regarding a public hearing on the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.

The Chair opened the public hearing and introduced the County Board and County Engineer, Don Thomas.

Thomas welcomed everyone to the Fiscal 2001 One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program public hearing. He highlighted completed improvements for Fiscal Year 2001 and gave a summary (Exhibit D) of the Fiscal Year 2002 program. (Exhibit A)

Thomas also indicated that a correction needed to be made in the six year program in regard to E. Old Cheney that showed a mile of paving and a mile and a half of grading. The error was caused by a proposed NRD dam that would have graded E. Old Cheney in 2002 and the rest of the grading to occur in 2003. Thomas also proposed to add NW 27<sup>th</sup> Street from Alvo Road north to the Waverly Road for engineering in the six year program.

Thomas requested that correspondence from the following individuals be made a part of the record:

\*Bill Oberg-regarding his appreciation for the Lancaster County Engineer's office plan for the upgrading of West Superior Street between NW 56<sup>th</sup> and NW 70<sup>th</sup> Streets. (Exhibit B)

\*Roy E. Baker, Superintendent for Norris School District #160-regarding their request to include the paving of approximately 600 feet of Princeton Road in the one and six-year program. (Exhibit C)

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience would like to present comments on the One and Six-Year Plan.

Sandy Smith, 18303 N. 162<sup>nd</sup>, Greenwood, Nebraska, appeared and stated that she wished to speak regarding 162<sup>nd</sup> Street paving between Hwy 6 and Ashland road. Smith indicated that she wanted to compliment Don Thomas for the bridge improvements that have already been made in their area. Smith questioned some timing and acquisition issues relating to some standby projects in their area. Smith asked if the projects, which currently seemed to be very staggered, could be completed in a closer time frame. Thomas indicated that there were several things going on at the same time in relation to these projects and discussed aspects of the acquisition and project completion.

Workman questioned Smith about any difference in traffic volumes with the road having been closed. Smith replied that yes, there had been quite a bit less.

Gene Neddenriep, Superintendent of Malcolm Public Schools appeared on behalf of his school district and asked that a handout regarding their concerns be distributed to the Commissioners (Exhibit E). Neddenriep went through the list of concerns including, the crowns in the road at NW 84<sup>th</sup> and W. McKelvie North; maintenance issues in regard to NW 84<sup>th</sup> and W. Waverly North of the intersection; request for asphaltting of the road from 105<sup>th</sup> to 112<sup>th</sup> on West Bluff Road; issues with Wild Rose Lane and the general condition of some of the roads in the NW area of Lancaster County.

Neddenriep also commented on the Wild Rose Lane closure issue and Chair Campbell encouraged him to address this issue on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001 when the issue would be on the Lancaster County Board's agenda. Campbell also indicated that the Board would introduce his letter regarding Wild Rose Lane at the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thomas addressed Neddenriep's concerns with the maintenance issues and said they are working with the landowners on NW 84<sup>th</sup> right now on this issue.

Larry England, 1901 W. Alvo Road, appeared, (reading from a prepared statement), he indicated that he is opposed to the proposed closure of Wild Rose Lane. England stated that this road had been in use for approximately 40 years and is a primary access road from NW 27<sup>th</sup> and Highway 34. England listed several reasons he felt warranted keeping this road open. He indicated to the Commissioners that they will be receiving a copy of his prepared statement as well as a signature list of people also opposed to the roads closure. Chair Campbell encouraged England to appear during the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Lancaster County Board meeting to voice his concerns during that meeting. England thanked Thomas for the inclusion of several projects in his area. England asked for a show of hands in the audience of those who had come to discuss the Wild Rose Lane issue.

Hudkins questioned England whether in his opinion this area was a high accident area or if there was a sight problem. England indicated, not in his opinion, that a few accidents occurred but none seemed to be serious. He indicated that there is no sight problem. England indicated the new ramps would help a lot.

Hudkins questioned if this was a school bus route and if there was a railroad signal light at this location. England indicated yes.

Campbell asked that all representatives of the Lancaster County Engineers Office stand to be acknowledged. Campbell thanked them for their work over the last year and expressed the Commissioners appreciation.

Workman requested that Merle Vinson, Greenwood, Nebraska step forward to discuss his concerns about work being done on two bridges located at 148<sup>th</sup> and Rock Creek Road and 143rd and Agnew Road. Workman indicated that Tom Peterson had called and indicated that the closure of both at the same time would be problematic. Workman asked that Thomas take a look at this issue.

Vinson discussed these issues and indicated that he felt this was a safety issue that needed to be addressed. Thomas indicated that the Agnew Road bridge plans have been completed. He also indicated that in the next two years the engineering would be completed for the 148<sup>th</sup> bridge work.

Hudkins questioned Thomas about whether on the Fiscal 2002 map if NW 70<sup>th</sup> was scheduled. Hudkins indicated that there appeared to be no right-of-way indications on the map for acquisition. Thomas indicated that the project was in stand-by right now due to funding issues. Hudkins asked if the County agreed to commit the funding if the project could be pulled forward. Thomas indicated that it was possible.

Hudkins indicated he had a question on the 2003-2007 map with regard to Wild Rose Lane. Hudkins indicated that with the proposed plans to close Wild Rose he noticed that the map indicates that it is listed to receive new paving and asked if this was in error. Thomas indicated that yes this was in error.

With no further testimony before the Board, by direction of the Chair the hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned.

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Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk