

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2002
7:30 P.M.

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

Others Present: Don Thomas, County Engineer

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners convened and was called to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers regarding a public hearing on the proposed 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 2002 One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program public hearing and highlighted completed improvements for Fiscal Year 2002 and gave a summary (Exhibit 1) of the Fiscal Year 2003 program (Exhibit 2).

Offered and submitted into the record by Thomas were the following:

- ▶ Letter from Lori Kadavy Alberti requesting that Branched Oak Road going west one mile from Highway 77 be considered for rock surfacing (Exhibit 3). Recommendation was that it be added to the Six Year Program in "standby status".
- ▶ Letter from Robert and Carol Schmucker requesting that a portion (approximately two miles) of Agnew Road going west from Highway 79 be added to the Six-Year Program for engineering (Exhibit 4). Recommendation was that it be added to the Six Year Program in "standby status".
- ▶ Letter from the Village of Hallam requesting paving on Southwest 100th Street from Hallam Road going north to Panama Road and going west one mile to Southwest 114th Street (Exhibit 5). It was noted that the traffic counts are not in the category for paving.

It was also noted that the landowners along the Bennet Road between Southwest 72nd Street and Southwest 86th Street have requested that the dirt road be added to the program for rock surfacing. Recommendation was that it be added to the Six-Year Program in "standby status".

Thomas indicated a change to the Six-Year Program to add Old Cheney Road from South 148th Street east for three miles to the County line for engineering.

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

Sandy Smith, 18303 North 162nd Street, appeared regarding the paving of North 162nd Street from Highway 6 to Ashland Road. She stated in 1996 or 1997 North 162nd Street was added to Six-Year Plan and inquired about an approximate time line as to when the project would be completed. Thomas indicated that grading would occur in 2003 from Highway 6 to Salt Creek, with the next step being acquisition of right-of-way from North 162nd to Davey Road. Grading of that portion would take place in approximately 2005.

Dave Grant, 1200 Branched Oak Road, appeared regarding the completion of the hard surfacing of Raymond Road from North 14th Street to Highway 77 and stated it would shorten the response time of emergency vehicles from the Raymond Volunteer Fire Department. Grant thanked the County Engineering Department for the completion of the North 70th Street project from approximately Interstate 80 to Waverly Road. He also urged hard surfacing of Waverly Road from North 14th Street to Highway 79.

Harold Bishop, 7701 Southwest 56th Street, appeared regarding the status of Southwest 56th Street. He noted that there is heavy traffic and dust on the road. Thomas explained that a road must have a count above 250 vehicles per day in order to add a road to the plan for grading. Paving a road would require a traffic count of above 400 per day. Thomas stated they would take new counts on Southwest 56th Street after completion of the lake project.

Loren Beck, 525 North Street in Hallam, Nebraska, appeared regarding the paving or blacktopping of Southwest 100th Street. Thomas stated the traffic counts are not high enough for paving/blacktop.

Rick Geiler, 21900 North 162nd Street, appeared regarding traffic counts and the paving of North 162nd Street. Thomas indicated that the counts have not been updated and are not accurate.

Shane Cuttlers, 15201 Northwest 56th Street, appeared and stated he supports the paving of Raymond Road from North 14th Street to Highway 77 and also the paving of Waverly Road between North 14th Street and Highway 79. It was also suggested that a flashing light be installed to bring attention to a stop sign at Northwest 48th Street and Raymond Road.

Rich Wiese, 6300 West Superior Street, appeared and requested West Superior Street from Northwest 56th Street to Northwest 70th Street be upgraded to rock/gravel to allow access to his property.

John Godsey, 2215 South 14th, appeared on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and urged the rocking/graveling of Northwest 70th Street from Superior to Adams Streets. He explained that the University has a challenge course at the location for the University community, Lincoln Public Schools and outside corporate groups and that during inclement weather access to the challenge course is difficult.

Brian Stimple, 140 South East Street, Hallam, Nebraska, appeared regarding the paving of Southwest 100th Street and asked when the last traffic count was taken. Thomas responded that it was taken in May, 2002.

Larry England, 1901 West Alvo Road, appeared and stated it is not uncommon for railroad traffic to block the new proposed Wildrose Lane area. He also requested paving of Raymond Road to Highway 77 and hard surfacing of Waverly Road.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to present comments.

No one appeared.

Hudkins inquired about the status of Bluff Road.

Thomas stated they are currently working with the State Department of Roads in connection with the construction of six lanes for the interstate. He stated the alignment would change on Bluff Road due to the replacement of a bridge over the interstate, however, that would not take place until 2006 or 2007.

There being no further testimony, the Chair closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk