

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

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

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Don Thomas, County Engineer
 Dan Nolte, County Clerk
 Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners convened and were called to order on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers regarding a public hearing on the One & Six Road and Bridge Improvement Program.

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

Thomas welcomed everyone to the Fiscal 2008 One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement public hearing. He highlighted completed improvements for Fiscal Year 2007 and gave a summary of the 2008 program. (Exhibits A & B). Thomas also made comments about the road program in general.

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience wished to present comments or concerns on the proposed One & Six Year plan.

Dan Kubr, 10233 Saltillo Road, Roca, Nebraska, appeared and expressed concern regarding traffic on Saltillo Road, particularly trucks that are avoiding Highway 2. He said dust from the road makes visibility difficult and said there have been a number of accidents on the road.

Heier asked whether the truck traffic can be re-routed.

Thomas said not as long as they are legal loads.

Dave Dykmann, 529 Village View Drive, Hickman, Nebraska, appeared and expressed appreciation for efforts regarding the bypass and detours in Hickman.

Dennis Eucker, 9500 Saltillo Road, Lincoln, Nebraska, appeared and also expressed concern regarding Saltillo Road. He said the heavy truck traffic has created "washboards" on the road and said the dust is unbearable. Eucker also relayed an incident in which a semi-truck lost control on the road, ran through his gate and front yard and crashed into his barn. Pictures of the damage to his barn were displayed.

In response to a question from Workman, Thomas said Saltillo Road has the highest traffic count for a gravel road. He noted that Saltillo Road, from South 84th Street to 98th Street, had been scheduled for paving but the Board elected to pave Yankee Hill Road from South 40th Street to South 56th Street instead.

Schorr said she will continue to advocate for paving of that section of Saltillo Road in the coming year.

Thomas said he will talk to the Board around the first of the year and see if there is anything that can be done.

Workman noted that there has been a significant decrease in the traffic counts on North 162nd Street.

Thomas said the four-laning of Highway 77 may have had an impact.

Workman also noted an increase in the traffic counts on North 141st Street.

With no further discussion by the Board, the Chair declared the public hearing adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk