

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
7 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bob Workman, Chair
Deb Schorr
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Don Thomas, County Engineer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners convened and were called to order on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers regarding a public hearing on the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given.

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

Thomas welcomed everyone to the Fiscal 2009 One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement public hearing. He highlighted completed improvements for Fiscal Year 2008 and gave a summary of the 2009 program (Exhibits A and B).

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

The oath was administered to Bob Caldwell, 6100 Luann Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Caldwell stated he lives in the Nealrene Acres neighborhood and was appearing to request Rokeby Road, between South 56th and South 70th Streets, be paved. He referred to a petition containing approximately 120 signatures (Exhibit C) which was circulated in his neighborhood and expressed concerns regarding safety, dust and wear on the road.

The oath was administered to Jerry David, 5001 South 1st Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

David thanked the County Engineering Department for an outstanding job of maintaining the county roads. He requested that 1st Street, between Old Cheney Road and Pioneers Boulevard, be moved forward on the One and Six-Year Plan for paving. David expressed concerns regarding increased traffic related to a food program operated by the church.

Stevens asked if the connection from Old Cheney Road to South 1st Street would remain in place if the State would decide to close Old Cheney Road.

Thomas responded that it would remain in place.

The oath was administered to Jim Brown, 8757 Bennet Road, Roca, Nebraska.

Brown appeared and requested the remaining portion (one-quarter of a mile) of Bennet Road be rocked. He stated a box culvert had been put in over the summer and stated he hopes it will be graveled next. He indicated the postal service does not service their location due to the dirt road.

The oath was administered to James Burroughs, 1949 Southwest 36th Street, Hickman, Nebraska.

Burroughs stated he was appearing on behalf of the City of Hickman and thanked the Board and the County Engineering Department for the improvements to South 68th Street. He stated the City of Hickman would like to improve the road running through Hickman by making it a three-lane road with a center turn lane all the way to 1st Street. Other projects the City is looking at are improvements to the railroad tracks which cross Hickman Road and to trails.

The oath was administered to Dorothy Rippe, 10100 West Waverly Road, Malcolm, Nebraska.

Rippe stated she was seeking information regarding the construction of a trail near Branched Oak Lake for individuals to use for walking and bicycling.

Thomas referred her to the Natural Resources District (Lower Platte South) and/or Great Plains Trails Network.

The oath was administered to Michael Cejka, 705 Sunflower, Hickman, Nebraska.

Cejka addressed safety concerns regarding South 68th Street from Roca Road to the north city limits of Hickman.

The oath was administered to Harry Watson, 3812 Worthington, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Watson stated he owns an acreage near Southwest 14th and Saltillo Road and addressed concerns regarding safety, dust and heavy truck traffic.

The oath was administered to John Schwery, 12720 Southwest Gray Fawn Drive, Roca, Nebraska.

Schwery stated he also has concerns about heavy truck traffic relating to Southwest 14th Street. He stated he feels there is a lot of traffic coming from Crete and they use Southwest 14th Street as a shortcut into Lincoln.

The oath was administered to Fred Grossants, 12900 Southwest Hunter Haven Road, Roca, Nebraska.

Grossants discussed his concerns regarding safety and dust in the area of Southwest 14th Street and Bennet Road.

The oath was administered to Don Roach, 1670 West Bennet Road, Martell, Nebraska.

Roach concurred with the comments relating to Southwest 14th Street and added that when it rains the road quickly deteriorates.

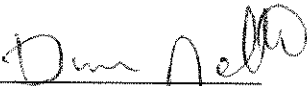
Discussion took place regarding dirt roads. Thomas stated there are currently 42 miles of dirt roads within Lancaster County. He added some of these roads will not be improved for an extended period of time.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to testify.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded adjournment of the hearing at 8:25 p.m.. Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.



Dan Nolte
County Clerk

