

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1999**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Linda Steinman  
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Attorney

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, August 24, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of the Board of Equalization minutes dated August 24, 1999. On call Campbell, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 12 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A". (19991676)

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the additions and deductions. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Lincoln Action Program (19 exemptions)  
The Arc of Lincoln/Lancaster County

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Lincoln Action Program (19 exemptions) and The Arc of Lincoln/Lancaster County. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 14, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for the following:

Lloyd R & Mary J Priess  
Lloyd Clagett  
Merle Lipe  
Neighborhoods Inc  
Lincoln Gun Club

By direction of the Chair public hearings were set for Tuesday, September 14, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Lloyd R and Mary J Priess, Lloyd Clagett, Merle Lipe, Neighborhoods Inc and Lincoln Gun Club.

The Chair recessed the Board of Equalization meeting until 2:15 p.m. when it was reconvened.

5) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Stephen M & Lisa Ann Morock

The Assessor recommended the value be set at \$197,220.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation and set the value at \$197,220 for Stephen M and Lisa Ann Morock. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **PENALTY ASSESSED ON PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Kerri A Peterson - Subway (19991583)

The Assessor recommended a ten percent penalty.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation and assess a ten percent penalty on personal property for Kerri A Peterson - Subway. On call Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair the Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, August 31, 1999.**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of all claims processed through August 31, 1999. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. The County-City Volunteer of the Month Award was presented to Wendell Gauger for his services at the library. (19991331)**

**B. Adoption of the Lancaster County Commissioners' Award of Excellence Program to recognize County employees who demonstrate outstanding commitment in serving the County. (19991670)**

Pat Kant, Personnel Department, appeared and discussed the following changes to the policy:

- \* Representatives on the Commissioners' Award of Excellence Committee will be appointed on a calendar year basis.

\* Cost incurred to purchase a U.S. Savings Bond will be charged to the employee's department budget.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the revised policy regarding the Lancaster County Commissioners' Award of Excellence Program. On call Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. An application for a Special Events Permit from Team Kaos Cycling Club to hold a bicycle race on roads around Branched Oak Lake on September 19, 1999, beginning at 8 a.m. (19991571) (19991593) (19991637) (19991671)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of an application for a Special Events Permit from Team Kaos Cycling Club to hold a bicycle race on roads around Branched Oak Lake on September 19, 1999, beginning at 8 a.m. subject to the conditions as set forth by the County Engineer and the Sheriff. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance of Limited Tax Building Bonds, Series 1999 of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,250,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a juvenile detention facility for the County. (19991680)**

Lauren Wismer, Cline Williams law firm and bond counsel, appeared and explained the resolution will authorize the issuance of limited tax building bonds on behalf of the County to finance costs which have not yet accumulated from the 5.2 cent tax levy. He stated the preliminary official statement and notice of sale have been mailed and the bonds are to be sold at a public sales in two weeks.

Al Eveland, financial advisor with Ameritas Investment Corp, stated they are anticipating a great deal of interest on the part of perspective bidders.

In response to a question asked by Workman regarding interest rates, Eveland stated they anticipate the rate will be under 4.5 percent.

For the record, Heier stated he is represented by legal counsel from Cline Williams law firm.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-1680 authorizing and providing for the issuance of Limited Tax Building Bonds, Series 1999 of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,250,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing, equipping and furnishing a juvenile detention facility for the County. On call Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. An agreement with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to construct an asphalt overlay at Northwest 84<sup>th</sup> Street between U.S. Highway 6 and West Adams Street. The project, SRR-55(132), will be funded by State Recreation Road funds at 90 percent and the County will pay ten percent, which is \$22,780. (19991660)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of an agreement with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads. On call Heier, Workman, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. A resolution for County maintenance of 5,472 feet in length of roads in the South Forty Subdivision and to include the following: (19991662)**

- \* 2,734 feet of West Bucks Drive
- \* 689 feet of Southwest 34<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* 337 feet of Southwest 37<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* 800 feet of Southwest 38<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* 339 feet of Southwest 34<sup>th</sup> Court
- \* 573 feet of Southwest 39<sup>th</sup> Court

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 99-1662.

Workman noted that the County Engineering Department maintains 1,400 miles of road and Lancaster County's road mileage is the largest in the state.

**ROLL CALL:** Campbell, Steinman, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid to Dobson Brothers Construction Company, in the amount of \$51,222.57, for salt dome paving in Sprague, Nebraska. (19991672)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval.

Workman commented that they received three bids ranging from \$51,222.57 to \$90,000.

**ROLL CALL:** Heier, Workman, Steinman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. A grant contract with Transfiguration, Inc. to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Payments will be made quarterly by the County based upon reports from Transfiguration. (19991679)**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the contract was changed last year to add an insurance requirement and noted the change has been added to all of the contracts. A change was also made in the payment schedule from the beginning of the quarter to the end of the quarter.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Steinman, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**G. A contract between the Community Mental Health Center and Rick McNeese to provide up to 20 hours per week of specialized psychological services, at a rate of \$65 per hour, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. (19991678)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**H. A contract between the Community Mental Health Center and Dorie Reed to provide up to 20 hours per week of specialized psychological services, at a rate of \$65 per hour, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. (19991677)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Workman, Heier, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

**I. A resolution determining final allocation of levy to all political subdivisions subject to the Lancaster County levy authority. (19991675)**

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, stated the resolution allows the County to allocate up to 15 cents of the County's levy authority to subdivisions whose levy authority was taken away.

Workman noted that the Agricultural Society and the Railroad Transportation Safety District are countywide assessments.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-1675.

Campbell commented that she opposed previous action taken regarding additional money in the resolution for the Agricultural Society. She explained she supports the Agricultural Society, however, she feels the money could be returned to the taxpayer.

She explained by voting no on the current resolution before the County Board there could potentially be a 2 to 2 split vote. Entities must be notified by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the County Board's final action.

Campbell stated she would be voting in favor of the resolution stating that had Commissioner Hudkins been present, the intent would have been to approve the resolution. She reiterated that she still opposes the additional money.

Steinman stated she would be opposing the resolution, however, she does support the Agricultural Society.

**ROLL CALL:** Campbell, Heier and Workman voted aye. Steinman voted no. Motion carried.

**J. Adoption of the Lancaster County and the Rural Library's budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. (19991674)**

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, stated the Rural Library budget has no changes, however, the County budget should reflect the following changes:

- \* Addition of \$4,519 for the group insurance increase on the joint City budgets
- \* Addition of \$144,500 in a Contingency Fund for the increase on the County's group insurance
- \* Addition of \$100,000 in the Building Fund for connection of the Downtown Senior Center to the skywalk system

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**K. Authorization of the installation/replacement of the following traffic signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (19991636)**

- \* Remove hazard signs and weight limit signs from structure F-139
- \* Remove hazard signs from structure F-141
- \* Remove the side road warning sign and the dangerous intersection sign located south of Humphrey Street for northbound traffic

North 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Little Salt Road

- \* Install yield signs for north and southbound traffic
- \* Install a cross road warning sign on Little Salt Road approximately 1/10th of a mile west of North 148<sup>th</sup> Street for eastbound traffic

On North 84<sup>th</sup> Street south of Fletcher Avenue

- \* Install a 45 mile per hour speed limit sign for southbound traffic

On Agnew Road between North 112<sup>th</sup> Street and North 134<sup>th</sup> Street

- \* Install two bump signs with 35 mile per hour speed advisory plates for east and westbound traffic

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-1674.

In response to a question asked by Workman regarding the signage on Agnew Road, Larry Worrell, County Surveyor, stated they would be observing the bridge for further deterioration for approximately a one year period.



**ROLL CALL:** Campbell, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

- A. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for an application for a Special Designated License from Barry's Bar and Grill, located at 235 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, to hold a music concert with retail sales of food and beverage at a rural acreage at 40<sup>th</sup> and West Van Dorn Streets, beginning at 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 25 and ending Sunday, September 26, 1999 at 1 a.m. (19991666)**
- B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 14, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for final tax request for Lancaster County and the Rural Library.**
- C. A request from Troy W Henning, an employee with the Lancaster County Engineer, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan. (19991665)**
- D. A maintenance agreement with Solutions for a copier located in the County corrections Department, beginning August 10, 1999 and ending August 10, 2000. The basic service fee is \$341 to be billed quarterly for 30,000 copies per quarter. (19991635)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the Consent Items. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Campbell stated no staff meeting would be held on Thursday, September 2 due to the County Board's attendance of the Southeast District Meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) to be held at the Villager.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
County Clerk