

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1999
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.**

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

Others Present: Connie Ahlschwede, County Assessor's Office
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, November 16, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on November 16, 1999. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 17 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A". (19992331)

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

- 3) **APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Gentle Shepherd Baptist Church
Legal Services of Southeast Nebraska
Nebraska Wesleyan University
St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
St. Patrick's Church of Havelock
Trinity United Methodist Church**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Gentle Shepherd Baptist Church, Nebraska Wesleyan University, St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, St. Patrick's Church of Havelock, Trinity United Methodist Church and approval of a 1989 Oldsmobile for Legal Services of Southeast Nebraska with the exception that the 1987 Chevrolet be denied because it was untimely filed. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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The Chair requested that Item 3H be moved to the beginning of New Business.

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, November 16, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on November 16, 1999. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, November 23, 1999.**

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

- 3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

H. A Community Development Block Grant loan request from U.S. Foods LLC, in the amount of \$250,000.

Troy Gagner, Urban Development, explained that the loan request is for an expansion project. The County will be helping with the retention of seven positions and the creation of nine new positions.

Rick Williams, President of U.S. Foods, appeared and stated U.S. Foods was formed on November 1, 1999. He said it was formed by the merger of two existing companies, Innovative Grain Technologies and Brown's Best Foods. Williams said the company is a food ingredient manufacturer and they use various technologies for processing cereal grains, rice and beans to food ingredients which are sold to food manufacturers throughout North America.

Williams stated they are acquiring U.S. Mills, a breakfast cereal manufacturing operation, based in Boston, Massachusetts. The manufacturing operation, currently located in Omaha, will be moved to Lincoln next spring and will create the expansion of buildings, equipment and employment.

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

- A. A grant contract with Legal Services of Southeast Nebraska, Inc. to provide legal services in the area of family law, primarily in the area of domestic violence, in the amount of \$25,636, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. (19992298)**

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

- B. A contract with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to resurface deteriorated recreation roads at Bluestem Recreation Area, Stagecoach Recreation Area and Wagon Train Recreation Area (Project SRR-55-(133)). The State will fund 90 percent of the exterior roads and 100 percent of the interior roads, with the County's estimated contribution being \$1,190. (19992336)**

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

- C. A contract with Region V and the Community Mental Health Center on behalf of the County to provide mental health and alcoholism programs, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will be reimbursed as outlined in Appendix A. (19992337)**

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

- D. A contract with Educational Service Unit 18 to provide instructional and support staff, beginning August 17, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will pay for the services in an amount not to exceed \$449,000 and the services will benefit juveniles detained at the Attention Center. (19992340)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval.

Steinman noted that the money is refunded to the County by the State.

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

E. Adoption of the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001-2005. (19992339)

Workman commented that the County Board, along with the County Engineer, would be reviewing the roads program next April prior to departmental budget hearings.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-2339. On call Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Authorization of the installation of traffic signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (19992334)

The following sign changes are in Ridge Park 1st Addition and will be paid for by the developer and installed by the County:

- 1. At the intersection of West Van Dorn Street and Southwest 72nd Street:**
 - * Installation of street identification signs**
 - * Installation of a "Stop" sign for northbound traffic**
 - * Installation of a "25 Mile Per Hour" speed limit sign for southbound traffic south of the intersection**
- 2. Installation of street identification signs at the intersection of Southwest 72nd Street and Red Bird Lane.**
- 3. Installation of street identification signs at the intersection of Southwest 72nd Street and Pheasant Ridge Road.**
- 4. Installation of street identification signs at the intersection of Pheasant Ridge Road and Ranger Road.**

At the request of the Palmyra School District and in the best interest of the traveling public the following sign will be installed:

Installation of a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign on South 148th Street, north of 6600 South 148th Street for southbound traffic.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of Resolution 99-2334. On call Campbell, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. Adoption of a joint effort with Sarpy and Douglas counties to support the development of a case management system for prosecutors and public defenders. (19992341)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded Resolution 99-2341. On call Heier, Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. A Community Development Block Grant loan request from U.S. Foods LLC, in the amount of \$250,000.**

This item was previously heard.

- 4) **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, December 14, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding County Special Permit 172, requested by Nextel Communications, Inc., for authority to construct and operate a 296 foot guyed communications tower with antennas, on property generally located south of West Holdrege Street and west of Northwest 162nd Street in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (19992309)**
- B. Correction to the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Subdivision and Zoning Fee Schedules in connection with County Change of Zone 191 and County Miscellaneous 99002. (19992321)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the Consent Items.

Campbell noted she visited with Don Thomas, County Engineer, regarding the right-of-way contracts from the previous week's agenda. She stated many of those contracts would not have involved density issues, however, it was decided they would leave everything on pending until after December 2, 1999.

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

- 5) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Campbell wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

- 6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk