

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
1:30 P.M.**

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Linda Steinman

Others Absent: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer

Campbell noted that the absence of Commissioner Steinman was due to the death of her mother.

It was also announced that Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, was attending the funeral of his brother-in-law.

The County Board extended their sympathy.

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated September 5, 2000. Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Campbell abstained. Motion carried.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

**Approval of 3 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.**

The Clerk noted that voucher 881 (Real Quick Inc.) should be omitted from the additions and deductions.

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

3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**First Lutheran Church**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of a motor vehicle tax exemption for First Lutheran Church. 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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- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the Board of Commissioners meeting dated September 5, 2000. Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Campbell abstained. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, September 12, 2000.**

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

3) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Continuation of a public hearing regarding a request for an addition to licensed premises from the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. The requested area, which is approximately 43 feet by 43 feet, is for an expansion to the Depot Beer Garden located in State Fair Park.**

The Chair reconvened the public hearing.

In response to a question asked by Commissioner Steinman on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> regarding occupancy, Schrock stated the old addition held approximately 600 individuals. The new addition would extend the previous number (600) by 200 to 250 individuals.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to provide testimony.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

The Chair noted for the record that the County Attorney's office would be drafting a resolution regarding the Board's action. Adoption of the resolution will take place on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. A grant contract with the Lincoln Literacy Council beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, in the amount of \$2,500, for tutoring in the area of English as a Second Language (ESL). (C-00-439)**

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

**B. A contract with Campbell's Nursery for preliminary survey and preliminary plans with regard to development related to North 134<sup>th</sup> Street going north of State Highway 34. The County will pay \$2,500 for delivery of a full set of original preliminary plans. (C-00-446)**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, explained he was approached by Campbell's Nursery earlier in the summer regarding a project involving their property at 134<sup>th</sup> and "O" Streets.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Thomas said the property is across the street from Crooked Creek Golf Course and explained that they made arrangements with Crooked Creek to do improvements to the dirt road running south from Highway 34.

Thomas further stated that the dirt road which runs north from Highway 34 now needs improvements.

He said Campbell's Nursery had approached the County Engineer's office about constructing retention ponds for irrigating nursery stock and to take advantage of drainage which crosses the road. By combining the work of Campbell's Nursery and the work of the County Engineer's office the road would be much improved.

Thomas added there would likely be another agreement at a later date.

In response to a question asked by Heier, Thomas stated it was his impression that improvement to 134<sup>th</sup> Street would occur in late 2001/2002.

Workman asked if the cost of the survey would be approximately \$5,000.

Thomas responded yes.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval. Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Campbell abstained. Motion carried.

**C. A contract with the Lincoln Airport Authority to repave and expand an asphalt parking lot, included in the lease the County has with the Authority, adjacent to building number 1320 on land leased to the County. The County will pay the Airport Authority all costs in excess of \$23,000. (C-00-447)**

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, clarified that the Airport Authority would be paying the subcontractor \$23,000 and the County would pay the Airport Authority \$23,000. Any amount in excess of the \$23,000 would also be paid by the County.

In response to a question asked by Hudkins, Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, explained that the well field cannot be put in the area because of piping costs and Salt Creek.

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**D. A contract with the Asian Community Cultural Center to provide wraparound coordination for youth ages 10-18 who have severe emotional disorders, beginning September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001. The County will pay \$50,000 for the services. (C-00-448)**

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

**E. An agreement with Lincoln Interfaith Council to provide wraparound coordination for youth ages 10-18 who have severe emotional disorders, beginning September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001. The County will pay \$50,000 for the services. (C-00-450)**

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

**F. An agreement with Kathy Dunning as a family coordinator to assist in the hiring and training of family mentors in coordination with the Families First and Foremost program, beginning September 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001. The County will pay \$17.50 an hour for up to 25 hours per week. (C-00-449)**

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

**G. An agreement with Patricia Blakely to act as a full-time service director/coordinator to develop the Healthy Families project on behalf of the Families First and Foremost program, beginning August 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001. The County will pay \$27.50 an hour for up to 40 hours per week. (C-00-451)**

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

H. An agreement for preliminary survey roadway design and plan preparation with The Schemmer Associates. The services are associated with the regrading of Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Street from West Fletcher Avenue to West Alvo Road and two access ramps at U.S. Highway 34 and Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The contract term is September 18, 2000 to December 15, 2000. The County will pay \$6,000 for preliminary survey and actual costs described in Section II, \$5,975 for roadway design and plan preparation in Section III and \$4,000 for a preliminary survey for ramps as described in Section II. (C-00-452)

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

I. A second amendment to a lease agreement (99-1996) between Lincoln Medical Education Foundation, Inc. and the County, on behalf of Families First and Foremost, to lease additional space. The County will lease an additional 264 square feet of space on level two of the building located at 4600 Valley Road for two months, beginning September 1, 2000. Cost to the County for the additional space will be \$209. (C-00-445)

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

J. A resolution authorizing the installation/removal of the following traffic signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (R-00-112)

- Replace a 10 ton sign with a 19 ton sign at Bridge N-114 located on Southwest 91<sup>st</sup> Street between West Denton and West Yankee Hill Roads.
- Install a 22 ton sign at Bridge N-166 located on Southwest 119<sup>th</sup> Street between West Yankee Hill and West Denton Roads.
- Removal of a 20 ton sign at Bridge W-14 located on Southwest 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between West Stagecoach and West Panama Roads. No further signage is needed at this location.
- Install a 21 ton sign at Bridge W-115 located on West Panama Road between Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> and Southwest 14<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- Replace a 21 ton sign with a 19 ton sign located at Bridge W-174 located on West Pella Road between Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> and Southwest 14<sup>th</sup> Streets.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-112. Campbell, Heier, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**K. Award of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for laboratory test services for the Community Mental Health Center to the most responsive, responsible proposer, Quest Diagnostics, Inc. The award is for a one year contract with an option to renew for two additional one year periods. Pricing for prescription and non-prescription items will be billed in compliance with the State of Nebraska, Department of Public Welfare's published fee schedule, direct to Medicaid or other insurance providers. (B-00-31)**

Heier noted that only one bid was received.

Kathy Smith, Assistant Purchasing Agent, indicated they had solicited a number of firms and received only one bid.

In response to a question asked by Hudkins regarding Medicaid reimbursement, Smith stated there are a number of funding sources at the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC). She stated it has been an area of concern for the providers because many times it is a crisis situation and the client is not able to supply information regarding private insurance or information regarding who is paying for services received.

Smith further stated the laboratory test services would be for blood draws and testing to diagnose a condition and would have to be billed back to Medicaid, private insurance or Health and Human Services. She said if the services are billed to Medicaid, they are typically paid right away, however, there is sometimes a delay in the process when a client is admitted and a funding source must be designated immediately. Smith stated once the client is stabilized the CMHC sometimes finds that there is private insurance.

Smith stated that CMHC has tried to expedite the reimbursements, however, they have no control over how quickly Medicaid reimburses.

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



4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- L. Recommendation from Olsson Associates to award a bid to Walton Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$139,022.25., in relation to grading, sanitary sewer, water main and paving of Radcliffe Drive at the new Juvenile Detention Center. (B-00-32)**

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested the item be held for one week for further review.

By direction of the Chair, the item was held for one week.

- M. Appointment of Nicole Simon to the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, to fulfill an unexpired term through January 1, 2003 (replacing Stephanie Ortiz-Cidlik).**

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

- N. Appointment of Bobbi Schmidt as a Bailiff I for District Court Judge John Colborn, at \$33,089 annually, effective September 11, 2000.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Hudkins and Workman 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. Receive and Place on File:**

- 1. County Clerk's Monthly Report for August, 2000.**

- B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 26, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding an application for a Class M (Bottle Club) liquor license from DLH Inc. doing business as Coaches Sports Bar & Grill, located 640 West Prospector Court.**

5) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- C. A resolution in relation to County Special Permit 182, Hawk's Pointe Community Unit Plan on property generally located at the southwest corner of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and West Raymond Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-114)
- D. A resolution in relation to County Preliminary Plat 00015, Hawk's Pointe, generally located at the southwest corner of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and West Raymond Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-113)
- E. A service agreement with Professional Office Systems, Inc. for power files (numbers 14675 and 14676) located in the Clerk of the District Court's office, beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000. The County will pay \$875 for maintenance on each file system. (C-00-440)
- F. Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and the following relating to road improvements:
  - Rick J. and Theresa L. Robison, in the amount of \$249.20, at Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street and West Davey Road; Project C55-C-407(1). (C-00-438)
  - David and Angela M. Borchers, in the total amount of \$3,263.23, at Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street and West Davey Road; Project C55-C-407(1). (3 contracts) (C-00-441 through C-00-443)
- G. A right-of-entry agreement between the County Engineer and Frank T. Kissinger regarding road improvement at North 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Raymond Road; Project C55-CF-405(2). (C-00-444)

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the Consent Items.

Heier asked if the files located in the Clerk of the District Court's office were new.

Kathy Smith, Assistant Purchasing Agent, stated they were old files.

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

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Bruce Medcalf  
County Clerk