

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2000
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.

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

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
David 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 14, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Workman approved and Steinman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization dated November 14, 2000. Campbell, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 30 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

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

Cedars Youth Services (2 exemptions)
Nebraska Wesleyan University
School Sisters of Christ the King
Sesostris Shrine
Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy
St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
St. Mary's Church
St. Patrick's Church
Tabitha Inc. (2 exemptions)
Temple Baptist Church
Union College

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

4) **DENIAL OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION:**

Saint Paul United Methodist Church

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Treasurer and deny the motor vehicle tax exemption for Saint Paul United Methodist Church because it was untimely filed. Workman, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

(Hudkins entered the chambers.)

5) **REMOVAL OF A 451 TAX EXEMPTION FOR 2000:**

D A V Chapter

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor and remove the tax exemption for D A V Chapter. Hudkins, Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization. Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, November 21, 2000.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Introduction of Reverend Dan Morgan, Chaplain for Lancaster County Corrections.

Mike Thurber, Director of Corrections, explained that the County Board had previously approved an expenditure of \$3,000 from the Inmate Benefits Fund for a chaplain through the Good News Jail Prison Ministry. He explained the previous chaplain, Sheldon Crapo, accepted a position with the Good News Bible Program and Reverend Dan Morgan would be taking his place. Thurber introduced Reverend Morgan and stated he previously worked at Li-Cor as an application scientist in their Marketing Department, however, he had a calling for the ministry and completed the Grace Bible Seminary. It was also noted that Reverend Morgan has volunteered his services every Sunday for the past five years in the Corrections Department.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. An actuary contract with Midwest Employers Casualty Company to provide consultation with regard to the County's self-insured Workers' Compensation and General Liability Program. The County will pay \$8,000 upon receipt of the report. (C-00-574)

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

B. A grant contract with Lincoln Action Program for the Family Partners Program, beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001. The County will pay \$50,000 to fund the program. (C-00-573)

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

C. A managed vision care agreement with EyeMed Vision Care to provide vision care benefits to Lancaster County employees, beginning November 1, 2000 and continuing for two years. EyeMed will be compensated as provided in Exhibit B. (C-00-572)

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

D. An agreement with Cedars Youth Services for the operation of a Juvenile Pre-Trial Diversion Program, beginning July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. The County will pay \$41,500 for the services. (C-00-579)

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

E. A grant contract with Cedars Youth Services from the Juvenile Accountability Fund to provide restorative justice programs for juvenile offenders and their families, beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001. The County will grant \$77,361. (C-00-578)

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

F. An agreement with Lincoln Area Agency on Aging/Lincoln Information for the Elderly to provide services for the Harvest Project, beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001. The County will pay \$42,805. (C-00-577)

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

G. An agreement with Child Guidance Center to provide the County with nine positions for professional services, beginning September 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001. The County will pay \$413,857. This agreement rescinds and terminates the prior agreement (C-00-555) executed on November 7, 2000. (C-00-576)

David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, explained that Child Guidance had made changes to the agreement following the Board's approval. Rather than approving and attaching amendments, he stated it would be easier to rescind the previous agreement, make the necessary changes and execute a new agreement.

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

H. An agreement with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for construction of a half diamond interchange with an eastbound entrance ramp and westbound exit ramp from U.S. Highway 34 to Northwest 27th Street northwest of Lincoln, Nebraska. The State will pay the County up to \$336,956 for design, letting, award of contract and supervision of contract. (C-00-581)

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

I. An Allowance Modification to Cheever Construction to change two hard wired graphic control panels at the Intake Desk and at the Control Desk of Staff Secure in the multi-use area in connection with the new Juvenile Detention Center. The Contingency/Discovery Allowance will be decreased \$2,415 by the allowance modification. (C-00-582)

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

J. An Allowance Modification to Cheever Construction to reimburse the plumber for payment of a City of Lincoln plumbing permit. The Contingency/Discovery Allowance will be decreased \$1,742 by the allowance modification. (C-00-583)

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

K. A resolution authorizing the consumption of alcohol at the Justice and Law Enforcement Center, on December 11, 12 and 13, 2000, for standardized field sobriety testing hosted by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. (R-00-137)

Terry Wagner, Sheriff, explained his office would be conducting and hosting a regional law enforcement field sobriety testing training session. He stated the participants take the field sobriety tests sober and then, under a controlled drinking situation, they take the tests under the influence of alcohol. The results are then compared and analyzed.

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

L. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid off a State of Nebraska contract (#CA-5385) to Road Builders Machinery and Supply Company, formerly Fehrs Nebraska Tractor & Equipment, in the amount of \$88,726, for one 2000 Komatsu Model WA250-3 all wheel drive loader with options as indicated by the County Engineer. (B-00-48)

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

M. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid off a State of Nebraska contract (#CA5511A) to Lincoln Dodge, in the total amount of \$97,898.75, for five 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT-6400 GVWR pickup trucks and one equipment and engine service repair manual. (B-00-47)

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

N. Authorization of Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee, to disburse \$10,677.72 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Sinclair Hille Architects for architectural services rendered for the new Juvenile Detention Center. (M-00-103)

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

O. A disbursement from the Lancaster County Leasing Corporation Renewal and Replacement Fund to Bob and Don's Plumbing, in the amount of \$19,785, for replacement of a laundry heat exchanger at Lancaster Manor. (M-00-101)

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval.

David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, stated he received information which broke down the costs. He explained the cost for subcontractors and labor was \$6,824 and the cost for materials was \$12,961, making the total amount \$19,785.

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

P. Payment of a claim filed against Lancaster County by Paul Hicks, in the amount of \$741.84.

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

Q. Amendment to the Lancaster Manor Advisory Committee Bylaws. (M-00-105)

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval.

Workman explained that the amendment changes the way recommendations are made regarding the appointment of members to the Advisory Committee.

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

R. Appointment of the following individuals to the Cooperative Extension Board:

<u>Name of Individual</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Alice Doane	January, 2004
Wayne Heyen	January, 2004
Jay H. Wilkinson	January, 2004
Deb Arends (replacing Dale Kabes)	January, 2002

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

S. Reappointment of Bernie Heier to the District Energy Corporation Board of Directors for a two year term, commencing on January 1, 2001.

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

Hudkins explained that the District Energy Corporation consists of City Council members, County Board members and an at large member who oversee the heating and cooling used in City and County owned buildings, as well as the State Office Building, the Capitol and the Governor's Mansion. He added the County-City complex utilizes groundwater in a water to air heat exchange system which saves a substantial amount of gas and electricity.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

T. Request from Troy L. Monzon, an employee with County-City Property Management, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan. (M-00-102)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins 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. **Lancaster Manor's Monthly Report.**
2. **Records and Information Management's Monthly Report for October, 2000.**
3. **Register of Deeds Monthly Report for October, 2000.**
4. **Sheriff's Report of Fees for October, 2000.**

B. Setting of public hearings for Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the following:

1. County Final Plat Number 00029, Little Nemaha Lake Estates Addition, requested by Brian D. Carstens and Associates on behalf of De L. and Dixie Halbert and Harry D. and Selma J. Naumann, consisting of nine residential lots, one outlot reserved for the Little Nemaha Natural Resources District lake, and one outlot for a private roadway, on property generally located north and west of the corner of South 148th Street and Wittstruck Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska.

2. Street Name Change Number 00010, requested by the County Engineer, to name a new street, generally located north of West Olive Creek Road, east from Southwest 100th Street as "West Wendlin Road".

5) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- C. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding a petition from ten percent of the property owners within the Al Larson Subdivision for formation of a Special Paving Improvement District called the Al Larson Subdivision Special Paving Improvement District for the paving of Karlee Drive, Wenzel Drive and Dixie Trail, all located within the Al Larson Subdivision in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
- D. **An agreement with Pitney Bowes to lease a postage meter for Lancaster Manor for 36 months, beginning November 20, 2000. The County will be billed quarterly and will pay \$366.90 per quarter. This agreement includes software and hardware maintenance necessary to operate the equipment. (C-00-575)**
- E. **A right-of-way contract between the County Engineer and R & R Partners, in the amount of \$4,176, on South 68th Street from Hickman Road to Saltillo Road; Project STPE-3265(6). (C-00-580)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Items. Steinman, Hudkins, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk, announced that Deputy County Clerk, Gwen Thorpe, will be receiving the President's Award at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska on December 7, 2000 and asked how many of the Commissioners would be present.

Campbell responded she believed they would all be in attendance.

Campbell also wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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