

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2000  
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: Connie Ahlschwede, County Assessor's Office  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

The Chair noted for the record that Commissioner Hudkins was absent due to attendance at the Nebraska Association of County Officials convention.

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated November 28, 2000. Campbell, Heier and Steinman voted aye. Workman abstained. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

**Approval of 47 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.**

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

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

**Gentle Shepherd Baptist Church  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, a division of Priestly Fraternity of St.  
Peter**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of a motor vehicle tax exemption for Gentle Shepherd Baptist Church and a motor vehicle tax exemption for Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, subject to the vehicle(s) being titled and registered to the applicant. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **DENIAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Lincoln Action Program, Inc.**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded denial of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Lincoln Action Program, Inc. because they were not timely filed (more than 30 days from the date of purchase). Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, December 5, 2000.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. "Safe Water through Pollution Prevention Today" Project - Gary Bergman, Lancaster County Extension Agent; Dave Smith, Cooperative Extension; John Chess, Health Department**

John Chess, Health Department, gave a brief background regarding the project which they have participated in for the past six years. He added that this year they have expanded and improved the project.

Gary Bergman, Cooperative Extension Agent, introduced Doug Malone and Todd Brashears, teachers at Norris High School; Dave Smith, Cooperative Extension Office; John Miner, Health Department and Elbert Traylor, Department of Environmental Quality.

Katie Jenkins, a member of the Norris High School Future Farmers of America Chapter, appeared and stated she and Cody Waite, also a member of the Norris High School Future Farmers of America Chapter, would be making a presentation regarding the "Safe Water Tomorrow Through Pollution Prevention Today" Project.

Waite distributed documentation entitled *Safe Water Tomorrow Through Pollution Prevention Today* (Exhibit A) and *Groundwater and Environmental Pollution Self-Help Checklist* (Exhibit B).

Areas highlighted by Waite and Jenkins during the presentation were as follows:

- < History of the project
- < Objectives to be accomplished
- < Project area
- < Services provided
- < Budget

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. 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 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Wittstruck Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to provide testimony in favor of the proposal.

Brian Carstens, appearing on behalf of the applicants, informed the County Board that the water line has been installed, the road has been constructed and the trees have been planted. He added that the resolution approving the subdivision has been approved and signed by the Village of Bennet.

Carstens also submitted Resolution 2000-8-1 from the Village of Bennet (Exhibit C) and the declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions (Exhibit D) into the record.

The Chair asked if anyone wished to testify in opposition or in a neutral position.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of County Final Plat 00029, Little Nemaha Lake Estates Addition. Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. 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 100<sup>th</sup> Street as "West Wendlin Road".**

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to testify in favor of the proposal.

Mike DeKalb, Planning Department, explained that the County Engineer's Department worked with the abutting property owners regarding the name change. He added that the request did proceed through the process of the Street Name Committee and that there were no conflicts.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:**

The Chair asked if anyone wished to provide testimony in opposition or in a neutral position.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of Street Name Change 00010. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. A labor agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Local 2468, beginning August 24, 2000 through the beginning of the first pay period in September, 2001. (C-00-592)**

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

**B. An interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln for Land Application of Biosolids. The program will be funded by the City and the County will assist in providing educational support. (C-00-594)**

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

Workman asked if groundwater is monitored.

Gary Bergman, Cooperative Extension Agent, stated that the agreement does provide for monitoring of groundwater, not crop production. He stated Geographic Information System/Global Positioning System equipment is used to chart all of the land applications.

Bergman stated he initiated the interlocal agreement to "clean up" language of the previous agreement executed in 1990 or 1991 which included a five year University of Nebraska research project to determine crop yields, as well as infiltration into the soil. He stated the research project has been completed which necessitated the new interlocal agreement.

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

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- C. A grant contract with Good Neighbor Center, Inc. to provide an emergency food and clothing center for low income families. The County will grant \$25,000 from the General Fund over the term of the contract, beginning July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. (C-00-595)

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

- D. A resolution authorizing the installation or removal of the following traffic signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (R-00-140)

- < Installation of street identification signs at the intersection of Southwest 100<sup>th</sup> Street and West Wendlin Road.
- < Removal of "Gravel Ends" signs on North 162<sup>nd</sup> Street between Holdrege Street and Adams Street. One sign for northbound traffic north of Holdrege Street and one sign for southbound traffic south of Adams Street.
- < Removal of "Gravel Ends" signs on North 162<sup>nd</sup> Street between Havelock Avenue and Fletcher Avenue. One sign for northbound traffic north of Havelock Avenue and one sign for southbound traffic south of Fletcher Avenue.

At the intersection of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Rock Creek Road the following changes will be made:

- < Installation of "Stop" signs on Rock Creek Road for eastbound and westbound traffic at the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street intersection. (This will provide a four way stop at the intersection.)
- < Installation of "4-Way" signs below each "Stop" sign at the intersection.
- < Installation of a "Stop Ahead" sign for eastbound traffic on Rock Creek Road west of the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street intersection.
- < Replacement of the westbound "Gravel Ends" sign with a "Stop Ahead" sign east of the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street intersection.
- < Removal of the "Stop" signs on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street for northbound and southbound traffic after February 5, 2001.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- < **Removal of the existing "Stop Ahead" signs on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street for northbound and southbound traffic after February 5, 2001.**
- < **Removal of the "4-Way" signs below each "Stop" sign at the intersection after February 5, 2001.**
- < **Installation of "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs below the "Stop" signs on Rock Creek Road for eastbound and westbound traffic after February 5, 2001. (Removal of these warning signs after a six month adjustment period.)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of Resolution 00-140. Heier, Workman, Steinman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**E. Acceptance of group health insurance renewal rates with United Healthcare of the Midlands, Inc. for the term January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. (C-00-591)**

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

**F. Acceptance of group dental insurance renewal rates with Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. for the term January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. (C-00-590)**

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

**G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent to award a bid off a State of Nebraska contract (#CA-5512C) to Meginnis Ford, in the amount of \$15,242, for one, 2001 Ford Taurus automobile for the County Assessor's office. (B-00-49)**

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

**H. Adoption of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Legal Opinion Policy. (P-00-1)**

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

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**I. Request from the Personnel Policy Board to amend Rule 19.3 of the Personnel Rules regarding sick leave. (M-00-107)**

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

**J. Promotion of Karen Rowe to Bailiff II, at a salary of \$37,244, effective November 30, 2000. (M-00-106)**

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

**K. A political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster Manor by Nona H. Gardner for lost property, in the amount of \$280.**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded to accept the Director's recommendation and deny the tort claim filed by Nona H. Gardner. Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**L. Reappointment of James Lamphere to the Government Access and Information Committee, beginning on January 1, 2001 and expiring on January 1, 2003.**

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

- 6) **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 Engineer's Monthly Reports for July, August and September, 2000.**
- 2. County Engineer's Monthly Reports for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Division for July, August and September, 2000.**
- 3. Lancaster Manor's Monthly Report.**
- 4. Lincoln City Libraries Director's Report for October, 2000.**

6) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- B. A resolution in the matter of Comprehensive Plan Amendment 94-58, requested by the Directors of Planning, Public Works and Utilities and the Parks and Recreation Departments, to amend Chapter IV (Transportation) of the 1994 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to adopt the Boulevard Concept for the Public Way Corridors and to incorporate the Lincoln Fringe Area Primary Public Way Corridor Study by reference. (R-00-141)
- C. A resolution in the matter of County Special Permit Number 183, Stevens Creek Ridge Community Unit Plan, requested by Brian D. Carstens and Associates on behalf of Gerry and Dianne Krieser, consisting of five dwelling units, on property generally located at North 134<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege Streets in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-143)
- D. A resolution in the matter of County Preliminary Plat Number 00025, Stevens Creek Ridge, requested by Brian D. Carstens and Associates on behalf of Gerry and Dianne Krieser, consisting of five residential acreage lots, with requests to waive sidewalks, street trees, street lighting, landscape screens and block length, on property generally located at North 134<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege Streets in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-142)
- E. An agreement with Lincoln Airport Authority for lease of a T-Hangar for the County Sheriff's aircraft, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001. The County will pay \$1,346.40. (C-00-593)

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

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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