

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001
2:30 P.M.**

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

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

Campbell reconvened the Staff Meeting of March 15, 2001.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of March 15, 2001. Heier, Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Hudkins arrived at the meeting.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

3 POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to enter Executive Session at 2:35 p.m. for discussion of potential litigation. Workman, Hudkins, Heier, Steinman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded to exit Executive Session at 2:53 p.m. Heier, Steinman, Hudkins, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

4 ACTION ITEMS

- A. Items for April City-County Common Meeting (Tentatively Scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2001 at 8:15 a.m.)

The Board proposed the following agenda items:

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process
- 2. Redistricting

- B. Attendance at Nebraska Counties' Legislative Day, Thursday, April 19, 2001

Workman and Hudkins indicated that they will be attending the luncheon.

- C. County Logo

The Board viewed logo designs submitted by ScreenCo (Pages 18 & 19 of the agenda packet) and indicated a preference for the fourth design in Column 1. The Board asked to see the following changes to that design:

- Change the color of the **A** in **LANCASTER** to white and place a black colored star behind the **A**
- Change the color of the star to white
- Place the star behind the logo
- Increase the size of the star and place the star directly underneath **LANCASTER**, left of the two lines that read **COUNTY** and **NEBRASKA**
- Show the logo in different fonts

5 CONSENT ITEM

- A. Microcomputer Request C#2001-103, \$514.79 from the Juvenile Detention Center from the Juvenile Detention Center Building Project Budget for a Laser Printer

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

6 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Breakfast Schedule

The Board scheduled attendance as follows:

March 27, 2001 - Campbell, Steinman
April 24, 2001 - Heier, Hudkins
May 29, 2001 - Heier, Campbell
June 26, 2001 - Workman, Hudkins
July 31, 2001 - Campbell, Heier

B. Letter from Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director,
Regarding Restoration of Staff Development Funds

The Board requested that a briefing by Settle be scheduled on a future Staff Meeting agenda.

C. Indigent Defense Screener Report

Eagan said Catherine Rech, Defense Eligibility Technician, is evaluating each individual that comes through Corrections or County Court and is building a database. He said an assistant may be needed to extend evaluation to District Court.

Hudkins suggested that screening also take place for health insurance.

D. Letter from Mark Essman, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau
Director, Regarding Plane Ride in World War II Aircraft as Part of
Airfest 2001

Workman agreed to represent the County Board.

E. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board of Equalization
Seminar, May 3-4, 2001 in Kearney, Nebraska

Board members do not plan to attend.

F. Airport Dragstrip

Workman reported on a meeting held to discuss the possibility of having dragstrip racing in Lincoln. He said the owner of a dragstrip in Schuyler, Nebraska gave a presentation and requested funding for a dragstrip that would be located south of the National Guard Armory (Salt Flats). Workman said the county road accessing this area is classified as minimum maintenance and would require improvements.

Hudkins exited the meeting.

7 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Region V Governing Board - Heier

Heier said the meeting was cancelled.

B. Information Services Policy Committee - Workman

Workman said he was unable to attend the meeting.

C. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Campbell

Campbell said a public hearing was held on the request from Qwest to locate a cellular tower in Irvingdale Park. She said Qwest and neighborhood residents indicated a preference that the tower be located on top of Irving Middle School and agreed to pursue this further. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board agreed to develop a policy on location of cellular towers in parks.

Steinman noted that schools can recoup a fee from cellular tower location but said it is deducted from their state aid.

D. Resource Conservation & Development Program - Workman

Workman said he does not attend these meetings.

E. Public Building Commission - Campbell, Hudkins

Campbell said discussion focused on the following:

- O Capitol Environs - It was reported that references to expanding to the west have been removed from LB 704 (changes Nebraska State Capital Environs District specifications). Representatives of the Capital Environs group appeared and indicated a willingness to amend the bill to raise the height limit for a period of ten years to allow for a fourth floor addition to the County-City Building. Concerns were raised about the future needs of the jail. The Public Building Commission did not change its position of opposition to the bill.
- O Space Analysis - Jim Hille, Sinclair Hille & Associates Inc., has reconfigured the first floor of the County-City Building, north side, to allow for merger of the Personnel Department offices. Space was not allocated for the Human Services Department in the drawings. The City has been asked to consider temporarily relocating the Personnel Department and Risk Management in the Election Commission Building.

- O Space Heaters - Don Killeen, County Property Manager, was asked to send a letter to the departments indicating that space heaters will be allowed until such time as heating problems are resolved, however standards will be set. Fans and individual coffee makers will also be addressed.
- O Leasing of Space - The State Treasurer's Office is interested in leasing additional space in the former Police Department Building.

F. Families First & Foremost (F³) - Heier

Eagan reported on a meeting held to discuss the future structure of F³. A joint public agency was suggested as a model for governance.

8 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Campbell said Joe Hampton and Wayne Hart, Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA), have been scheduled on the April 12th Staff Meeting agenda to discuss LIBA's concerns regarding the creation of the Administrative Services Department.

9 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Heier, Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk