

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005  
11:00 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair  
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Bob Workman  
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,  
MARCH 3, 2005**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of March 3, 2005, with the following correction to the wording of the motion in Item 7A:

*Heier moved and Workman seconded to authorize Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, to hire one (1) case manager and two (2) care coordinators monitors, with the understanding that there will be no net cost to the County ever. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.*  
Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Schorr and Hudkins abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A. Families First & Foremost (F<sup>3</sup>) Contract with Y.W.C.A.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**3 SOCIAL MARKETING FOR FAMILIES FIRST & FOREMOST (F<sup>3</sup>) -**  
Renee' Dozier, Families First & Foremost (F<sup>3</sup>) Associate Director

Renee' Dozier, Families First & Foremost (F<sup>3</sup>) Associate Director, presented a revised proposal for billboard advertisements of F<sup>3</sup> outcomes (Exhibit A).

The Board requested further revision of the font and messages and suggested that Dozier and F<sup>3</sup>'s Social Marketing Coordinator work with Commissioner Schorr and Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A. Families First & Foremost (F<sup>3</sup>) Contract with Y.W.C.A.

Dozier said the Y.W.C.A. has had difficulty retaining a care coordinator and recommended termination of the contract.

The Board directed the County Attorney's Office to draft a mutual termination agreement for action at a Tuesday, Board of Commissioners Meeting.

**4 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (PAVING OF SOUTH 82<sup>ND</sup> STREET) -** Mike Brienzo, Transportation Planning

Mike Brienzo, Transportation Planning, said there is a project developing along the South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street corridor that is not in the current Transportation Plan. He said the Planning Department is in the process of gathering amendments for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan Annual Review and suggested that the Board submit a request for its inclusion, with a statement of justification.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to direct Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, to prepare a letter for the Chair's signature requesting that a Comprehensive Plan amendment be drafted to include the South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street paving project in the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan documents. Stevens, Schorr, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**5 PENDING LITIGATION -** Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney; Don Thomas, County Engineer

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Heier seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:27 a.m. for pending litigation. Schorr, Stevens, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Heier seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:41 a.m. Heier, Schorr, Workman, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**6 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR HIGH RESOLUTION AERIAL PHOTOS** - Jim Langtry, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping Division Head; Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds

Jim Langtry, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping Division Head, said the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is interested in acquiring high resolution aerial photography for the seven most populous cities in the State and is willing to spent \$150,000 in bio-terrorism funds for the project (Exhibit B). Omaha has recent high resolution aeriels and was removed from the project. The remaining cities were contacted to gauge interest in a cost sharing arrangement. He said HHS has negotiated with vendors and was able to get costs below \$300,000. Lancaster County's share of costs is \$58,000. Current funding commitments are as follows:

Lincoln Electric System (LES)	\$10,000
Public Works/Utilities	20,000
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD)	8,000
County Assessor	10,000
Building & Safety	5,000
County Engineer	<u>2,500</u>
Total	\$55,500

Langtry said the GIS account can provide the additional \$2,500. Other potential funding sources are the U.S Geological Survey (USGS) and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, said he cannot fund his full share with the present budget.

The Keno Fund was mentioned as a possible funding source. It was noted that there may also be funds remaining in the Microcomputer Fund from projects that did not use the full amount of their allocation.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded to fund \$12,500 for the County Assessor and County Engineer's share of the high-resolution aerial photography project and to ask Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, to determine the appropriate funding source, with a \$5,000 contribution from the County Assessor's budget. Schorr, Stevens, Heier, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

The County Attorney's Office will review the interlocal agreement and schedule it for action on a Tuesday, Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

**7 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL; JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) -**  
Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff; Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, said his department has been the recipient for several years of Edward J. Byrne Memorial Grant funds. The funds were targeted for drug enforcement and were used to fund deputies assigned to the Local Drug Task Force, and positions in the Lincoln Police Department, County Attorney's Office and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL). The grant is now part of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and funding is at a lesser level. He said UNL is no longer an allowable party under the grant guidelines, which frees up \$24,826. The Sheriff's Office was offered those funds, but they must be used for a new position (the funds equate to approximately half the cost of a new deputy's salary and benefits). The grant application must be submitted by May 1, 2005.

Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff, said the department would like to have a deputy hired by that date, explaining that the complement is short due to military deployments.

Hudkins asked whether the department plans to request additional personnel in the coming budget.

Wagner said he has not budgeted for any additional deputies.

Jarrett said the department may renew its request for an additional civilian employee to address the workload.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded to authorize Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, to hire one deputy to be assigned to the Local Drug Task Force.

Wagner said there is no guarantee that grant funding will remain at the same level in Fiscal Year 2007-08.

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

**8 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Stevens

Stevens said there was an overview of the department's General Fund request.

B. Monthly Meeting of the Public Building Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Mayor - Hudkins

Hudkins said discussion focused on whether to finish the third floor of the County-City Building.

C. Public Building Commission - Hudkins, Workman

Hudkins said the Public Building Commission was briefed on an opportunity to refinance its debt, with potential savings of \$1.6 million. Employee handicapped parking and complaints related to smoking in front of main entrances to the County-City Building and Justice and Law Enforcement Center were also discussed.

Board consensus was to schedule discussion of the smoking issue on the Management Team agenda.

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Workman, Heier, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk