MINUTES LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2006 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112 FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING 9:30 A.M.

Commissioners Present:	Deb Schorr, Chair Larry Hudkins Ray Stevens
Commissioners Absent:	Bernie Heier Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Others Present:	Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney Patricia Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m..

- <u>MINUTES</u>: Approval of the following: minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, minutes of the public hearing regarding the Lancaster County One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program held on November 16, 2006 and the minutes of the Joint Public Hearing regarding the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan held on November 16, 2006.
 - **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on November, 28, 2006; approval of the minutes of the public hearing regarding the Lancaster County One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program held on November 16, 2006; and approval of the minutes of the joint public hearing with the City Council regarding the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan held on November 16, 2006. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) <u>CLAIMS:</u> Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, December 5, 2006.
 - **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of all claims processed through December 5, 2006. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Recognition of Dave Kroeker for years of dedicated service to Lancaster County.

Item held until December 12, 2006.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS**:

A. County Special Permit No. 06059, requested by U.S. Cellular Wireless Communications, for authority to construct a 199 foot tower for wireless facilities capable of accommodating at least four carriers, on property generally located approximately one-quarter mile north of the intersection of North 176th and "O" Streets, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (See New Business Item 5A for correlating documentation.)

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to provide testimony.

The oath was administered to Michele Roth with U.S. Cellular.

Roth stated they would like to construct a 199 foot tower near the intersection of North 176th and "O" Streets. She added that the tower will accommodate three additional providers and have no lighting according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determination.

In response to a question asked by Hudkins, Roth stated they have not contacted any other providers to be co-located on the tower.

Stevens inquired about the range of a cell tower.

The oath was administered to Jeremy Schroeder with U.S. Cellular.

Schroeder stated the range of a tower depends upon the frequency and height of the tower. He stated a tower of approximately 190 feet typically has a radius of seven to eight miles with more reliable service being closer to the tower.

Stevens stated it was his understanding that the nearest cell tower in existence is more than four miles away from the proposed location.

Roth stated that was correct.

Hudkins asked why the existing tower couldn't be used.

Schroeder stated the tower must be within their PCS license boundary in order to meet their goals. He stated they currently have a location on the existing tower, however, the height of the tower limits the coverage which is needed.

Stevens stated the application indicates that the tower would be within approximately 100 feet of 176th Street. He asked Roth if they agreed to the setback of 200 feet requested by the County Engineer.

Roth responded that they do agree. She added that they would also be installing screening.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to provide testimony.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

B. County Special Permit No. 06066, requested by Lyle Loth of ESP on behalf of Willard D. Giebenrath, for authority to operate sand, gravel and soil excavation on a 153 acre site located one-quarter mile east of North 56th Street/Highway 77 between Waverly and Mill Roads, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (See New Business Item 5B for correlating documentation.)

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to provide testimony.

The oath was administered to Mark Hunzeker, attorney representing Willard D. Giebenrath, applicant.

Hunzeker stated the application was submitted after LeGrande Excavating requested to remove soil from a 153-acre parcel. He stated the permit would allow the property to be mined, lower the existing contours, maintain the existing storm water flow and control sediment and erosion. Hunzeker stated no more than 20 acres would be disturbed at any given time with top soil being stripped and stored on site. Top soil will be replaced and the property will be farmed before and after the dirt is extracted. He stated there is a potential wetland on the property, however, if it is determined that it is a jurisdictional wetland they will avoid the area and prevent damage to it. Hunzeker also noted that there is a fiber optic cable running through the site. As a part of the process, he said they would be submitting a revised grading plan to comply with the requirements of the Natural Resources District (NRD) in obtaining the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Also to be submitted will be a revised contour line to show they will avoid the area near the fiber optic cable. Hunzeker stated access to the property is from Waverly Road and Mill Road, noting that the County Engineer requested they agree to be responsible for maintenance and any repairs necessary to both roads. He stated they have no objections to any of the conditions of approval.

Stevens asked if the property was greenbelted.

Hunzeker stated yes, however, it is his understanding that the County Assessor/Register of Deeds would remove the greenbelt status upon approval of the permit. Once the mining has concluded the property would then be eligible to have the greenbelt status reinstated.

Discussion took place regarding oversight and enforcement authority.

The oath was administered to Sara Hartzell, Planning Department.

In response to a question asked by Stevens regarding the re-seeding of a disturbed area if activities aren't performed for more than seven days, Hartzell explained that anything stated in the notes of the plan is a requirement of the special permit.

Stevens asked if the applicant would oppose limiting the permit to one, one year extension, which would be a total of four years for the project. At that time the permit could be renewed/extended with a more formal review process.

Hunzeker stated it is difficult to determine how long it will take to extract the amount of soil permitted. He stated he wouldn't say they would not accept the permit if that condition were added, however, it is unlikely that the Planning Director would extend the permit administratively if there were substantial problems with the operation of the site.

The following individuals were administered the oath and appeared in opposition to the proposal due to safety concerns, erosion onto their property, non-agricultural use of the property, violation of the View North Pointe covenants, oversight and enforcement:

- Tom Keep, 8601 Davey Road, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Brian Burns, 12909 North 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Gary McKinstry, 12501 Emmawalter Road, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Peggy London, 5845 Waverly Road, Lincoln, Nebraska
- ► Julie Shipman Burns, 12909 North 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

In closing, Hunzeker stated there are some concerns, however, there are many controls in place to ensure the activities are done correctly. He stated he feels agricultural use includes such things as soil excavation in certain circumstance.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to provide testimony.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

C. A public hearing authorizing the issuance by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County of Revenue Bonds (Dialysis Center of Lincoln, Inc. Project), Series 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$2, 500,000.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to testify.

The oath was administered to Lauren Wismer, bond counsel.

Wismer stated the bonds would be used to construct a new facility for the Dialysis Center. He stated the hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code to evidence the approval of what is called 'the highest elected official'.

The oath was administered to Larry Emerson, Chief Executive Officer for the Dialysis Center.

Emerson stated there are currently two units in Lincoln. One on North 26th Street and the other at 7910 "O" Street. He added there are also units in Beatrice and Columbus, Nebraska. The third Lincoln location will be at 5245 South 16th Street and will be approximately 13,000 square feet.

The oath was administered to Scott Keene, underwriter for Ameritas Investment Corporation.

Keene stated there will be a ten year level amortization and the bonds will be marketed on a non-rated basis. He added that they plan on going to market on December 6 and settle the transaction by December 20th.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to provide testimony.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

5) **NEW BUSINESS**:

- A. A resolution in the matter of County Special Permit No. 06059, requested by U. S. Cellular Wireless Communications, for authority to construct a 199 foot tower for wireless facilities, on property generally located one-quarter mile north of the intersection of North 176th Street and "O" Street, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-06-0127)
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Resolution 06-0127 in the matter of County Special Permit No. 06059, requested by U. S. Cellular Wireless Communications, for authority to construct a 199 foot tower for wireless facilities, on property generally located one-quarter mile north of the intersection of North 176th Street and "O" Street, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins voted no. Motion carried.
- B. A resolution in the matter of County Special Permit No. 06066, requested by Lyle Loth of ESP on behalf of Willard D. Giebenrath, for authority to operate a sand, gravel and soil excavation site, on property generally located one-quarter mile east of North 56th Street (Highway 77) between Waverly and Mill Roads, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-06-0126)

- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of Resolution 06-0126 in the matter of County Special Permit No. 06066, requested by Lyle Loth of ESP on behalf of Willard D. Giebenrath, for authority to operate a sand, gravel and soil excavation site, on property generally located one-quarter mile east of North 56th Street (Highway 77) between Waverly and Mill Roads, Lancaster County, Nebraska.
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to amend Resolution 06-0126 to include language on Item 1 of the Specific Conditions stating that an additional one year increment may be granted by administrative amendment by the Planning Director.

Schorr requested the applicant meet with all neighbors to inform them of when the process will begin and at what location within the 153-acre parcel they will begin.

ROLL CALL ON THE SECOND MOTION: Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. A subdivision agreement with Thomas L. and Marjorie L. Green, Robert T. and Patricia A. Grimit, Leland L. and Barbara J. Huenink, and Paul E. Green for County Final Plat No. 06070, Conestoga Lake Estates, on property generally located at Southwest 91st Street and West Pioneers Boulevard, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (C-06-0641)
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a subdivision agreement with Thomas L. and Marjorie L. Green, Robert T. and Patricia A. Grimit, Leland L. and Barbara J. Huenink, and Paul E. Green for County Final Plat No. 06070, Conestoga Lake Estates, on property generally located at Southwest 91st Street and West Pioneers Boulevard, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. A grant contract with Cedars Youth Services to provide support for the Juvenile Tracker Program as part of Lancaster County's Graduated Sanctions program, in the amount of \$129,000. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. (C-06-0642)

- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with Cedars Youth Services to provide support for the Juvenile Tracker Program as part of Lancaster County's Graduated Sanctions program, in the amount of \$129,000. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- E. A grant contract with Lincoln Literacy Council for an Employment Specialist to serve 100 women in the Sudanese and Refugee Women's groups, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$15,000. Term of grant contract is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. (C-06-0643)
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a grant contract with Lincoln Literacy Council for an Employment Specialist to serve 100 women in the Sudanese and Refugee Women's groups, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$15,000 subject to receipt of proof of Workers' Compensation insurance. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- F. A grant contract with Southeast Community College to cover the costs of instructors for the employment specific class offered to approximately 80 refugee students, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$15,000. Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. (C-06-0644)
- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with Southeast Community College to cover the costs of instructors for the employment specific class offered to approximately 80 refugee students, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$15,000. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- G. A grant contract with Lincoln Action Program to provide a part-time Career Development Specialist who will assist 100 clients in overcoming barriers to employment and furnish citizenship/naturalization education to 45 clients, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAB) Grant program, in the amount of \$15,000. Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. (C-06-0645)

- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a grant contract with Lincoln Action Program to provide a part-time Career Development Specialist who will assist 100 clients in overcoming barriers to employment and furnish citizenship/naturalization education to 45 clients, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAB) Grant program, in the amount of \$15,000. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- H. A grant contract with the Asian Community and Cultural Center to provide job training education classes to approximately 80 refugee students, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$6,000. Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. (C-06-0646)
- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with the Asian Community and Cultural Center to provide job training education classes to approximately 80 refugee students, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$6,000. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- Interlocal agreements with Dodge, Johnson, Thayer, York, Gage, Hamilton, Jefferson and Seward counties for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of juveniles while at the Youth Services Center. Lancaster County will be reimbursed \$244.50 per youth, per day. The agreements are effective upon execution and have a 30-day termination provision. (C-06-0647 through C-06-0650 and C-06-0657 through C-06-0660)
- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of interlocal agreements with Dodge, Johnson, Thayer, York, Gage, Hamilton, Jefferson and Seward counties for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of juveniles while at the Youth Services Center. Lancaster County will be reimbursed \$244.50 per youth, per day. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- J. An interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska Probation Division for electronic monitoring services as part of the operation of the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The County will pay the Department \$9,000 for the services. (C-06-0651)

- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska Probation Division for electronic monitoring services as part of the operation of the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- K. Agreements with Lincoln Family Medicine Center, a Division of Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (LMEP), Dr. Gross I wersen Kratochvil, Efrain G. Ochoa and Carrie York to provide specialized medical care and assistance to Lancaster County General Assistance clients who have pending claims with the Social Security Administration and may be eligible for retroactive Medicaid benefits. The agreements set forth a reimbursement arrangement in which the County will provide payment for the medical care and the facilities will reimburse the County if/when the General Assistance client is later determined eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. The agreements are effective upon execution of both parties and contain a 30-day termination provision. (C-06-0652 through C-06-0655)
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of agreements with Lincoln Family Medicine Center, a Division of Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (LMEP), Dr. Gross Iwersen Kratochvil, Efrain G. Ochoa and Carrie York to provide specialized medical care and assistance to Lancaster County General Assistance clients who have pending claims with the Social Security Administration and may be eligible for retroactive Medicaid benefits. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- L. A grant contract with Cedars Youth Services for the following programs: Drug Court Tracker, in the amount of \$12,000, Pretrial Diversion/Minority Outreach Diversion, in the amount of \$10,000, and the Pikes Peak Web-Based Learning System, in the amount of \$6,000. Total amount of the grant contract is \$28,000. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. (C-06-0656)

- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with Cedars Youth Services for the following programs: Drug Court Tracker, in the amount of \$12,000, Pretrial Diversion/Minority Outreach Diversion, in the amount of \$10,000, and the Pikes Peak Web-Based Learning System, in the amount of \$6,000. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- M. Grant of a permanent easement by Lancaster County to Lincoln Electric System, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining underground electrical facilities in a portion of Wilderness Park, as specifically set forth and legally described in Exhibit "A" of the easement. (C-06-0661)
- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval to grant a permanent easement by Lancaster County to Lincoln Electric System, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining underground electrical facilities in a portion of Wilderness Park, as specifically set forth and legally described in Exhibit "A" of the easement. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- N. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster County Emergency Management Director to award a bid to Neels Trailer Outlet, Inc., for the purchase of four, 6 foot by 12 foot enclosed trailers, in the total amount of \$13,220. (B-06-0046)
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to award a bid to Neels Trailer Outlet, Inc., for the purchase of four, 6 foot by 12 foot enclosed trailers, in the total amount of \$13,220, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster County Emergency Management Director. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

O. Appointment of Dee Aguilar to the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a three year term to expire July 1, 2009.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the appointment of Dee Aguilar to the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a three year term to expire July 1, 2009. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

- P. A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County, Nebraska not to exceed \$2,500,000 aggregate principal, amount of its revenue bonds (Dialysis Center of Lincoln Inc. Project), Series 2006, solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and related matters. (R-06-0128)
- **MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Resolution 06-0128 approving the issuance, sale and delivery by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Lancaster County, Nebraska not to exceed \$2,500,000 aggregate principal, amount of its revenue bonds (Dialysis Center of Lincoln Inc. Project), Series 2006, solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and related matters. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.
- 6) <u>CONSENT ITEMS</u>: These are items of business that are routine 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. Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended June 30, 2006 for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center.
 - B. Right-of-way contracts relating to road improvements between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and the following:
 - Larry Klug, in the amount of \$159, at 705 Northwest 126th Street; Project CP-M-177. (C-06-0637)
 - Ethel L. Dodge, Trustee, in the total amount of \$3,709.50, on Bluff Road between North 148th and North 190th Streets; Project C55-H-402(1). (2 contracts) (C-06-0638 and C-06-0639)
 - Dale E. Harlan, in the total amount of \$13,880.75, on South 82nd Street from Panama to Hickman Roads; Project C55-SX-404(2). (6 contracts) (C-06-0662, C-06-0669 and C-06-0670 and C-06-0673 through C-06-0675)
 - Dan C. Kreitman, in the amount of \$227.50 and one donation, on Ashland Road east of North 70th Street; Project CP-B-96. (2 contracts) (C-06-0663 and C-06-0664)

6) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- Max A. and Lori G. Caldwell, in the total amount of \$8,050, on West A Street from Southwest 84th Street to the Burnlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad; Project C55-M-405(1). (2 contracts) (C-06-0665 and C-06-0666)
- City of Lincoln, in the amount of \$2,855.62 and one donation, at Northwest 70th and West Adams Streets; Project C55-M-407(1). (2 contracts) (C-06-0667 and C-06-0668)
- Roca Land & Cattle Company, in the total amount of \$15,351, on Bluff Road from North 148th to North 190th Streets; Project C55-H-402(1). (2 contracts) (C-06-0671 and C-06-0672)
- C. Request from Michelle Paxton, an employee in the County Attorney's Office, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County retirement plan having met the requirements.
- **MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the Consent Items. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

7) ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 11:08 a.m.. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf County Clerk

MINUTES LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2006 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112 FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Commissioners Present:	Deb Schorr, Chair
	Larry Hudkins
	Ray Stevens

- Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier Bob Workman, Vice Chair
 - Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney Patricia Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The Board of Equalization meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m..

1) <u>MINUTES:</u> Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on November 28, 2006. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

2) ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:

Approval of 63 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachment "A".

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

3) MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:

Gentle Shepherd Baptist Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, d/b/a Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Women in Community Service, Inc.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

4) ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:10 a.m.. Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf County Clerk