

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007  
9:30 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated November 15, 2007. Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A. City-County Common Meeting (December 3, 2007)

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

### **3 HOUSING OF STATE WARDS AT YOUTH SERVICES CENTER (YSC)**

- Michelle Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director

Michelle Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, reported that the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has begun to move youth out of YSC, sixteen to date.

Schorr presented a copy of a letter from Kathy Bigsby Moore, Executive Director of Voices for Children in Nebraska, to Todd Landry, Director of the HHS Division of Children and Family Services, expressing concern about HHS's decision to begin to remove state wards from YSC (Exhibit A). She asked Schindler whether she has received any other comments.

Schindler said the juvenile detention coordinator has received calls from families expressing concern about the transfers. She said the transfers have also caused anxiety among youth in the facility.

Workman said a letter from Landry, dated November 1, 2007, stated that HHS has been working diligently to negotiate renewal of the contract with Lancaster County for detention services for HHS, Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) youth. He said there has been no evidence of this. Workman said the State is using the youth as pawns and said he is willing to accept the State's demand to keep the per diem rate at \$238.00 (see November 15, 2007 Staff Meeting minutes) to prevent having the youth transferred to out-of-county facilities.

Heier and Schorr indicated that they are not willing to accept the State's terms and subsidize the State's costs at County taxpayers' expense. Heier pointed out that the County has already lost approximately \$3.5 million in jail reimbursement from the State over the past few years.

Stevens noted that the County is assisting the State in other ways, such as sharing in the cost of two new probation officers in an effort to lessen the time of pre-sentence investigations.

Heier said he believes the State should at least pay what the contract counties are paying Lancaster County to house youth in YSC.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded to send a letter to Governor Heineman indicating the County's position and a willingness to discuss the issue with him. Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**4 POTENTIAL LITIGATION** - Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. for discussion of potential litigation. Stevens, Workman, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:51 a.m. Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A. City-County Common Meeting (December 3, 2007)

It was noted that only one item is scheduled on the agenda.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded to cancel the December 3, 2007 City-County Common Meeting. Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**5 ACTION ITEMS**

A. Acceptance of Proposal for Signage at Community Mental Health Center

Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney, indicated the need to secure three informal quotes for the signage since the cost exceeds \$5,000.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded to reconsider action taken at the November 15, 2007 Staff Meeting to authorize payment for signage at the Community Mental Health Center. Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Schorr seconded to direct the Purchasing Department to secure three (3) informal quotes for signage at the Community Mental Health Center. Stevens, Workman, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

## 6 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Recommendation from Pension Review Committee (PRC) Regarding Segal Advisors' Proposal for Investment/Administrative Monitoring Services

Eagan said the Pension Review Committee (PRC) reviewed a proposal from Segal Advisors regarding investment/administrative monitoring services for the Lancaster County employees 401(a) retirement plan and 457 deferred compensation program presently administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS). As part of the proposal, Segal has offered to conduct negotiations with NRS regarding the renewal of their service contract without any additional charge. The PRC has recommended that the County Board seek a separate proposal from Segal Advisors for the renegotiation of the pension services contract with NRS and not consider the proposal from Segal Advisors for investment/administrative monitoring services until the County has decided whether it will remain with NRS or contract with a new pension provider after issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP).

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Heier seconded to direct Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, to advise Segal Advisors that the County Board did not accept their proposal to provide investment/administrative monitoring services and would like Segal Advisors to submit a separate quote for the renegotiation of the pension services contract with Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS). Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Correspondence from Don Thomas, County Engineer, Regarding Adoption of 2008 Through 2013 Road and Bridge Improvement Program

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Heier seconded to direct the County Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution adopting the 2008 Through 2013 Road and Bridge Improvement Program, as presented at the public hearing on November 15, 2007. Stevens, Workman, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. Additional Information on Microcomputer Request C#2007-394 (\$950.27 from District Court Budget for a PC) (See Agenda Packet)

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

## **7 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

### **A. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency - Heier, Workman**

Workman reported approval of all expenditures presented.

### **B. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) - Stevens**

Stevens said the VPC is seeking a new representative from the large hotels.

### **C. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Stevens**

Stevens said Lincoln Electric System's (LES') rate request and structure was discussed.

### **D. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Monthly Meeting - Heier, Stevens**

Heier reported discussion of the jail project and the construction manager at risk concept.

## **8 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Stevens, Workman, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk