

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

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

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

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on February 5, 2008. On call Schorr, Heier, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Stevens abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, February 12, 2008.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of all claims processed through February 12, 2008. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Southeast Community College Annual Report - Jack Huck, President

Jack Huck, President of Southeast Community College, appeared and presented his annual report to the County Board.

Huck reported on graduate information, national ranking of Southeast Community College, tuition and fees, enrollment, expenditures and revenues and tax history as featured in the *Annual Report to the Residents of Southeast Nebraska* (Exhibit 1).

Also reported on by Huck were graduate employment locations and placement statistics as contained in the *2006 Annual Graduate Placement Report* (Exhibit 2).

4) **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Election of Officers for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Lancaster County Board of Equalization.

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to retain Bob Workman as Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Workman abstained from voting. Motion carried.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to retain Bernie Heier as Vice Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Heier abstained from voting. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. An application for a Special Designated License from NAD, Inc. to provide liquor beverage service at a wedding reception to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Waverly Community Foundation banquet facilities, located at 11120 North 141st Street, Waverly, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Nancy Dorsey, applicant, appeared and gave a brief overview of the application.

Discussion took place regarding the hours indicated on the application with Dorsey noting that alcohol would not be served until after the conclusion of the wedding ceremony.

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of an application for a Special Designated License from NAD, Inc. to provide liquor beverage service at a wedding reception to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Waverly Community Foundation banquet facilities, located at 11120 North 141st Street, Waverly, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

B. A resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. (R-08-0007)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution No. R-08-0007 in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

C. An engineering agreement with Schemmer Associates Inc. for surveying, roadway, design and plan preparation for the paving of Alvo Road from North 1st to North 14th Streets, for regrading and paving North 14th Street north and south of Alvo Road and for the grading and paving of Alvo Road from North 14th to North 16th Streets. The work will be completed by May 23, 2008. The County will pay \$48,900 for the services. (C-08-0058)

Doug Pillard, County Engineering Department, stated a portion of the cost was to be reimbursed to the County by the City through an interlocal agreement (County Contract No. C-08-0039) which was approved by the County Board on January 29, 2008. He stated the agreement was on the City Council's agenda for approval on February 11th, however, they felt it would behoove them to delay action until March 3rd in order to re-evaluate the design of Alvo Road. Pillard stated it would be their recommendation to defer the agreement until the City Council takes action on the interlocal agreement.

Board consensus was to defer the engineering agreement with Schemmer Associates Inc..

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

D. An agreement with Dr. Richard Powell 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 agreement sets forth a reimbursement arrangement in which the County will provide payment for the medical care and Dr. Powell will reimburse the County if/when the General Assistance client is later determined eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. The agreement is effective upon execution of both parties and contains a 30-day termination provision. (C-08-0056)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of an agreement with Dr. Richard Powell 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. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

E. A contract in which Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln are contracting with Omaha Paper Company, using cooperative purchasing with the State of Nebraska (Contract Number 12008 OC), to provide and deliver office paper to all Lancaster County and City of Lincoln facilities. Term of the contract is September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. Each County department will be billed separately for the services they use according to the prices as outlined in the State of Nebraska contract. (C-08-0057)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a contract in which Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln are contracting with Omaha Paper Company, using cooperative purchasing with the State of Nebraska (Contract Number 12008 OC), to provide and deliver office paper to all Lancaster County and City of Lincoln facilities. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. An agreement between Anne Whitney and Lancaster County for a professional, non-paid internship at the Community Mental Health Center. Whitney will provide the County with twelve (12) hours of evaluation and counseling services per week to individuals in the outpatient therapy department. (C-08-0059)

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of an agreement between Anne Whitney and Lancaster County for a professional, non-paid internship at the Community Mental Health Center. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

G. A grant contract with Southeast Community College to cover the costs of instructors for the employment specific class offered to approximately 40 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, 2007 to September 30, 2008. (C-08-0060)

Item held at the request of the County Attorney's Office.

H. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster Manor Administrator to award a bid to Security Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$18,508, for magnetic door locks for Lancaster Manor. (B-08-0003)

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval to award a bid to Security Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$18,508, for magnetic door locks for Lancaster Manor as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster Manor Administrator. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

I. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster Manor Administrator to award a bid to Direct Supply Inc., in the amount of \$18,546.30, for five patient lifts for Lancaster Manor. (B-08-0004)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval to award a bid to Direct Supply Inc., in the amount of \$18,546.30, for five patient lifts for Lancaster Manor as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster Manor Administrator. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

J. Request from the Lancaster County Personnel Policy Board to create a Transition Coordinator classification at a proposed pay grade of \$51,896 to \$66,472.64 (C20).

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the request from the Lancaster County Personnel Policy Board to create a Transition Coordinator classification at a proposed pay grade of \$51,896 to \$66,472.64 (C20).

Heier stated he had talked with Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, and voiced concerns about whether the position would be full-time after the construction of the Adult Correctional Facility (ACF). He explained that Thurber felt it would likely be a full-time permanent position after the construction of the ACF, however, he would make that decision at a later date.

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

K. Recommendations from the Joint Budget Committee to approve Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Round 28 grant projects, in the total amount of \$34,610, to the following:

- * Milkworks, in the amount of \$2,500, for "Healthy Weights from the Start" which provides low-income mothers and their babies lactation assistance at the People's Health Center
- * Friendship Home, in the amount of \$7,500, for "Discovering My Strengths" which works with 70 children per year, ages 10 to 14, whose parents reside at the Friendship Home
- * Lincoln Council on Alcohol and Drugs, in the amount of \$7,500, for scholarship assistance to local coalitions and clergy in Lincoln and Lancaster County to participate in the 2008 Substance Abuse Action Coalition Prevention Conference
- * BryanLGH/St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in the amount of \$7,500, to E.D. Connection for crisis funding to assist clients who use emergency department services to pay for immediate personal care needs
- * Lancaster County Medical Foundation, in the amount of \$7,500, for Health 360 which assists over 100 low-income clients to access special health services to prevent poor health care outcomes
- * Lancaster County Mental Health Foundation, in the amount of \$2,110, for case manager training to 50 workers who assist new Americans with behavioral health issues

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Round 28 grant projects, in the total amount of \$34,610, as recommended by the Joint Budget Committee. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** *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. County Assessor/Register of Deeds Monthly Report for January, 2008.**
- 2. County Clerk's Monthly Report for January, 2008.**
- 3. Records and Information Management's Monthly Report for January, 2008.**

B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding County Miscellaneous No. 08002, a text amendment to Article 8.02 of the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Regulations.

C. Right-of-way contracts between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and the following:

- * Gary and Martha Williams on West Wittstruck Road west of Southwest 58th Street; Project CP-U-118. This is a donation. (C-08-0061)
- * Eleanor Francke on Pioneers Boulevard 1,702 feet east of South 162nd Street; Project CP-Q-62. These are donations. (2 contracts) (C-08-0062 and C-08-0063)
- * Cecil Etmund, in the total amount of \$155, on Bennet Road from South 82nd Street east; Project CP-S-206. (2 contracts) (C-08-0064 and C-08-0065)

Heier thanked Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Eleanor Francke for their donations.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Consent Items. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:14 a.m.. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
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FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING**

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Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
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Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney
Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds

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1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on February 5, 2008. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Stevens abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 132 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachments "A" and "B".

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

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS:**

**Bethlehem Covenant Church
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter d/b/a Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary
Tabitha, Inc.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Bethlehem Covenant Church, Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter d/b/a Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary and Tabitha, Inc.. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Robert Priel, 20895 South 68th Street, appeared and stated he has been watching the progress of the equalization process at the State level. Although it is an extremely slow process, he said, it is moving forward. Priel stated he wanted to thank each of the Commissioners for their participation in the process.

The Board stated they appreciated Mr. Priel's comments.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:17 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk