

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 19, 2008.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on February 19, 2008. Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting.
Motion carried.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, February 26, 2008.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Steven seconded approval of all claims processed through February 26, 2008. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Two applications for Special Events Permits from the Lincoln Track Club. The first application is for the State Farm "Run for Your Life" road race on Saturday, March 29, 2008, beginning at 9 a.m.. The second application is for the Havelock Run road race on Saturday, June 7, 2008, beginning at 8 a.m..**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of two applications for Special Events Permits from the Lincoln Track Club. The first application is for the State Farm "Run for Your Life" road race on Saturday, March 29, 2008, beginning at 9 a.m.. The second application is for the Havelock Run road race on Saturday, June 7, 2008, beginning at 8 a.m.. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A program resolution with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to develop a federal aid bridge replacement project for County Bridge S-179 located east of the southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 7 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Lancaster County, Nebraska, more generally know as Roca Road between South 96th and South 110th Streets. The total project cost is estimated at \$680,000 of which 80 percent will be Federal funding and 20 percent will be County funding. (R-08-0010)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of a program resolution with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to develop a federal aid bridge replacement project for County Bridge S-179 located east of the southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 7 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Lancaster County, Nebraska, more generally know as Roca Road between South 96th and South 110th Streets. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. A grant contract with Catholic Social Services for a case manager and cultural orientation classes to 50 refugees entering the workforce, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$22,500. Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. (C-08-0075)**

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of a grant contract with Catholic Social Services for a case manager and cultural orientation classes to 50 refugees entering the workforce, as part of the Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TAG) Grant program, in the amount of \$22,500. Stevens, Heier, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

D. An appraisal contract between Capital Appraisal Company and the Lancaster County Engineering Department for appraisal services, in the amount of \$3,675, in connection with the appraisal of right-of-way for a road project located on North 14th Street and Waverly Road; Project No C55-F-417(3). (C-08-0076)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of an appraisal contract between Capital Appraisal Company and the Lancaster County Engineering Department for appraisal services, in the amount of \$3,675, in connection with the appraisal of right-of-way for a road project located on North 14th Street and Waverly Road; Project No C55-F-417(3). Heier, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

E. An appraisal contract between Capital Appraisal Company and the Lancaster County Engineering Department for appraisal services, in the amount of \$3,900, in connection with the appraisal of right-of-way for a road project located on Alvo Road from North 1st to North 14th Streets; Project No C55-F-406(1). (C-08-0077)

Don Thomas, County Engineer, requested the contract be held until the issue with the interlocal agreement is settled.

By direction of the Chair this item was held.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

F. Authorization for Community Corrections to purchase 25 additional electronic monitoring units pursuant to a contract with Behavioral Interventions, Inc., found under County Contract No. C-07-0350, in an approximate amount of \$45,000. (C-08-0080)

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, gave an overview regarding the need to purchase 25 additional electronic monitoring units.

Heier stated he would like to know the type of conviction for each person involved in the alternatives to incarceration program.

Etherton stated she would provide Heier with a listing.

In response to a question asked by Workman, Etherton stated 90 to 95 percent of the house arrests are 'Driving Under the Influence' (DUI) offenders.

Schorr asked about the recidivism rate of individuals on house arrest.

Etherton stated they have returned seven individuals to custody since August, 2007.

James Foster, Lancaster County Court Judge, stated Community Corrections has provided a benefit for County Court in that people are pleading quicker to some things because there is a possibility of house arrest. He stated he didn't know of anyone who is not willing to use the house arrest process except for certain individuals who can't go home due to the nature of the crime.

Heier asked about recaptured costs from individuals placed in an alternatives to incarceration program.

Etherton stated individuals with a seven-day or less sentence are charged five dollars a day which covers the monitoring fee. Individuals with a ten-day or longer sentence will be assessed a fee, however, they will not be kicked out of the program due to inability to pay.

In response to a question asked by Hudkins, Etherton stated she visited Bob Walla, Purchasing, as well as John Hennessey, sales representative with Behavioral Interventions (BI), Inc.. She stated Hennessey was able to decrease the monitoring rate for cell units from \$4.50 a day to \$3.50 a day and is working on rewriting the contract.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Etherton reported that she also spoke with Hennessey about purchasing the equipment versus leasing. She stated he informed her that money can be saved in the short run by leasing, however, it's in an agency's best interest to purchase the equipment if it's kept over a long period of time.

Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent, recommended purchase of the equipment versus leasing.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, gave an overview pertaining to the number of individuals being sent to Platte County.

In response to a question asked by Workman, Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, suggested that the approximate amount of \$45,000 for the 25 additional units come from the Community Corrections budget, with a review of that budget, if necessary, in June.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize the Community Corrections Director to purchase 25 additional electronic monitoring units pursuant to a contract with Behavioral Interventions, Inc., found under County Contract No. C-07-0350, up to a maximum amount of \$45,000. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office to issue an order from State of Nebraska Contract No. 12019 OC for five, 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers, in the total amount of \$122,335. (B-08-0006)

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to issue an order from State of Nebraska Contract No. 12019 OC for five, 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers, in the total amount of \$122,335 as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Stevens and Schorr voted no. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

H. Recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster County Engineering Department to award a bid to Nebraska Snow Equipment, in the amount of \$13,775 which includes installation and trade-in allowance, for five snow plows. (B-08-0007)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval to award a bid to Nebraska Snow Equipment, in the amount of \$13,775 which includes installation and trade-in allowance, for five snow plows as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Lancaster County Engineering Department. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

I. Recommendation from the Pension Review Committee to issue a request for proposal seeking bidders to provide administrative services for the Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Program, and to authorize Segal Advisors to provide bidding assistance pursuant to Phase 3 of the contract between Lancaster County and Segal Advisors, under County Contract No. C-07-0315, Specification 07-160 for pension consultation services. (B-08-0008)

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, reported he received a call from Mike Studebaker, Regional Vice President of Nationwide Retirement Solutions, who inquired about delaying the RFP (Request for Proposal) process. Eagan said he indicated to Studebaker the County had given Nationwide a two month negotiation period in an effort to get their best offer and he felt there was no reason to change the recommendation, which he participated in, of the Pension Review Committee.

Doug Cyr, Deputy County Attorney, gave an overview of the Pension Review Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to approve the recommendation from the Pension Review Committee to issue a request for proposal seeking bidders to provide administrative services for the Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Program.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Stevens offered a friendly amendment to authorize Segal Advisor to provide administrative services for the Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Program, pursuant to their contract with the County.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

The maker of motion accepted the friendly amendment.

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

J. Reappointment of Larry Hudkins to the District Energy Corporation Board of Directors for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2009.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the reappointment of Larry Hudkins to the District Energy Corporation Board of Directors for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2009. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **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. Lincoln City Libraries Director's Report for January, 2008.

B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding an application for Corporate Manager for Andrew Reetz in connection with Hillcrest County Club located at 9401 "O" Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

C. Requests from Julie A. Farber and Bokota Lifaefi, employees with Lancaster Manor, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County retirement plan having met the requirements.

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

* Bruce J. and Connie J. Jurgens, in the amount of \$1,651, on Gage Road west of Highway 43; Project CP-Y-82. (C-08-0078)

* David E. and Linda M. Taylor, in the amount of \$1,517.50, on West Hallam Road east of Southwest 100th Street; Project CP-V-176. (C-08-0079)

4) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

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

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Hudkins stated the County's financial advisors would be present at the Staff Meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2008 to discuss issuance of a bond for the new jail and the possibility of placing a bond resolution on the ballot for the primary election.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:29 a.m.. Heier, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk

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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 19, 2008.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on February 19, 2008. Hudkins, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 74 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachments "A" and "B".

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

3) **NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGE FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Hinn's Home Center
Light-Works Studio Inc.
Southview Inc. and Ridge Development Co.**

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, gave a brief overview and recommended approval of the notices.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval to send notice of assessed valuation change for property taxation purposes to Hinn's Home Center, Light-Works Studio Inc. and Southview Inc. and Ridge Development Co.. Heier, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:31 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk