

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier, Vice Chair

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, August 12, 2008.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on August 12, 2008. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Workman abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, August 19, 2008.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of all claims processed through August 19, 2008. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Report on the Creating Assets, Savings and Hope Campaign for 2007-2008 - Rick Carter, Human Services Federation Director; Kit Boesch, Lancaster County Human Services Director

Kit Boesch, Human Services Director, gave an overview of the 'Creating Assets, Savings and Hope' (CASH) campaign stating that the program provides free taxpayer assistance to low income individuals, offers financial literacy information and encourages the opening of savings accounts. She stated total refunds of new discretionary income into the community was \$4,446,533.

Rick Carter, Human Services Federation Director, thanked the County Board for their participation in the program and stated that it will continue for 2008. One of the challenges they will be facing this year, he said, is the shortened hours at their three library sites. Carter reported that their site at Bennet Martin Library prepared more tax returns than any of the other locations and added that they are trying to find other locations which can cover evening hours and are also close to transportation routes.

Schorr suggested using the County-City Building.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. An application for a Special Events Permit from teamFIRE Cycling Club to hold the Nebraska State Road Race on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Branched Oak Lake. The event will utilize West Raymond Road, Northwest 140th Street, West Rock Creek Road and West Branched Oak Road.

Appearing were Jan Vavra and Adrian Olivera, applicants. Vavra stated they have requested off-duty deputy sheriffs to assist with traffic control, as well as, volunteer course marshals.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an application for a Special Events Permit from teamFIRE Cycling Club to hold the Nebraska State Road Race on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Branched Oak Lake subject to the recommendations as outlined by the County Sheriff and County Engineering Department. Schorr, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

B. A grant contract with Cedars Youth Services for the Central Risk/Needs Assessment Project, in the amount of \$56,378. Cedars will contribute \$9,177 in matching funds. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. (C-08-0427)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of a grant contract with Cedars Youth Services for the Central Risk/Needs Assessment Project, in the amount of \$56,378. Cedars will contribute \$9,177 in matching funds. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

C. An agreement with Cedars Youth Services for tracker services for adolescents placed in the Lancaster County Juvenile Court. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The County will pay up to \$28,000 for the services. (C-08-0428)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of an agreement with Cedars Youth Services for tracker services for adolescents placed in the Lancaster County Juvenile Court. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

D. A grant contract with Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide management of the 'Building Our Assets Together' (BOAT) project, in the amount of \$25,000. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. (C-08-0429)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a grant contract with Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide management of the 'Building Our Assets Together' (BOAT) project, in the amount of \$25,000. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

E. A grant contract with Cedars Youth Services for the 'Skills and Asset Building in Juvenile Justice Programs', in the amount of \$22,500. Cedars will contribute \$7,500 in matching funds. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (C-08-0430)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with Cedars Youth Services for the 'Skills and Asset Building in Juvenile Justice Programs', in the amount of \$22,500. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. A grant contract with the City of Lincoln (Lincoln Police Department) for funding for the Lincoln Police Department's Domestic Violence Specialist position, in the amount of \$33,887. Term of the grant contract is June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. The City of Lincoln will contribute \$11,296 in matching funds. (C-08-0431)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with the City of Lincoln (Lincoln Police Department) for funding for the Lincoln Police Department's Domestic Violence Specialist position, in the amount of \$33,887. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

G. A contract between General Fire and Safety and Lancaster County for fire systems inspection services at the Youth Services Center. The County will pay for services according to the pricing in the contractor's accepted proposal. Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. (C-08-0432)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a contract between General Fire and Safety and Lancaster County for fire systems inspection services at the Youth Services Center. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

H. A unit price construction contract between American Fence of Lincoln and Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Public Building Commission for fencing services under \$25,000. Term of the contract is August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009, with an option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-08-0433)

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a unit price construction contract between American Fence of Lincoln and Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Public Building Commission for fencing services under \$25,000. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

I. An agreement between Lancaster County and Kissel/E & S Associates for legislative services for a two-year term beginning November 1, 2008 and ending October 31, 2010. Kissel/E & S Associates will be paid \$53,000 per year for each year of the contract. (C-08-0439)

Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney, stated he is waiting on an amended certificate of insurance and suggested that if the County Board approves the agreement it be contingent upon receipt of the amended certificate of insurance.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of an agreement between Lancaster County and Kissel/E & S Associates for legislative services for a two-year term beginning November 1, 2008 and ending October 31, 2010 subject to the receipt of an amended certificate of insurance. Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting. Motion carried.

J. A contract between Lyman-Richey Corporation and Lancaster County for the annual supply of rock or gravel for road surfacing and ice control material on an as-needed basis by the County Engineer. Term of the contract is one-year from the date of execution. The County will pay for products according to the pricing as listed in the contractor's proposal. (C-08-0440)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of a contract between Lyman-Richey Corporation and Lancaster County for the annual supply of rock or gravel for road surfacing and ice control material on an as-needed basis by the County Engineer. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

K. A contract between Bluff Gravel Company and Lancaster County for the annual supply of rock or gravel for road surfacing and ice control material on an as-needed basis by the County Engineer. Term of the contract is one-year from the date of execution. The County will pay for products according to the pricing as listed in the contractor's proposal. (C-08-0441)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a contract between Bluff Gravel Company and Lancaster County for the annual supply of rock or gravel for road surfacing and ice control material on an as-needed basis by the County Engineer. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

L. A resolution in the matter of fixing the date, time and place for a public hearing regarding a request to vacate a portion of West Simon Street abutting Lot 10, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2 of Werger's Addition to Martell, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (The public hearing date will be set for September 23, 2008) ®-08-0058)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of Resolution No. R-08-0058 in the matter of fixing the date, time and place for a public hearing regarding a request to vacate a portion of West Simon Street abutting Lot 10, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2 of Werger's Addition to Martell, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (The public hearing date will be set for September 23, 2008.) Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

M. A sub-grant award agreement for 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) No. 2008-EM-E8-0032, with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as the grantee and Lancaster County Emergency Management as the sub-grantee. The sub-grant is in the amount of \$62,260 and covers the period from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a sub-grant award agreement for 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) No. 2008-EM-E8-0032, with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as the grantee and Lancaster County Emergency Management as the sub-grantee. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **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. Clerk of the District Court's Monthly Report for July, 2008.
2. Sheriff's Report of Fees for July, 2008.

B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding County Board of Zoning Appeals, Appeal No. 08002, requested by Countryside Alliance Church, for a variance of the zoning resolution to allow a fourteen by five by ten foot sign, within the required front yard, on property located at 24005 South 12th Street, Princeton, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

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

- * Heritage Builders, Inc., in the total amount of \$30,525, on South 98th Street from Old Cheney Road to "A" Street; Project C55-KP-412(1). (2 contracts) (C-08-0434) (C-08-0435)
- * Judith Floyd, in the total amount of \$23,953, on South 82nd Street from Hickman Road to Roca Road; Project C55-S-404(3). (3 contracts) (C-08-0436) (C-08-0437) (C-08-0438)

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

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:57 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte, County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING**

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

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier, Vice Chair

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
Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m..

1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on August 12, 2008. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 25 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachments "A" and "B".

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

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Capitol City Christian Church
St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lincoln
Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions for Capitol City Christian Church, St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lincoln and Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:59 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte, County Clerk