

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

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, January 20, 2009.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 20, 2009. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 27, 2009.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of all claims processed through January 27, 2009. On call Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Applications for two Special Events Permits from Lincoln Track Club to hold the following:

- * **State Farm "Run For Your Life" Road Race, on Saturday, March 28, 2009 beginning at 9 a.m.. The race will begin at the State Farm Regional Office, located at 222 South 84th Street, and proceed south on 84th Street to the MoPac Trail to east of 134th Street. The race will return on the same route.**
- * **Havelock Run/Road Race on Saturday, June 6, 2009 beginning at 8 a.m.. The race will utilize 84th Street, Havelock Avenue and Adams Street.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of two applications for Special Events Permits from Lincoln Track Club to hold the State Farm "Run For Your Life" Road Race on March 28, 2009 and the Havelock Run/Road Race on June 6, 2009. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

B. An amendment to a grant contract between Lancaster County and United Methodist Ministries-Lincoln, under County Contract No. C-07-0076, for funding for the community-driven initiatives to address violence against women among diverse and traditionally under served populations. The amendment changes the ending date of the grant contract from August 31, 2008 to January 30, 2009. (C-09-0042)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an amendment to a grant contract between Lancaster County and United Methodist Ministries-Lincoln, under County Contract No. C-07-0076, for funding for the community-driven initiatives to address violence against women among diverse and traditionally under served populations. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- C. An affiliation agreement between Lancaster County and Southeast Community College to allow the college to utilize the facilities at Lancaster Manor for providing clinical experience to the college's RN/LPN Nurse Refresher Course students. Term of the agreement is between December 15, 2008 and December 14, 2011. (C-09-0043)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of an affiliation agreement between Lancaster County and Southeast Community College to allow the college to utilize the facilities at Lancaster Manor for providing clinical experience to the college's RN/LPN Nurse Refresher Course students.

Hudkins stated the agreement works well for both Southeast Community College and Lancaster Manor. He added that the students have indicated they would like to specialize in the nursing home field.

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

- D. An amendment to a contract with Wagey Drug Company, found at County Contract Number C-06-0046, to provide annual requirements for pharmacy services for the Lancaster County General Assistance Program. The amendment renews the contract for another three-year term beginning February 1, 2009 and ending January 31, 2012. The amendment also provides for an increased price of thirty cents (30¢) per prescription re-bill fee as listed in Attachment "A". (C-09-0044)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an amendment to a contract with Wagey Drug Company, found at County Contract Number C-06-0046, to provide annual requirements for pharmacy services for the Lancaster County General Assistance Program.

Schorr stated the amendment renews the contract for another three-year period. She added that the County Board appreciates Wagey Drug's cooperation in providing medication to the County's General Assistance patients.

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

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- E. An organization application report and organization provider application with Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc. for reimbursement of services provided by the Community Mental Health Center of Lancaster County at the CTP at the Heather. (C-09-0045)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an organization application report and organization provider application with Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc. for reimbursement of services provided by the Community Mental Health Center of Lancaster County at the CTP at the Heather. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. An organization application report and organization provider application with Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc. for reimbursement of services provided by the Community Mental Health Center of Lancaster County at the Midtown Center. (C-09-0046)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of an organization application report and organization provider application with Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc. for reimbursement of services provided by the Community Mental Health Center of Lancaster County at the Midtown Center. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. A Medicare enrollment application reassignment of Medicare benefits regarding Cynthia D. Petersen, APRN for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. (C-09-0047)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a Medicare enrollment application reassignment of Medicare benefits regarding Cynthia D. Petersen, APRN for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- H. A space rental agreement between the Lancaster County Event Center and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Treasurer, for space within the Event Center to be used for the annual tax sale to be held on March 2, 2009. Cost to the County is \$625 for the one-day rental. (C-09-0048)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a space rental agreement between the Lancaster County Event Center and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Lancaster County Treasurer, for space within the Event Center to be used for the annual tax sale to be held on March 2, 2009. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. A grant contract with the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, as the Grantee, and Lancaster County, as the Grantor, in the amount of \$10,000. The grant will be expended from the County Visitors Improvement Fund and will be used by the Grantee to improve its website to help bring more visitors to the Spring Creek Prairie. The grant term is December 2, 2008 through December 1, 2009. (C-09-0049)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, as the Grantee, and Lancaster County, as the Grantor, in the amount of \$10,000.

Hudkins stated he appreciated the efforts of Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center.

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

- J. Lancaster County 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal Procedures. (C-09-0050)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Lancaster County 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal Procedures.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, gave a brief overview of the procedures.

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

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

K. An agreement between the Lincoln Journal Star, Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual requirements for publishing legal notices and all other verbiage necessary to conduct City and County business. Services will be purchased on an as-needed basis and billed according to the price set in the contractor's proposal and Attachment A. Term of the agreement is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. (C-09-0051)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of an agreement between the Lincoln Journal Star, Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual requirements for publishing legal notices and all other verbiage necessary to conduct City and County business. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

L. A maintenance agreement with OSDA Midwest Inc. for three power files located in the Clerk of the District Court's office. Term of the agreement is February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 and the County will pay \$2,160 (\$720 each) for the services. (C-09-0052)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of a maintenance agreement with OSDA Midwest Inc. for three power files located in the Clerk of the District Court's office.

Heier indicated he doesn't favor maintenance agreements, however, it was agreed upon that the maintenance agreement would be needed prior to installation of the power files. He added he is in favor of the agreement and that it had worked out well for the County.

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

M. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Lancaster County Corrections Department by Jason M. Larimore for lost property, in the amount of \$50.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to accept the recommendation of the Corrections Director and approve the political subdivision tort claim filed against the Lancaster County Corrections Department by Jason M. Larimore for lost property, in the amount of \$20.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Stevens moved to amend the motion and approve the political subdivision tort claim, in the amount of \$30.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Heier gave a brief overview regarding the claim indicating that improvements need to be made in relation to searches upon intake.

ROLL CALL: Schorr, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Hudkins voted no. 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. Norris Public Power's Electric News Magazine for January, 2009.**

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

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Brandee Theesen, student at Lincoln Christian High School, appeared and stated that she and fellow classmates were observing the meeting in relation to their government class.

Hudkins asked if Lincoln Christian High School participates in County Government Day in November of each year.

Theesen responded yes.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:46 a.m.. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING**

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

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, 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 9:48 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of meeting held on January 20, 2009. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 3 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachment "A".

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

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

**Evangelical United Lutheran Church
First Church of the Nazarene
Lincoln-Lancaster Child Guidance Center
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter d/b/a Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Sesostris Shrine
United Methodist Ministries**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Evangelical United Lutheran Church, First Church of the Nazarene, Lincoln-Lancaster Child Guidance Center, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter d/b/a Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Sesostris Shrine with the exception of the application for the United Methodist Ministries which the County Treasurer recommended denial because it was not timely filed. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:50 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk