

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009**  
**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  
Bob Workman

Others present: Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and  
Interim Lancaster Manor Administrator  
Doug Cyr, Deputy County Attorney  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk  
Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009.**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Workman abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, August 4, 2009.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the claims. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. **Funding and development of the prevention system within Region V, the State Epidemiological Workgroup, Southeast Nebraska and Drug Advisory Boards and acknowledgment of the local coalition and Youth Action Board (YAB) members – Sandy Morrissey, Director of Regional Prevention Coordination (RPC)**

Sandy Morrissey distributed a handout (Exhibit A). She discussed the Federal block grant funding for Region V, which showed Lancaster County receiving \$140,400 for 2009-2010. Morrissey discussed National Outcome Measures (Exhibit A), which are required by the federal government to show changes and effectiveness of their strategies.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

Morrissey said a video on drinking has been put together with Nebraska Educational Television (NET); the video airs periodically and is also available on DVD.

Schorr asked about youth involvement. Morrissey discussed the Regional Youth Action Board and their activities, including June Jam and the drug free pledge started by Tom Osborne, which Bo Pellini has continued.

Hudkins spoke of the importance of Morrissey's work. He noted law enforcement has said 70-75% of their calls are alcohol related.

Morrissey talked about a statewide project in which law enforcement is sending a letter to graduating seniors' parents on keeping kids safe against alcohol at graduation.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **An application for a Special Events Permit from Benson Enterprises, Inc., located at 5600 SW 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Denton, Lancaster County, Nebraska, to operate a corn maze from September 25, 2009, to November 1, 2009. Days and hours of operation will vary.**

Wayne Benson discussed the corn maze and the Verizon theme. He said he would like to submit an official letter on the corn maze for the world record, and he asked for assistance from the Board.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter in support of the corn maze and to ask the Visitors Promotion Committee to also send a support letter. Workman seconded with the addition of having the letter drafted in the County Board Office and for signature by all five Commissioners.

Benson noted their community work with the Food Bank, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Army and National Guard.

**ROLL CALL:** Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Special Events Permit application. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Chair announced Item 4D would be discussed next.

- D. **A resolution in the matter of approving the 2009-2010 annual cost of living increase for unrepresented classified County employees in the amount of two percent (2%) for employees in the "C" and "E" classifications, and three and a quarter percent (3.25%) for employees in the "X" classification, effective the pay period beginning August 13, 2009. (R-09-0055)**

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Gary Lacey, County Attorney, announced Larry the Cable Guy would be giving the Child Advocacy Center \$1,000,000 to help fund a new building; it would be co-located with the Lincoln Police Department and the Department of Health and Human Services Child Protection Division in University Place.

Lacey expressed his concern over unequal pay raises with respect to "C" and "E" class employees. He encouraged the Board to grant the same raises (3.25%) to these classifications.

Dennis Keefe, Public Defender, noted some of these employees are the lowest paid in his office and do the very same work as those receiving a 3.25% raise. Keefe added that in past years, he thought the Board treated these employees the same with a few exceptions with regard to cost of living raises.

Hudkins said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the region showed 1.9%, which was the basis for the 2% raise.

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said he would have to review the numbers to know how much difference there would be between 2% and 3.25%.

Stevens noted a three-year labor contract was negotiated with the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) a year ago. He felt a 2% increase for the "C" and "E" classes would be justified due to the current economic situation.

The consensus was to continue the discussion at the staff meeting on Thursday, August 6, and to hold the resolution for the next County Board meeting.

John Cripe, Compensation and Pay Manager, appeared and presented figures on the salary percentage difference. He said a 1% value on "C" employees would equal around \$200,000 for 285 people, and a 1% value on "E" employees would equal around \$30,000 for 60 people.

- B. **A resolution authorizing the installation of a driveway left warning sign on S. 120<sup>th</sup> Street 500 feet north of 16758 S. 120<sup>th</sup> Street for southbound traffic. (R-09-0053)**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the resolution. Stevens, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. **A resolution in the matter of authorizing the use of County Visitors Improvement Fund proceeds for Visitor Promotion. (R-09-0054)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Workman seconded approval of the resolution. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- D. **Item moved forward on agenda.**
- E. **A resolution in the matter of adopting a scale of wages for job classifications covered by the 2008-2011 agreement between the County of Lancaster and Local 2468 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO (AFSCME); specifically, for the pay period beginning August 13, 2009, and shall remain in effect until the beginning of the first pay period in August, 2010. (R-09-0056)**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the resolution. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. **A resolution approving a project for Plastics Companies Enterprises, Inc., a Texas Corporation, and determining the intent of the County of Lancaster to issue its Industrial Development Revenue Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to finance the costs of such project, and related matters. (R-09-0057)**

Paul Almburg, President of HTI Plastics, a division of Plastic Company Enterprises, gave a review of the company. He said HTI Plastics has seen dramatic growth over the past few years and needs to add 35,000 sq ft of manufacturing space and more equipment. Almburg said they have 80 employees and would like to add another 20 employees over the next two to three years. He asked for approval of the bond so they can continue their growth.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the resolution.

Schorr requested a tour of the facility be arranged for the County Board.

Workman asked what their company made. Wallenberg said HTI Plastics is an injection molding company with 50% of revenue coming from pharmaceutical products, Class 1 devices and applicators. The other 50% is broken down into various commercial items, such as sporting goods and food packaging.

**ROLL CALL:** Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. **An agreement with Cynthia D. Petersen for professional services of a nurse practitioner to assist in the provision of psychiatric services at the Community Mental Health Center. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. The County will pay \$60 per hour for no more than eight hours per week. A business associate agreement is also attached to the agreement to comply with Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations. (C-09-0413)**

The County Attorney requested this item be held.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- H. **A prevention coalition contract for behavioral health services between the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (Region V) and Lancaster County on behalf of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Substance Abuse Coalition. Region V will pay the County \$140,400 to implement a Region V substance abuse prevention plan and to provide substance abuse prevention services through subcontractors. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. (C-09-0414)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the contract. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. **A contract with Stock Auction Co., for surplus auction services. The County will pay commissions according to options 1, 2, and 3 of Attachment A of the contract. The term of the contract begins July 1, 2009, and ends June 30, 2010. (C-09-0415)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Workman seconded approval of the contract. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- J. **An amendment to a grant contract, under County Contract No. C-07-0111, between Lancaster County and Voices of Hope to provide 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 December 31, 2008, to December 31, 2009. The extension is within the federal grant ending date. (C-09-0416)**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the amendment. Stevens, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- K. **A mini-grant application and award through the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office for selective overtime enforcement in the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" program, a statewide effort to reduce the number of impaired drivers during the holiday season. The County will set up and maintain a sobriety checkpoint over the Labor Day weekend in September, 2009. The overall focus is to increase the detection of impaired driving violations and other alcohol related violations. The funding assistance will provide reimbursement for overtime salaries. An estimated 100 hours of overtime compensation is requested for an approximate cost of \$4,400.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval of the application. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- L. **Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Skill and Asset Building in Juvenile Justice Grant. The County will receive \$30,000 of which \$15,000 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded to accept the grant award. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- M. **Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Centralized Risk/Needs Assessment Project Grant. The County will receive \$65,555 of which \$9,177 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Stevens seconded to accept the grant award. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- N. **Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Project Here to Overcome (H2O). The County will receive \$31,000 of which \$16,000 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded to accept the grant award. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- O. **Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Lincoln Education and Academic Program (LEAP) Grant. The County will receive \$59,000 of which \$19,000 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to accept the grant award. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- P. **Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Building Our Assets Together (BOAT) Grant. The County will receive \$137,950 of which \$119,200 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to accept the grant award. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- Q. **Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Sudanese Advocate Project Grant. The County will receive \$33,500 of which \$3,500 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to accept the grant award. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- R. **A Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Construction Storm Water Notice of Intent for the new Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Notice of Intent. Stevens, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- S. **A political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County Corrections by Christopher Hutchinson for damaged property in the amount of \$200.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to deny the claim based upon the director's recommendation.

Hudkins noted the glasses were repaired, so there was no need to fix them twice.

**ROLL CALL:** Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier. Motion carried 5-0.

- T. **A political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County Property Management by Judith Fargo for damaged property in an amount between \$607.21 and \$723.57.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to approve the claim using the low bid.

Heier noted this item was previously discussed at a staff meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- U. **Appointment of Valerie R. McHargue as Deputy Public Defender at an annual salary of \$55,039, effective July 27, 2009.**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the appointment. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- V. **A memorandum of agreement with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) for reimbursement of overtime salary costs incurred by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office in providing resources to assist the Nebraska State Patrol in investigation of non-compliant sex offenders. (C-09-0418)**

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Jeff Bliemeister, Sergeant for the County Sheriff's Office, explained the grant is sponsored by the Nebraska State Patrol sex offender registry. He said the Sheriff's office completed 161 compliance checks with six arrests for improper registration and nine arrests for outstanding warrants during their allotted 200 hours. This extension will run through September, 2010.

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the memorandum of agreement. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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 the following:**
  - 1. **Annual Inventory of County Real Property**
  - 2. **County Attorney's quarterly report for April, May and June, 2009**
  
- B. **Right-of-way contract for a road project between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and PJC Farm Limited Partnership, located at 9000 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lincoln; Project No. CP-O-206, Tract 3. Cost is \$180. (C-09-0417)**
  
- C. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building, regarding the following:**
  - 1. **Amend Sections VI, IX, XV and XXIX of County Resolution No. 03-0007, Regulations for the Operation of Body Art and Piercing Establishments in Lancaster County, Nebraska, by increasing various fees**
  - 2. **Amend Section XIII of County Resolution No. 02-30, Procedures for the Regulation of On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems in Lancaster County, Nebraska, by increasing various fees**
  - 3. **Amend Section X of County Resolution No. 06-0005, Procedures for the Inspection of On-Site Water Supply Systems and On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems Prior to the Sale, Transfer or Conveyance of Property in Lancaster County, Nebraska, by increasing various fees**
  - 4. **Amend Resolution No. 5069, the Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Resolution, to increase the fee for open burning permits charged to business and industry**
  - 5. **Amend Article 1, Section 6 and Article 2, Section 30, of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards, to increase the fees associated with air quality construction permits and for notification fees for the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants asbestos projects**



5) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- D. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building, regarding the following:**
1. **Keno Fund Projects (A list of the projects may be obtained from the County Budget and Fiscal office.)**
  2. **Lancaster County's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the consent items. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6) **PENDING:**

- A. **A resolution in the matter of County Change of Zone No. 08050, requested by Michael and Judith Rosecrans, to change the zoning on 8.84 acres, more or less, from AG Agricultural to B Business on property generally located one-half mile south of the corner of Hickman Road and Homestead Expressway/Highway 77 in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-08-0093) (Item placed on pending on November 4, 2008.)**

7) **EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mark Vasina, Treasurer of Nebraskans for Peace, spoke in support of maintaining Lancaster Manor as a County-owned facility. He presented a document on the budget with graphs on the operating surplus (Exhibit B) and discussed his analysis of the Manor.

Melvin Moore spoke about Lancaster Manor not being a preferred facility.

Kim Kaspar, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), discussed the financial options of Lancaster Manor. She submitted a written request to the County Board for a meeting on Lancaster Manor (Exhibit C).

Heier asked Kaspar if the letter on the meeting request was shown to Gary Young, AFSCME attorney. Kaspar said he had not seen it yet.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved to authorize the Chair, the Vice Chair, and a representative from the County Attorney's office to meet with AFSCME. Schorr seconded with the addition that the discussion be centered on cost-cutting measures without negotiations regarding employee benefits, wages and concessions.

Heier asked who would meet with the Board. Kaspar said it would probably be Gary Young, herself, and possibly Becky Simmerly.

Workman asked if Mr. Young was aware they were trying to set up a meeting. Kaspar said it had been discussed previously with him, and he was in support.

7) **EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Heier stated he would not meet without the County's legal department speaking with Mr. Young. His preference was to discuss it further at a staff meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Hudkins voted aye. Stevens, Workman, Schorr and Heier voted nay. Motion failed 1-4.


8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a Staff Meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesdays and rebroadcast at 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., as well as on Saturday afternoon on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, this meeting may be viewed on Nebraska On Demand Time Warner Channel 101 and is available on the Internet 24 hours a day at [www.lancaster.ne.gov](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov). Click on 5 City-TV Video On Demand.**

Schorr gave a summary of the National Association of City & County Health Officials meeting she attended the previous week in Florida. She said Bruce Dart, Director of Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, was sworn in as National President. Two big topics at the meeting were H1N1 and healthcare reform.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:50 a.m. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

  
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**Dan Nolte**  
**Lancaster County Clerk**



**AGENDA**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009**  
**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  
Bob Workman

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and  
Interim Lancaster Manor Administrator  
Doug Cyr, Deputy County Attorney  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk  
Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m.

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS: Approval of 11 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachment "A".**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
Christ Lutheran Church & Schools  
Fastridge Presbyterian Church  
Trinity United Methodist Church**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Workman, Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **APPEALS FILED ON LATE FILED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:**

**Allen McClurg  
Lila Ahrens  
Carol Allgood  
Charles Yaeger  
Richard & Marian Ferguson  
Vernon & Irene Hermann  
Charlotte Macku**

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, said the applications were received after the June 30 deadline. He explained State Statute allows the Board to extend the deadline to July 20 for applicants filing within those dates; the only condition is applicants could not be late filers the previous year, which none are. Gaines recommended the Board accept the slightly tardy applications.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to accept the late filed homestead exemptions. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Stevens clarified this action does not approve the homestead exemptions, only that they were filed in a timely manner.

5) **NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGE FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES:**

**Bruce & Maureen Stahr  
Nebraska Prairie, LLC**

Gaines said a house was to be relocated to the adjoining property by the beginning of the year, but the owner ran into problems and the house was not moved on schedule. The notices relocate the house on the property where it had always been.

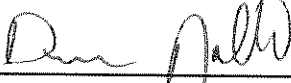
**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded to send the notices. Stevens, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

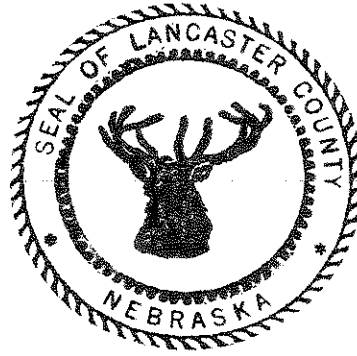
The Clerk announced that on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., the Board of Equalization would be meeting in Room 112 to take final action on the real property valuation protests for 2009.

Heier announced the Board had been invited to a VIP lunch on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at the County Fair. The Fair begins tomorrow and runs through Sunday, August 9. Commissioners will also take part in the watermelon feed on Wednesday afternoon.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:56 a.m. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

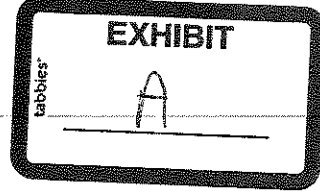
  
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**Dan Nolte**  
**Lancaster County Clerk**



## FY 09-10 Contractual Agreements

Prevention Contracts Contracting Entity	Purpose	Contract Period	Annual Monetary Value	Reviewed By
Mead Community Group	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$6,666	Prevention Team BHAC
Gage County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$21,577	Prevention Team BHAC
Jefferson County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$14,581	Prevention Team BHAC
Johnson County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$5,251	Prevention Team BHAC
Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$140,400	Prevention Team BHAC
Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$8,610	Prevention Team BHAC
Otoe County Coalition for Children, Youth and Families	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$10,451	Prevention Team BHAC
Polk Substance Abuse Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$6,667	Prevention Team BHAC
Richardson County Prevention is Key Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$7,874	Prevention Team BHAC
Fillmore County Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$13,031	Prevention Team BHAC
Thayer County Prevention Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$8,999	Prevention Team BHAC
York County Prevention Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$14,339	Prevention Team BHAC
Ashland Community Group	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$3,724	Prevention Team BHAC
	<b>TOTAL (RPC Block Grant)</b>		<b>\$262,170.00</b>	

Action: Recommendation from the RGB that Region V Systems enter into these contracts.



**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
National Outcome Measures (NOMs)**

DOMAIN	OUTCOME	MEASURES		
		Mental Health	Substance Abuse	
			Treatment	Prevention
Reduced Morbidity	Abstinence from Drug/Alcohol Use	NOT APPLICABLE	Reduction in/no change in frequency of use at date of last service compared to date of first service ▶	30-day substance use (non-use/reduction in use) ▶ Perceived risk/harm of use ▶ Age of first use ▶ Perception of disapproval/attitude ▶
	Decreased Mental Illness Symptomatology	Under Development	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
Employment/Education	Increased/Retained Employment or Return to/Skay in School	Profile of adult clients by employment status and of children by increased school attendance ▶	Increase in/no change in number of employed or in school at date of last service compared to first service ▶	Perception of workplace policy; ATOD-related suspensions and expulsions; attendance and enrollment ▶
Crime and Criminal Justice	Decreased Criminal Justice Involvement	Profile of client involvement in criminal and juvenile justice systems	Reduction in/no change in number of arrests in past 30 days from date of first service to date of last service ▶	Alcohol-related car crashes and injuries; alcohol and drug-related crime ▶
Stability in Housing	Increased Stability in Housing	Profile of client's change in living situation (including homeless status) ▶	Increase in/no change in number of clients in stable housing situation from date of first service to date of last service ▶	NOT APPLICABLE
Social Connectedness	Increased Social Supports/Social Connectedness <sup>1</sup>	Under Development	Under Development	Family communication around drug use ▶
Access/Capacity	Increased Access to Services (Service Capacity)	Number of persons served by age, gender, race and ethnicity ▶	Unduplicated count of persons served; penetration rate- numbers served compared to those in need ▶	Number of persons served by age, gender, race and ethnicity
Retention	Increased Retention in Treatment - Substance Abuse	NOT APPLICABLE	Length of stay from date of first service to date of last service ▶ Unduplicated count of persons served ▶	Total number of evidence-based programs and strategies; percentage youth seeing, reading, watching, or listening to a prevention message ▶
	Reduced Utilization of Psychiatric Inpatient Beds - Mental Health	Decreased rate of readmission to State psychiatric hospitals within 30 days and 180 days ▶	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
Perception of Care	Client Perception of Care <sup>2</sup>	Clients reporting positively about outcomes ▶	Under Development	NOT APPLICABLE
Cost Effectiveness	Cost Effectiveness (Average Cost) <sup>2</sup>	Number of persons receiving evidence-based services/number of evidence-based practices provided by the State	Number of States providing substance abuse treatment services within approved cost per person bands by the type of treatment	Services provided within cost bands
Use of Evidence-Based Practices	Use of Evidence-Based Practices <sup>2</sup>		Under Development	Total number of evidence-based programs and strategies

<sup>1</sup> For ATR, "Social Support of Recovery" is measured by client participation in voluntary recovery or self-help groups, as well as interaction with family and/or friends supportive of recovery.

<sup>2</sup> Required by 2003 OMB PART Review.

# Region V Prevention Coalition Development

Business Community\*

Civic/Volunteer Organizations\*

Fraternal or Religious Organizations\*

Health Care Organizations\*

Juvenile Justice\*

Law Enforcement Agencies\*

Local/County Government\*

Media\*

National Guard

Parents\*

Resource, Conservation & Development

Schools\*

Youth\*

Youth-Serving Organization\*

(12 sectors as recognized by the Federal Government)

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# Region V Prevention System

## Regional Prevention Coordination

- ❖ Provides Technical Assistance on:
  - Coalition Development
  - Grant Opportunities
  - Prevention Systems Management
  - Resources
  - Training Opportunities
  - Youth Leadership Development

(2003 to Present)

## Regional Coalition

- ❖ Collaboration and Networking
- ❖ Partnerships
- ❖ Focus Areas Include
  - Education and Training
  - Policy and Legislation
  - Regional Website Development
- ❖ Representation from all 16 counties in SE Nebraska

(2003 to present)

## County Coalitions

- ❖ Butler County Community Coalition
- ❖ Fillmore County Coalition
- ❖ Gage County Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success (MAPS)
- ❖ Jefferson County Coalition
- ❖ Johnson County Communities Action Network (CAN) Coalition
- ❖ Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action (SAAC) Coalition
- ❖ Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (NADAA)
- ❖ Partners for Otoe County
- ❖ Pawnee County Prevention Coalition
- ❖ Richardson County Prevention Is Key (PIK) Coalition
- ❖ Saunders County Prevention Coalition
- ❖ Seward County BRIDGES
- ❖ Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition
- ❖ York County Drug Task Force

(2003 to present)

## Prevention Funding Streams

- ❖ Drug Free Communities Support Program
- ❖ Region V Systems Prevention Mini-Grant
- ❖ Region V Systems Prevention Federal Block Grant
- ❖ Safe and Drug Free Schools
- ❖ Strategic Prevention Framework—State Incentive Grant (SICA)

## Youth Action Board

- ❖ Youth-driven leadership from all 16 counties
- ❖ Youth Partnerships/Collaborations
- ❖ Region V Activities
  - June Jam
  - Red/White Tailgate
  - Youth Leadership

(2004 to Present)

## Prevention Providers

- ❖ Blue Valley Mental Health
- ❖ Child Guidance
- ❖ Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs
- ❖ Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (SCIP)
- ❖ Lutheran Family Services

## Methamphetamine and Other Drug Advisory Board

- ❖ State-wide Public Awareness Campaign
- ❖ Legislation and Policy

(2004 to Present)

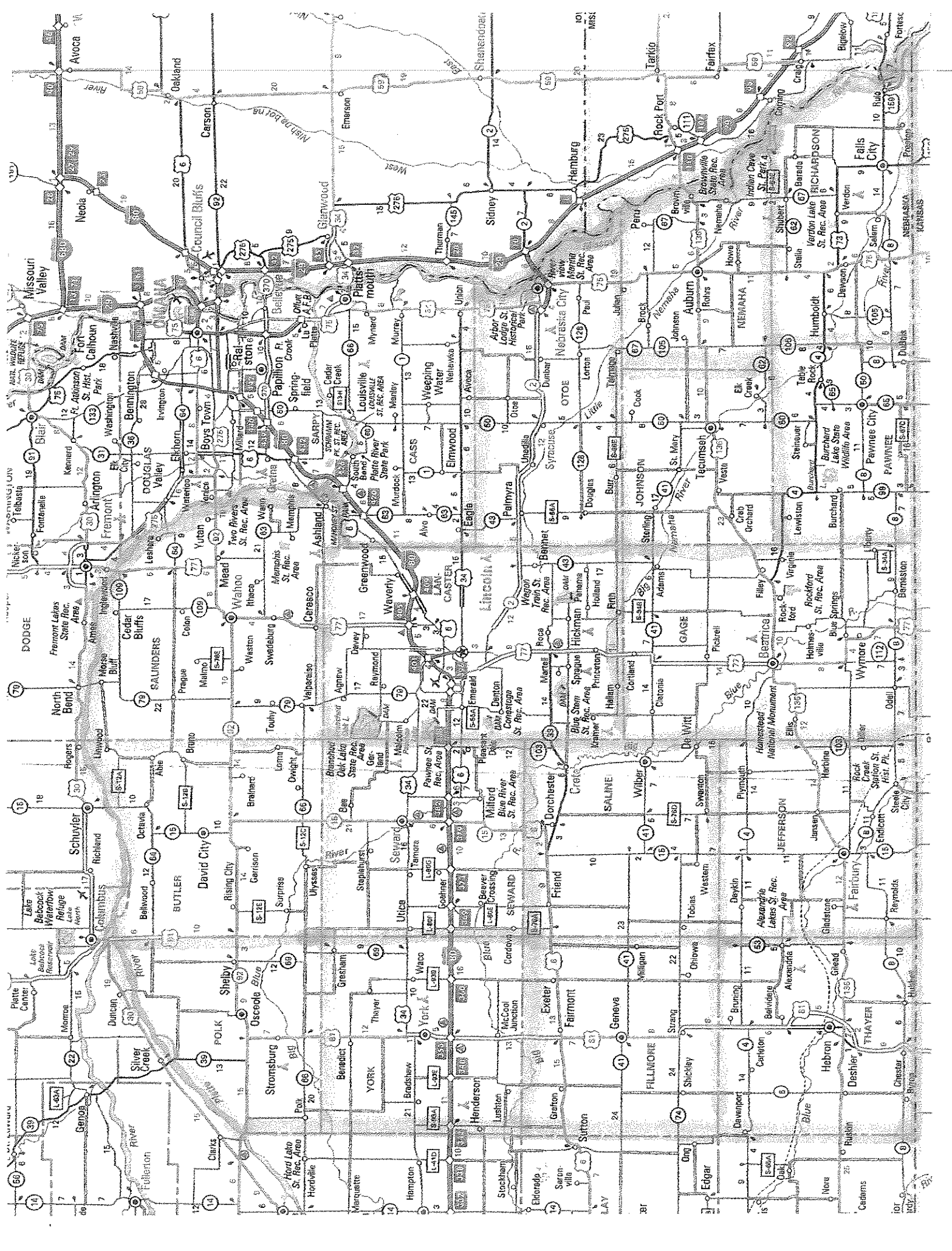
## Public Health Districts/Department

- ❖ Four Corners Health Department
- ❖ Lancaster County Health Department
- ❖ Public Health Solutions
- ❖ Southeast District Health Department
- ❖ Two Rivers Health Department

## Affiliated Partnerships

- ❖ CLAS Coalition
  - Culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
- ❖ Educational Service Units
- ❖ Faith Partners

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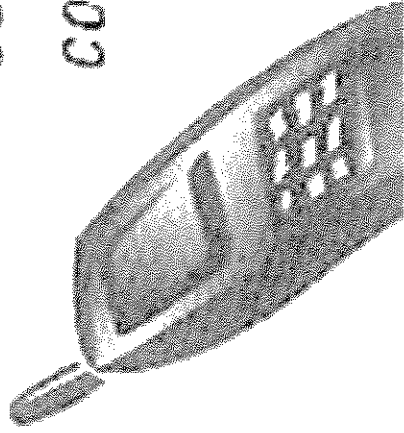
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## THE LANCASTER MANOR BUDGET CRISIS

August 3, 2009

County officials explain Lancaster Manor's \$3,500,000 deficit projection for fiscal year 2010 (ending June 30, 2010) as the inevitable wreckage of a noble but inefficient government-run enterprise roaring off the tracks, destined for financial ruin and carrying taxpayers with it.

However, the recent financial history of the county-owned nursing home reveals a very different story. Until 2009 the manor operated successfully—if not without bumps—and relied on taxpayer support only for temporary liquidity loans. After the Lancaster County Board announced, in early 2009, its intention to sell the manor, the ensuing publicity dramatically shook public confidence in the manor's future. Public concerns led to a sharp decline in the number of manor residents, resulting in falling revenues.

Between 2004 and 2008 the manor operated in a generally successful manner. Audits for those years reveal an average annual surplus (profit) of \$257,000. Operations for FY2008 (ended June 30, 2008) resulted in a surplus of \$544,408. Unfortunately, meaningful trend analysis using audit data is impossible, since results for individual months and years are driven by the irregularity of receivables collection and the modified cash-basis accounting used by the county.

Slow reimbursement for Medicaid and Medicare created cashflow problems starting in 2007, but were largely resolved by late 2008. This situation required occasional—sometimes large—transfers from the county General Fund (taxpayers) to cover expenses. But these loans—which functioned like a bank credit line—were always repaid. Nevertheless, the Board was forced to deal with issues at the manor for the first time in many years, and began to contemplate its sale.

Surprisingly, in July 2008—despite recurrent cashflow needs—the Board used \$2,000,000 in the manor's Renewal and Replacement Fund to retire its outstanding capital improvement bonds, issued in 1998. These bonds were retired—unnecessarily—five years before maturity, weakening the manor's cash reserves, forcing the delay of capital improvements, and damaging its ability to deal with current cashflow problems without taxpayer assistance.

Preliminary results for FY2009 (ended June 30, 2009) show the manor will report an operating deficit (loss) of over \$600,000, its weakest performance in recent years. County officials singled out March's \$256,000 deficit as the basis for the \$3,500,000 deficit projected for FY2010, although monthly results for FY2009 varied widely (as always) due to the county's accounting practices. The Request for Qualifications Report issued in June indicated, for example, a \$422,000 surplus for April. The report did, however, identify several critical unresolved problems, but nothing to suggest the manor is running deficits of \$300,000 per month, as claimed.

Officials underscore the decline in the manor resident census—averaging 239 for April-June 2009 despite a 293-bed capacity—as the primary reason for the disastrous budget outlook. However, the sharp census decline began only this year—the census averaged 253 for the last quarter of 2008—and coincides with publicity over the Board's latest talk of selling the manor. The decline reflects growing public concern over the manor's fate and the fate of current and potential residents. Ironically—and tragically—the budget crisis the Board now uses to rationalize the sale of the manor is the result of the public response to the Board's original decision to sell.

These observations support the position taken by county commissioner Larry Hudkins—a steadfast supporter of the manor—that census declines and rising deficits can be reversed only when the County Board acts to reestablish public confidence in the manor's future. It must abandon plans to sell Lancaster Manor and publicly embrace the manor's mission. Dumping the manor at this time betrays the public trust and makes our community considerably poorer.

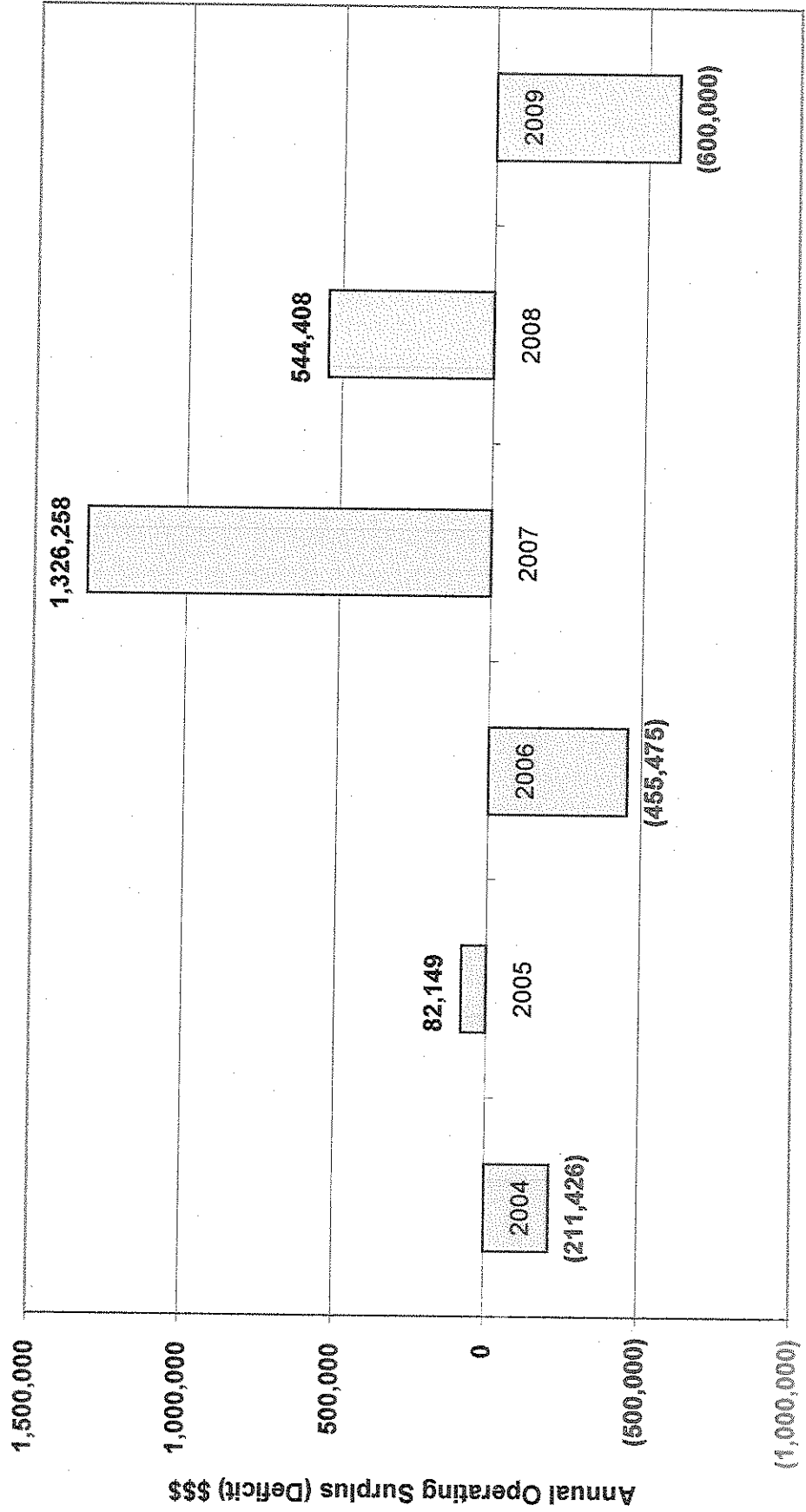
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# LANCASTER MANOR

## Annual Operating Surplus (Deficit)

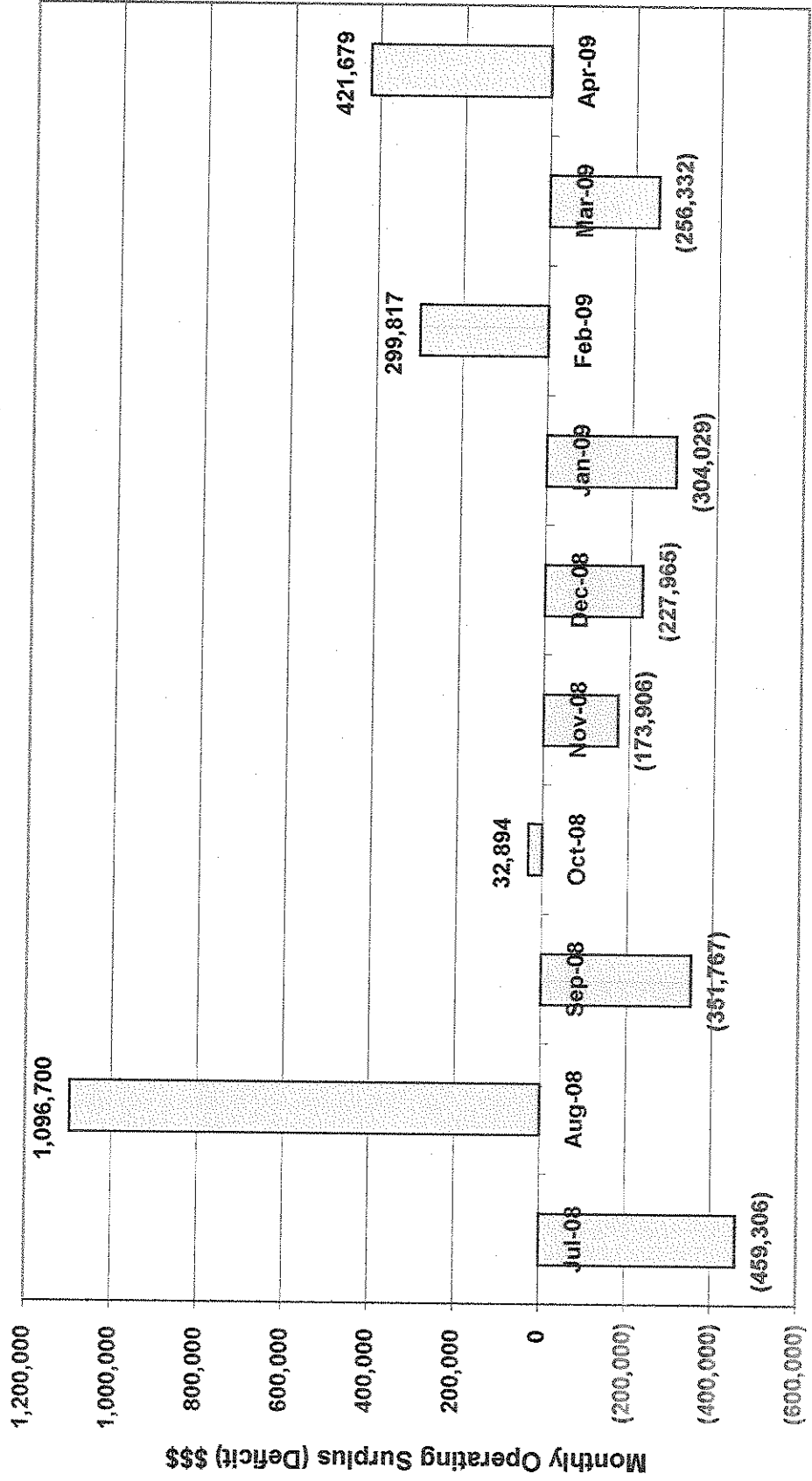
Fiscal Years 2004-2009

Sources: Audits (2004-2008), Budget Director (2009)





**LANCASTER MANOR**  
**Monthly Operating Surplus (Deficit)**  
**Partial FY2009 (July-08 - April-09)**  
 Source: RFQ Report





August 4, 2009

Meeting with Commissioners

RE: Lancaster Manor

Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners;

We, AFSCME Local 2468, would like to meet with you, the County Board of Commissioners and discuss the possibility of Employee Investments (concessions) to help offset the current budget deficit. We have some very good ideas if you are willing to meet with us and discuss these issues. We will then at a later time and date, consider opening up the Contract and negotiate with the County Personnel Department, any such items.

As per our current contract there is not any article specifying that we cannot meet with you and discuss issues, although this process has not been approached in such a way before. In fact, the Preamble states "This Agreement entered into by the County of Lancaster,.....,And Local 2468....., has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the County and the Union: the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and **other conditions of employment**."

If you should have any questions, please call me at (402) 304-0140 or with a time and date of which we can meet.

Sincerely,

Kim Kaspar

AFSCME 2468 President