

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011  
COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
9:30 A.M.**

Commissioners present: Deb Schorr, Chair  
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Jane Raybould  
Brent Smoyer

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Brittany Behrens, 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 9:30 a.m.

1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Raybould, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Heier abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, April 5, 2011.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Commissioners Award of Excellence for January 2011 to Sara Hoyle, Human Services.**

Kit Boesch, Human Services Director, commended Sara Hoyle for her work, noting all her contributions to the Human Services Department. Hoyle expressed her appreciation for the award and accepted a plaque from Commissioner Heier.

B. **Lancaster County Rural Transit application for public transportation assistance – Carol Meyerhoff, Lancaster County Rural Transit Manager.**

Carol Meyerhoff explained the program helps provide transportation for the elderly, disabled and low income (Exhibit A). She said two rural destinations have been added as well as transfers within the City. Service is provided four days per week at a cost of \$2 per boarding.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:**

Meyerhoff said two 2010 12-passenger vehicles have been purchased and a 1999 van was sold. She noted the \$2,631 received from the sale of the van must go back into the program and recommended using the funds for a new van next year.

Heier asked Meyerhoff if she thought State funding would be received for a new vehicle. She said the issue is on the legislature floor and she will have an answer in June. If the funding is not provided, the remainder will fall on the County.

Hudkins asked about projected fuel costs. Meyerhoff said her estimate is based on non-taxed fuel.

Raybould asked if the figures presented were for the current year. Meyerhoff said it is for the upcoming year of July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

Smoyer questioned serving towns outside Lancaster County and if trimming those towns would have adverse effects on ridership. Meyerhoff said the outside towns have been part of the agreement since the inception of the program; the ridership from those communities would be negligible. Hudkins said this issue has been reviewed in the past. The consensus was that those communities fall within the geographical area, using Lincoln for services and there is sufficient capacity on the buses.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **An application for public transportation assistance for Lancaster County Rural Transit.**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- C. **Designation of April 9, 2011, as "Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Storm Spotter Appreciation Day" – Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director.**

Doug Ahlberg said the event is on Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hardin Hall. The storm spotters will have a makeup training session at 1:00 p.m.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- B. **A resolution in the matter of recognizing April 9, 2011, as "Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Storm Spotter Appreciation Day". (R-11-0025)**

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

D. **Guardian Challenge – Sue Eckley, County Risk Management, and Pichi Balet, Athology, Inc.**

Sue Eckley said participants from Lincoln Fire & Rescue, Lancaster County Corrections, the Lincoln Police Department, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department participated in the Guardian Challenge, which helps employees become more physically fit to perform their jobs.

Pichi Balet, Athology, Inc., said the Guardian Challenge was created for civil service workers to assist with the physical side of their jobs. It is a three-month program focusing on strength, conditioning, movement patterns and nutrition. This year cognitive testing was added.

Vanessa Roof, Athology, Inc., reviewed the results, noting improvements in the participants' physical testing and health scores. She said cognitive testing was positive, but more variability and participants would provide better results.

Schorr asked how many participants were in the Guardian Challenge. Balet said 60 people participated in the volunteer event.

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, said the participants in his department have given positive reviews of the program.

Raybould commended the program and its ability to reduce worker's compensation claims.

4) **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. **Automatic renewal of retail liquor and beer licenses issued in Lancaster County and outside the corporate limits of any city, for which the County Clerk has received no protests.**

Branched Oak Marina  
Casey's General Store 2721  
Casey's General Store 2967  
Deer Springs Winery  
Emerald Mini Mart  
Firethorn Golf Club  
Hidden Valley Golf Course  
Hillcrest Country Club

Himark Golf Course  
James Arthur Vineyard  
Lincoln Izaak Walton League  
Merle's Food & Drink  
MJ Catering  
Pla Mor Ballroom  
Prime Country Winery  
Raymono's Pizza Plus

Shoemaker's South Truck  
Stop  
Silver Spoke Saloon  
Toni's Corner  
Veterans FW 3606  
West Nine & Learning Center  
Windcrest Winery  
Wunderrosa, LLC

The Chair opened the public hearing. Since no one appeared to testify, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Hudkins commented on the number of liquor licenses issued in the County, noting that no protests have been received.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the renewals. Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **An agreement between LanguageLinc Interpretation Services and Lancaster County for foreign language translation and interpretation services. The County shall pay \$38 per hour for on-site interpretation services Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., \$43 per hour Monday through Friday between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and \$48 per hour on Saturday and Sunday. Term of the agreement is January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011. (C-11-0150)**

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

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **An application for public transportation assistance for Lancaster County Rural Transit.**

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

- B. **A resolution in the matter of recognizing April 9, 2011, as "Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Storm Spotter Appreciation Day". (R-11-0025)**

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

- C. **A resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. (R-11-0024)**

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

- D. **A request from Lancaster County Corrections to use \$16,000 from the Inmate Benefit Fund for the Good News Jail and Prison Ministries of Fairfax, Virginia to provide counseling and religious activities for Lancaster County inmates.**

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said the Good News program, which places a chaplain inside the jail, has been ongoing for 14 years. The Inmate Benefit Fund is sourced by commissary sales and is used for programs such as Good News. Thurber announced Sheldon Crapo would be returning as the jail's chaplain.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded approval of the request. Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. **A request from Pitts Veterinary Hospital, PC, for a refund on personal property tax.**

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, recommended approval of a refund on two items double reported by the lessor and the lessee. He said items could be reported and paid by either, and there was confusion as to who was reporting it. Gaines said the refund would be around \$581.

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the request based on the County Assessor's recommendation. Hudkins, Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- F. **A special designated license application from Ken's Liquor to provide liquor beverage service for a wedding reception on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Melanie Cheney residence, 19619 S. 176th Street, Bennet, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the special designated license. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. **A recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a contract to Hartmann Construction Company, in the amount of \$792,367.36, for grading construction on Project No. 11-27. (B-11-0019)**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, said the grading would finish ongoing projects at NW 70<sup>th</sup> Street, S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Saltillo Road and S. 98<sup>th</sup> Street. Hudkins discussed paving of W. Denton Road with Thomas. Heier asked how far south S. 98<sup>th</sup> Street would be paved. Thomas said it would be completed to almost Van Dorn Street.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the recommendation. Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- H. **A recommendation from the Purchasing Agent to award a contract to Floors, Inc., in the amount of \$7,800, for carpet replacement at Trabert Hall. (B-11-0020)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Raybould seconded approval of the recommendation. Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Hudkins noted this is the first time in many years that all space at Trabert Hall is rented.

- I. **Change order supplemental agreement No. 5 to County Contract No. C-10-0371 with Hawkins Construction Company, for an increase of \$3,828.64 on the Hickman Viaduct; Project No. C55-S-401(6). (C-11-0161)**

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

- J. **An interlocal agreement with the Village of Firth for one Sheriff's Deputy for law enforcement services within the corporate limits of the Village of Firth. Term of the agreement is from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012. (C-11-0159)**

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, said contracts with Firth, Bennet, Denton and Hallam are on an as needed basis. The County pays the deputies overtime and is reimbursed by the villages, including vehicle charges. Hudkins asked who was responsible for patrolling state highways in these villages. Wagner said they share jurisdiction on the roads.

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

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- K. **An agreement between Lancaster County and Father Flanagan's Boys Home for the provision of Treatment Family Home Services to youth placed at the Boys Home by the Lancaster County Juvenile Court. Cost to the County is \$91 per day per youth. Term of the contract is March 1, 2011, to February 28, 2013. (C-11-0160)**

Heier requested the item be held until an officer of the court could be present to give more information on the agreement.

- L. **A license agreement between State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and Lancaster County, on behalf of Emergency Management, to install and operate a civil service siren on State Farm's property. (C-11-0162)**

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

- M. **A lease agreement between Lancaster County and St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for sober living units. The County will expend Pretrial Release Program Enhancement grant funds in the amount of \$550 per month per unit. Term of the agreement is April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012. (C-11-0163)**

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said the agreements are funded from the Nebraska Crime Commission using stimulus money from a federal grant. The money was not expended in 2009, so it was reopened in 2010, which is when she applied. The grant is for two years; it is fully funded the first year and 50% funded the second year. Hudkins asked how many units would be used. Etherton said each facility could provide up to four units at this time. Since the grant identifies 12, she would work to secure additional housing.

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

- N. **A lease agreement between Lancaster County and Clean and Sober Living for sober living units. The County will expend Pretrial Release Program Enhancement grant funds in the amount of \$400 per month per unit. Term of the agreement is April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012. (C-11-0164)**

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

- O. **A grant contract with Lincoln Council on Alcoholism & Drugs, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000 for program management and facilitation of the youth gambling prevention program called "The Odds Are..." Term of the grant contract is November 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. (C-11-0165)**

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

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- P. **A dental services agreement with Ronald D. Ogden, DDS, PC, for dental services at the Lancaster County Corrections Department for individuals housed in the County adult jail facilities. Mr. Ogden will be paid \$80 per hour for general services, \$60 per hour for instructing medical staff in the dental clinic practice and \$100 per hour for time in preparation of trial or court testimony. Term of the agreement is April 15, 2011, to May 14, 2011, with an automatic renewal of the 15<sup>th</sup> of each following month unless terminated prior to that time. (C-11-0166)**

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

- Q. **An agreement between Lancaster County, the District Energy Corporation and K2 Real Estate Development, LLC for the filing of a petition with the Department of Health and Human Services requesting a declaratory order for appropriate relief regarding 145 closed loop heat pump water wells at the DEC site. The DEC site will be supplying thermal services and emergency power to the new Lancaster County jail. There shall be no cost to the County for this agreement. (C-11-0167)**

Item was held per request of the County Attorney.

- R. **An agreement with Milliman, Inc., for an actuarial review of the County's workers' compensation and general liability programs. The County shall pay \$7,500 for the services. Term of the agreement is February 1, 2011, to January 31, 2012. (C-11-0168)**

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

- S. **A contract between Dell Marketing LP, Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for computer equipment, peripherals and related services. The County will pay for products and services according to WSCA/NASPo Master Price Agreement No. B27160. The contract is effective through August 31, 2012. (C-11-0169)**

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

- T. **An amendment to County Contract No. C-10-0224 with Ikon Office Solutions, Inc., for the annual supply of printer cartridges. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from June 1, 2011, to May 31, 2012. (C-11-0170)**

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

- U. **An amendment to County Contract No. C-11-0129 with Safety-Kleen for the annual requirements of parts washer services/recycling solvent. The amendment removed line items 11 and 16 from the contractor's proposal and removes the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission as a party to the contract. (C-11-0171)**

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

V. **Approval of an Investment Selection Directive for merging the Lancaster County Deferred Compensation Plan into the Lancaster County 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, explained this was part of the movement from Hartford to Prudential, which will happen automatically unless employees designate other investments. He said employees affected by the change will be notified by the County and by Prudential.

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the directive. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

W. **Authorization of the replacement of the American Century Vista INV Fund with the Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital SMID-Cap Fund for the Lancaster County, Nebraska Employees Retirement Plan and the Lancaster County, Nebraska 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, both administered by Prudential Retirement.**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded to authorize the replacement. Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Returning to Item 6K:**

Theresa Emmert, Juvenile Court Administrator; Roger Heideman, Juvenile Court Judge; and Reggie Ryder, Juvenile Court Judge, appeared to answer questions. Heier asked if juveniles were made a State ward when being moved to group homes. Ryder explained that the type of case determines the State's involvement. If it is a truancy case or a child is ungovernable, they have authority under the juvenile code to specify where the child will be placed. When a child only has a law violation, they do not have the authority and a child who needs out-of-home placement becomes a State ward. Raybould asked if a recommendation is made to the State on placement. Ryder said recommendations are made, but the administrators made the decisions. Heideman said statute requires an evaluation to be completed within 30 days. Schorr asked if a letter from the Board or the judges to the State legislature could help explain the difficulty that the judges incur in these situations. Heideman said juvenile court judges met with the State legislature and voiced some of their concerns. Smoyer said this issue should be introduced in future legislation.

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

7) **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 County Clerk's monthly report for March, 2011.**



7) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- B. **A leasehold agreement between the County Engineer and Ron Oelling, in the amount of \$10, located on Wittstruck Road west of US Hwy 77; Project No. CP-T-61. (C-11-0172)**
- C. **Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and the following:**
  - 1. **Stanley and Leoma Winch, in the amount of a donation, located on Wittstruck Road west of US Hwy 77; Project No. CP-T-61. (C-11-0173)**
  - 2. **L. Dwight Cherry, in the amount of \$471.75, located on Martell Road west of S. 120<sup>th</sup> Street; Project No. CP-R-211. (C-11-0174)**
  - 3. **Marvin and Kathleen Mueller, in the amount of a donation, located on A Street west of S. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street; Project No. CP-J-37. (C-11-0175)**
  - 4. **Douglas and Cindy Holden, in the amount of \$250, located on S. 176<sup>th</sup> Street north of Princeton Road; Project No. CP-Y-120. (C-11-0176)**
- D. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding a Class I liquor license from Sandbar, LLC, d/b/a Branched Oak Marina Sandbar & Grill, 10001 W. Davey Road, Raymond, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
- E. **Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding an amusement license application from Linh Quang Buddhist Center, Inc., for events on Saturday, May 14; Saturday, August 13; and Saturday, September 3, 2011, located at 3175 W. Pleasant Hill Road, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

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

8) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Melvin Moore discussed the County's Deferred Compensation Plan merge into Prudential and the employees' right to make choices in their investment plans. Schorr said the decision was made at the recommendation of professional investment advisors and the Pension Review Committee.

Kim Kaspar, President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2468, discussed the possible sale of Trabert Hall. She questioned what would happen with the permanent easement on the parking lot and who is responsible for asbestos removal. Raybould said no decision has been made on Trabert Hall; the Board is looking at several options for cutting costs.

9) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will tour various County agencies on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, beginning at 10:45 a.m.**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 7:30 a.m., in Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.**

9) **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:**

- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, with the Board of Equalization meeting immediately following.
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will tour the new jail on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, immediately following the County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization meetings, at 3801 West O Street.
- E. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding an amusement license application from Josh Kadavy to operate a pumpkin patch on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning the last week in September through the last week in October, 2011, at 757 Bluff Road, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.
- F. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesday at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday afternoon on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on Nebraska On Demand Time Warner Channel 101 and on the internet at [www.lancaster.ne.gov](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov). Click on 5 City-TV Video on Demand.
- G. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:01 a.m. Hudkins, Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Dan Nolte*

**Dan Nolte**  
Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011**  
**COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Commissioners present:    Deb Schorr, Chair  
                                      Bernie Heier, Vice Chair  
                                      Larry Hudkins  
                                      Jane Raybould  
                                      Brent Smoyer

Others present:                Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds  
                                      Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
                                      Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
                                      Brittany Behrens, 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 11:01 a.m.

- 1) **MINUTES**: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

**MOTION**: Hudkins moved and Raybould seconded approval of the minutes. Hudkins, Raybould, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Heier abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS**: Approval of 15 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachments "A" and "B".

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

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

**North American Martyrs Church/School**

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

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:03 a.m. Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Dan Nolte*

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





**The Lancaster County Public Rural Transit  
2011-12 Application and Annual Status Report**

Lancaster County Commissioners:

I would like to thank each of you for the support and confidence you have demonstrated toward the Lancaster County Public Rural Transit program this past year. Public rural transportation allows many individuals who have limited transportation options the ability to remain connected and access essential services and community resources. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to apprise you of several updates concerning our transportation service.

FY2010-11 Recap:

This past year we put into service, two 2010 ADA 12 passenger, plus two wheelchair position small buses. These were purchased through the Nebraska Department of Roads with ARRA funding. The Lancaster County Board approved a one time use of Keno funds to "brand" and install a safety back-up system for each vehicle. These vehicles have proved to be a great enhancement to our transportation service and have received many positive rider comments. They are much easier to board and disembark, greater head room allows for better ability to move about inside the bus, the increased size allows for increased carrying capacity for riders' belongings and packages, and the two wheelchair position adds space and convenience for passengers needing this accommodation.

Our oldest vehicle in our fleet was sold during the last City/County Auction (the 1999 Ford van with lift). The \$2,631 received from the sale was put back into the operating funds per requirements of the program. My recommendation is to apply these funds toward the purchase of a 12 passenger van or mini-van for FY12-13. Vehicles purchased for the 5311 program utilize an 80% federal and 20% local match. The remaining van in our fleet is a 2004 Ford 7 passenger van with a lift that is approaching 100,000 miles.

We have adopted the two FTA policy clarifications, allowing our transit service to provide multiple stops within the Lincoln City limits for the regular fare of \$2.00 per stop and the addition of serving residents within the City limits to rural destinations in the County. The two additions to service have allowed our transit service to be a more effective and meet the needs of a much broader scope of riders. We are currently transporting sisters to keep them connected. One sister lives in Lincoln, the other in rural Lancaster County. Neither sister drives, but both live independently. They are 100 and 101 years of age.

This year, office staff made calls to all city and village clerks, many businesses, organizations, human service providers, and senior programs and services as a county-wide outreach effort. A mailing was sent out to all who expressed an interest. Included in the mailing was the newly created, full color transit brochure. The brochure is also available on the City and County websites, posted in strategic locations, and mailed to all communities, many businesses and organizations, and interested individuals. In addition, we had articles published in the Hickman and Waverly newspapers, The Nebline, and The Living Well Magazine. An ad will run in the Lincoln Journal Star in the near future.

The fragility and mobile nature of our riders continues to make expanding and growing our ridership a challenge. Outreach, making community connections, and networking to grow the service demand ongoing effort. Those who utilize public transit are appreciative and dependant on the service. It allows riders to reach important medical services, community resources, and keeps them connected and living independently.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Carol Meyerhoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Meyerhoff/Transit Manager

**Lancaster County Public Rural Transit**  
**FY2011-2012 and FY2010 -2011 Comparison Sheet**

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>FY2010-11</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>FY2011-12</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>\$67,844</b>	<b>+ 2,711</b>	<b>\$70,555</b>
<b>Administrative + Special Services</b>	<b>\$6,595</b>	<b>- 1,541</b>	<b>\$5,054</b>
<b>Building Space &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>		<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Vehicle Fuel</b>	<b>\$10,537</b> Based on \$2.81/gal	<b>+2,203</b>	<b>\$12,740</b> Based on \$3.26/gal
<b>Vehicle Costs</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$87,976</b>	<b>+3,373</b>	<b>\$91,349</b>
<b>Section 5311 Funds Requested (50%)</b>	<b>\$41,488</b>	<b>+\$1,686</b>	<b>\$43,174</b>
<b>State Funds Requested (25%)</b>	<b>\$20,744</b>	<b>+843</b>	<b>\$21,587</b>
<b>Local Matching Funds-County (25%)</b>	<b>\$20,744</b>	<b>+844</b>	<b>\$21,588</b>

## Lancaster County Public Rural Transit

	<b>Actual 2006-07</b>	<b>Actual 2007-08</b>	<b>Actual 2008-09</b>	<b>Actual 2009-10</b>	<b>Budgeted 2010-11</b>	<b>Projected 2011-12</b>
<b>Revenue</b>						
<u>Operations Income</u>						
Rider Fares	\$2,413	\$3,369	\$4,539	\$4,814	\$5,000	\$5,000
Rider Boardings (One Way Rides)	1,597	1,967	2,072	2,089	2,500	2,500
Vehicle Miles Traveled	23,499	26,457	26,385	27,952	30,000	30,000

# Lancaster County PUBLIC RURAL TRANSIT

*Serving all of Lancaster County  
with door-to-door transportation.*

## Schedule:

**Please note:** At least one leg of your trip must include a stop outside the Lincoln city limits.

### North Route: Mondays & Wednesdays

Agnew	Emerald	Prairie Home
Ceresco	Greenwood	Raymond
Davey	Lincoln	Walton
Eagle	Malcolm	Waverly

### South Route: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Adams	Hallam	Panama
Bennet	Hickman	Princeton
Cheney	Holland	Roca
Cortland	Kramer	Rokeby
Denton	Lincoln	Sprague
Firth	Martell	

**Call 402-441-7031**

to schedule a ride  
at least one business day in advance.

## Transit Fares:

One-way fare: ..... \$2.00  
Round trip fare: ..... \$4.00  
Additional stops ..... \$2.00/stop  
10-punch Rider Card. .... \$20.00

*Your first ride is free!*

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# Lancaster County PUBLIC RURAL TRANSIT

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## Why use Public Rural Transit?

- It's the most inexpensive way to travel between Lincoln and other areas of Lancaster County.
- It's convenient—you can leave the driving and parking to us.
- New buses are comfortable and roomy—plenty of space for you and your packages. They are also equipped to accommodate two wheelchairs.
- Expand your medical, dental, or other health care provider options.
- Remain connected with family and friends anywhere in the county.
- It's flexible—you can start your trip one day and schedule your return the same day, later in the week, or whenever you choose.
- Plan a day excursion and explore local attractions, shopping, entertainment, fitness centers and other resources county-wide.



*New buses are comfortable and roomy, with plenty of space for you and your packages. They can also accommodate two wheelchairs.*

## Service Mission:

Lancaster County Public Rural Transit connects riders from Lincoln to destinations in rural Lancaster County. Service also provides transportation from the rural communities and residences into Lincoln.

One leg of your trip must include a stop outside of the Lincoln city limits.

## Who can ride?

- Public Rural Transit is provided for any rider requesting transportation within the Lincoln and Lancaster County area.
- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Minors (over the age of 12) may ride with the written consent of their legal guardian.

## How to Schedule your Ride:

- Call 402-441-7031 to schedule a ride at least one business day in advance of your trip. Rides can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Transit vehicles run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Early to mid-morning pickups.
- Due to the volume of ridership, *we cannot guarantee your arrival before 10:30 a.m.* Please schedule your appointments accordingly.
- Mid-day transfers in Lincoln are available upon request when making your reservation.
- Return trips are made in the mid-afternoon.

*Lancaster County Public Rural Transit service is provided by Lancaster County, Aging Partners, the Nebraska Department of Roads, and the Federal Transit Administration.*



# 2010 Guardian Challenge

First cut performance data



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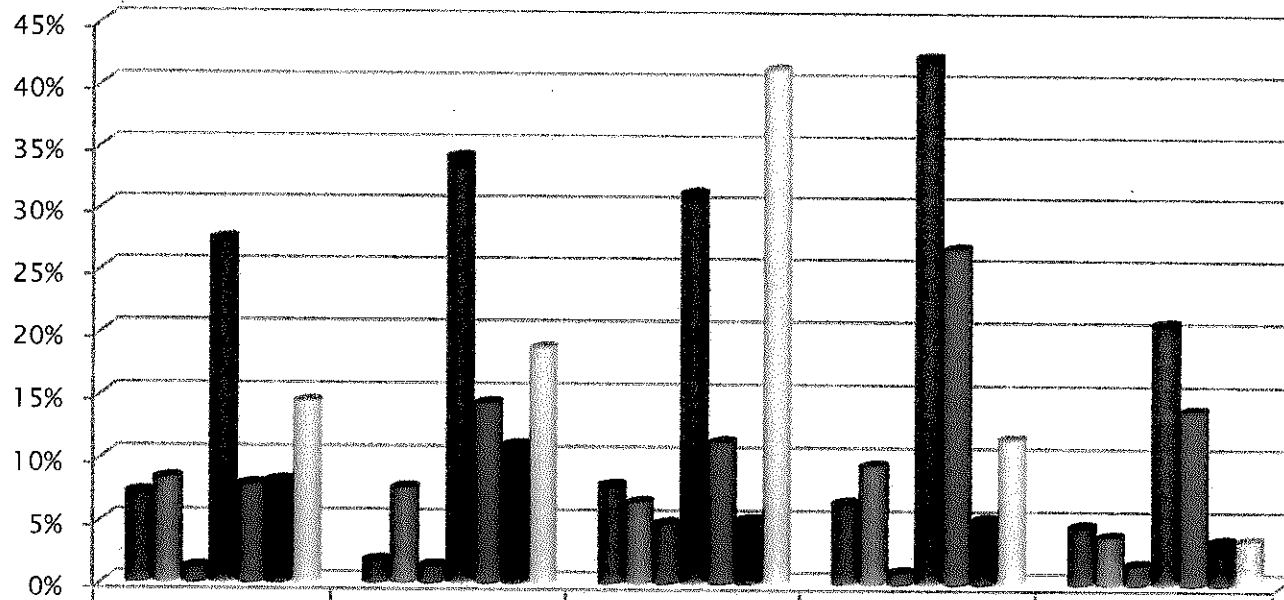
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# Competition + Recognition = Pride



# Analysis of Performance Data

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Challenge  
Data  
By Team

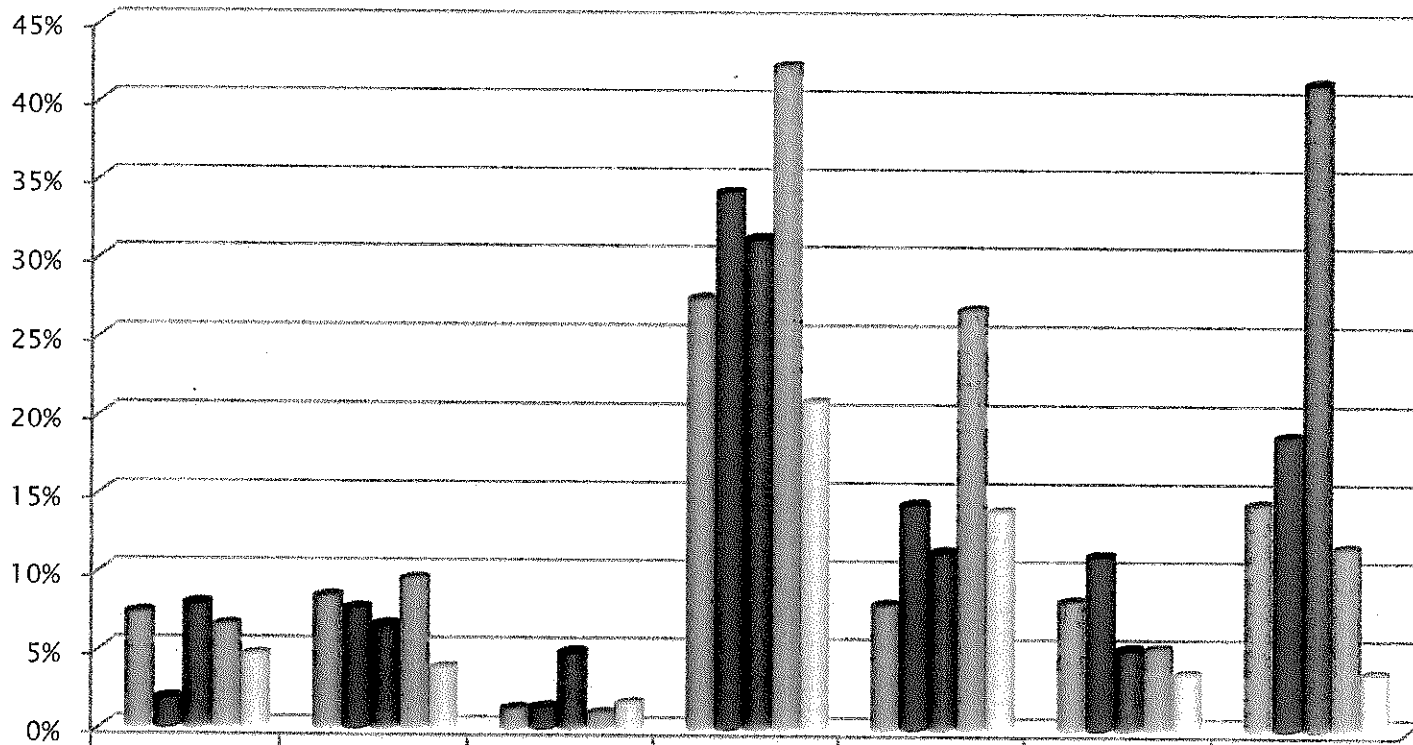


- Vertical Jump % Increase
- Broad Jump % Increase
- Push throw % Increase
- Push up % Increase
- Sit Up % Increase
- Sit and Reach % Increase
- Shuttle Run Aerobic Increase

	LSO-UNL PD Results	LPD Results	Corrections Results	LFR Results	Self Enrolled Results
■ Vertical Jump % Increase	7%	2%	8%	7%	5%
■ Broad Jump % Increase	8%	8%	7%	10%	4%
■ Push throw % Increase	1%	1%	5%	1%	2%
■ Push up % Increase	27%	34%	31%	42%	21%
■ Sit Up % Increase	8%	14%	11%	27%	14%
■ Sit and Reach % Increase	8%	11%	5%	5%	4%
■ Shuttle Run Aerobic Increase	14%	19%	41%	12%	4%

# Looking at it another way

2010  
Challenge  
Data  
By  
Activity



	Vertical Jump % Increase	Broad Jump % Increase	Push throw % Increase	Push up % Increase	Sit Up % Increase	Sit and Reach % Increase	Shuttle Run Aerobic Increase
LSO-UNL PD Results	7%	8%	1%	27%	8%	8%	14%
LPD Results	2%	8%	1%	34%	14%	11%	19%
Corrections Results	8%	7%	5%	31%	11%	5%	41%
LFR Results	7%	10%	1%	42%	27%	5%	12%
Self Enrolled Results	5%	4%	2%	21%	14%	4%	4%

# LFR Agility Data - male 40+

## Pre-Challenge

Agility Time: 5 min 7 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 84

BP - 118/50

Post-vitals: HR - 144

BP - 156/92

2 min post: HR - 120

BP - 138/62

5 min post: HR - 112

BP - 126/58

## Post-Challenge

Agility Time: 4 min 30 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 92 (after warm-up)

BP - 142/82 (after warm-up)

Post-vitals: HR - 146

BP - 156/72

HR - 98

BP - 124/68

HR - 90

BP - 120/68

# LFR Agility - 30+ male

## Pre-Challenge

Agility Time: 5 min 24 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 76

BP - 124/90

Post-vitals: HR - 156

BP - 170/60

2 min post: HR - 120

BP - 130/58

5 min post: HR - 96

BP - 128/70

## Post-Challenge

Agility Time: 4 min 42 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 80

BP - 132/70

Post-vitals: HR - 144

BP - 162/80

HR - 112

BP - 142/50

HR - 100

BP - 120/60

# LFR Agility 20+

## Pre-Challenge

Agility Time: 4 min 42 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 76  
BP - 120/68

Post-vitals: HR - 144  
BP - 142/60

2 min post: HR - 120  
BP - 122/78

5 min post: HR - 116  
BP - 126/84

## Post-Challenge

Agility Time: 4 min 9 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 66  
BP - 110/78

Post-vitals: HR - 166  
BP - 172/84

HR - 108  
BP - 114/72

HR - 86  
BP - 114/68



# LFR Agility Summary

## Pre-Challenge

Agility Time: 4 min 92 sec

\*\*\*Significant difference of 42.6 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 78.22

BP - 132/78

Post-vitals: HR - 125

BP - 169/68

2 min post: HR - 114

BP - 140/70

5 min post: HR - 101

BP - 126/69

## Post-Challenge

Agility Time: 4 min 22 sec

Pre-vitals: HR - 73.33

BP - 126/74

Post-vitals: HR - 152

BP - 170/70

HR - 108

BP - 140/65

HR - 95

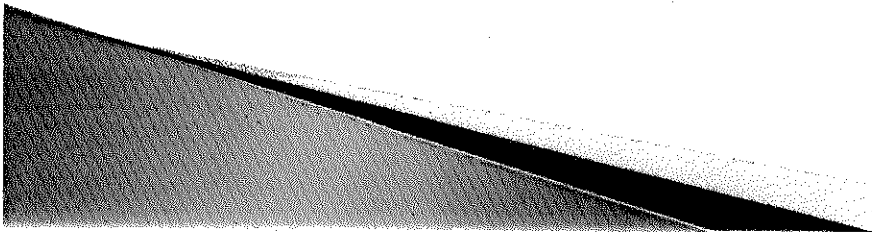
BP - 124/68

\*Non-significant changes in HR or BP over time.



# Cholesterol and Lipids

- ▶ Significant decrease in cholesterol levels and triglycerides for the majority of participants
- ▶ For the second year in a row we noted abnormally high levels decreasing to normal levels
- ▶ Some participants experienced a 50% decline in triglycerides
- ▶ Medical report and evaluation to come when we hear from Dr. Tewes



# LFR Medical Summary

▶ <i>Variable</i>	<i>Mean Pre-Challenge</i>	<i>Mean Post Challenge</i>
▶ Sodium	136.00	139.00
▶ Potassium	4.27	4.33
▶ Chloride	98.60	99.70
▶ Glucose	84.60	85.50
▶ Bun	17.9	22.00
▶ Creatine	0.996	1.10
▶ Triglyceride	129.6	78.8
▶ Cholesterol	159.10	149.30
▶ HDL	42.20	42.90
▶ LDL	95.56	95.78

▶ \*\*\*Red denotes significant changes



# LFR Medical Summary

- ▶ EKG          Normal: n=5  
                 Abnormal: n=3  
                 Needs further investigation: n=2

- ▶ Self-reported Weight

*Pre-challenge*

202.31

*Post Challenge*

196.40

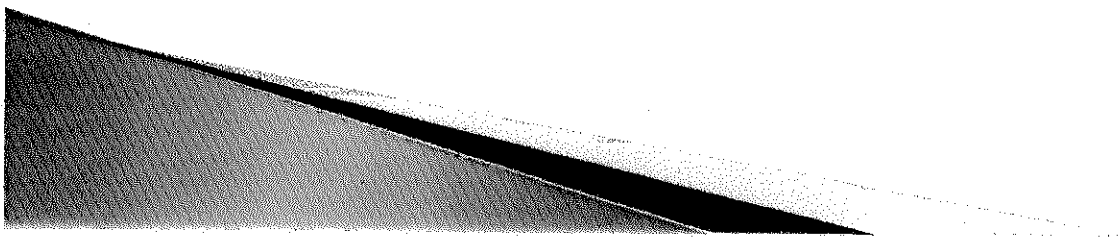
\*\*\*Weight loss was significant, note substantial variability in total weight lost.

# Back Assessment (1 / 2)

Pre-program refers to anytime prior to program participation. Post-program refers to the last time since being in the program.

Has low back trouble caused you to reduce your work activity? (Same answers for leisure activity)

	<b>Pre-Program</b>	<b>Post-Program</b>
Yes	4	1
No	8	10



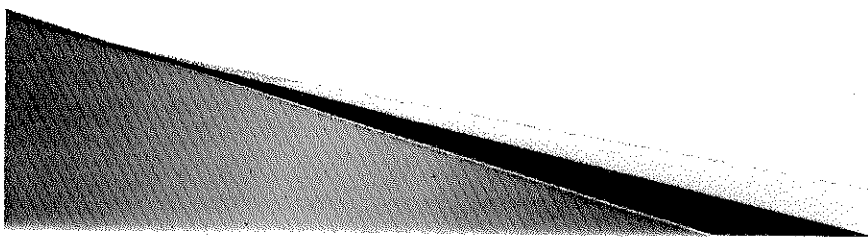
# Back Assessment (2/2)

- ▶ What is the total length of time that low back trouble has prevented you from doing your normal work?

	Pre-Program	Post-Program
0 Days	7	10
1-7 Days	3	0
8-30 Days	2	1

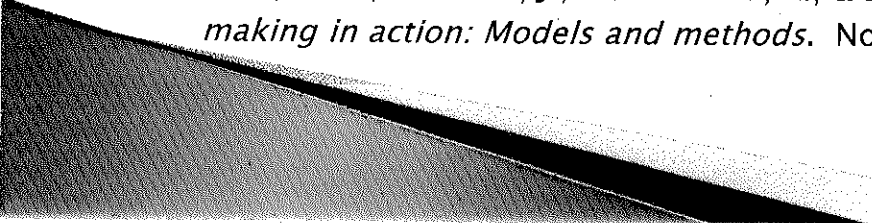
- ▶ Have you ever had low back pain at any time?

	Pre-Program	Post-Program
Yes	7	4
No	5	7



# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

- ▶ Firefighting is a physically demanding job and carries a high demand of mental focus
- ▶ Significant research on physical demands and limited research on cognitive demands
- ▶ Research on decision making among emergency professionals identified distinctive characteristics of Naturalistic Decisions
  - Time pressure, , high stakes, experienced decision makers, inadequate information (information that is missing, ambiguous, or erroneous), ill-defined goals, poorly defined procedures, cue learning, context (higher-level goals, stress), dynamic conditions, and team coordination.
  - 80% of decisions made in less than one minute

- ▶ Klein, G. A.; Orasanu, J.; Calderwood, R.; & Zsombok, C. E.; (1993) *Decision making in action: Models and methods*. Norwood, NJ. Ablex Publishing.
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# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

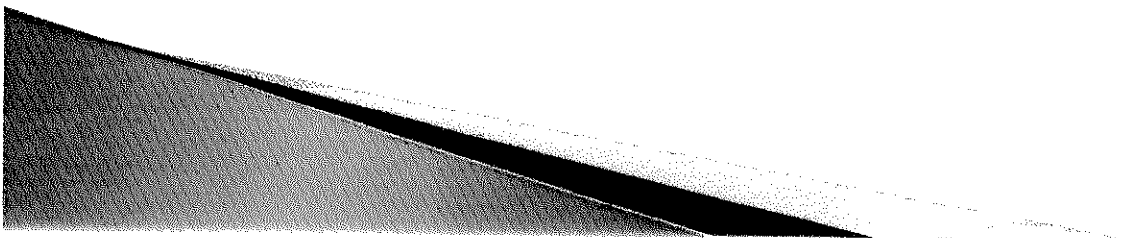
- ▶ Decision making for emergency responders is qualitatively different than non-emergency responders.
- ▶ Stressors such as time, noise, and ambiguity use working memory, interrupting our ability to rehearse information to make decisions.
- ▶ Self-regulation is the primary factor that allows individuals to override distracting information such as pain, noise or fear

- ▶ Klein, G.A. (1996). The effect of acute stressors on decision making. In J.E. Driskell and E. Salas (eds.), *Stress and human performance*. Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.



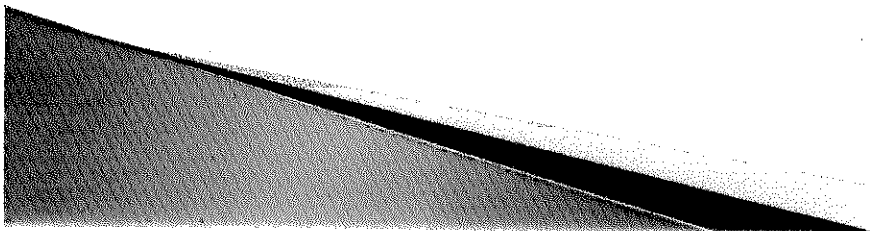
# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

- ▶ Self-regulation is the key to keeping decisions in working memory and being able to complete goal-directed behaviors.
- ▶ Many influences to working memory/self-regulation:
  - Individual differences in working memory, ability to see ‘big picture’ or attentional control, sleep, fatigue, emotional responses, and stress.
- ▶ Current research focused on the effects of fatigue on working memory and decision making
  - Collect Baseline, and then testing at beginning, middle, and end.




# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

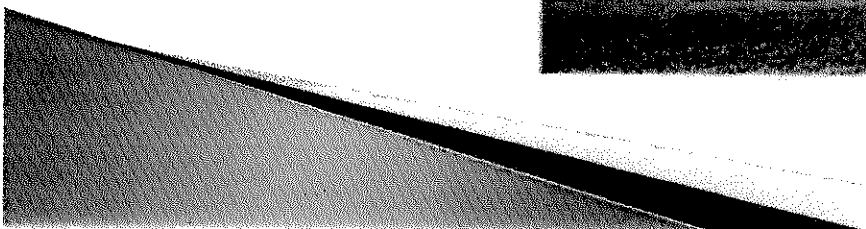
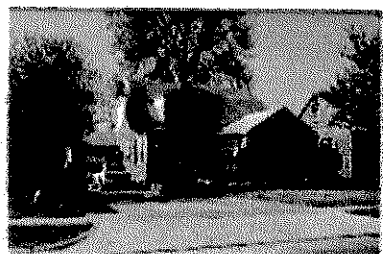
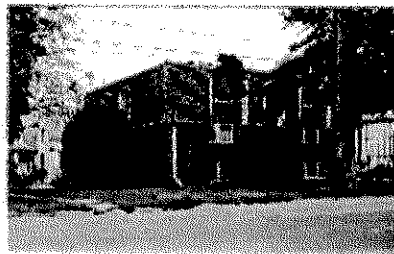
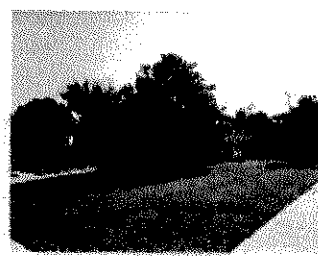
- ▶ Two Tasks: Working Memory and Decision Making
  - Working Memory Task: Computerized test that includes items (letters) to remember and a distracting activity. Participants would first see a letter on the screen and then were asked to solve a math problem. They would repeat this 3–7 times and then were asked to recall the letters in order. The number of correctly recalled letters determines the letter score and recalling the correct sequence determined a working memory score.



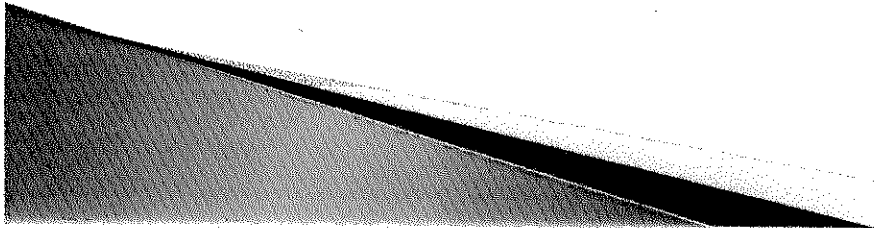
# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

- ▶ Second Task: Decision Making – Designed to mimic Sim-lab training and decision making necessary at onset of a fire call.
    - Slide one: time of day, assignment, e.g. captain and engine, par four.
    - Slide two: type of fire, related assigned engine companies, first on location
    - Slide three: Map
    - Slide four: Photograph, house or apartment
    - Slide five: instructions to record answers on provided sheet.
    - Approach report, recall as many items as possible, familiarity, two true and two false items and related confidence in their answer.
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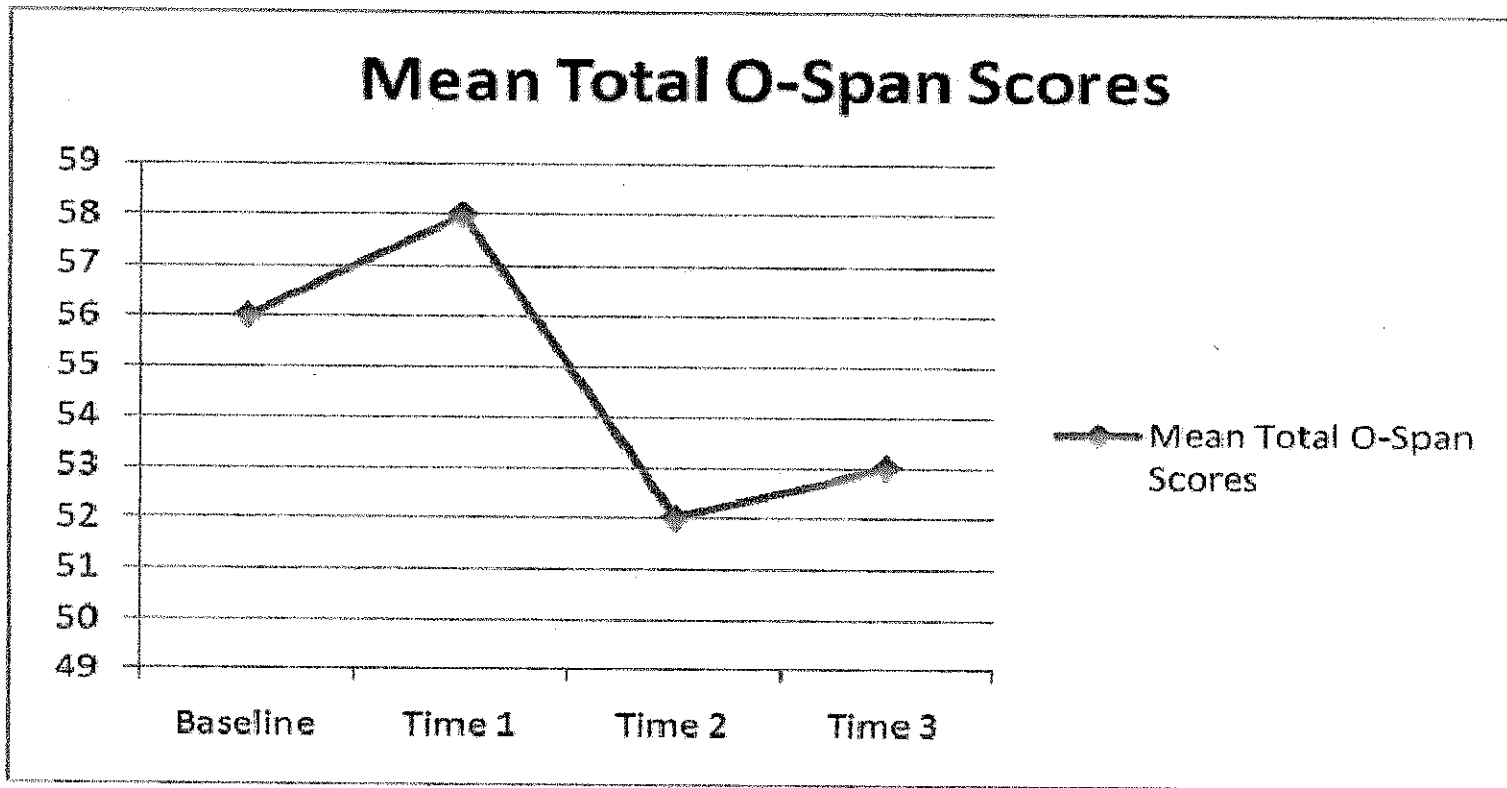
*Appendix B: Stimuli created from Fire Studio for cognitive testing*



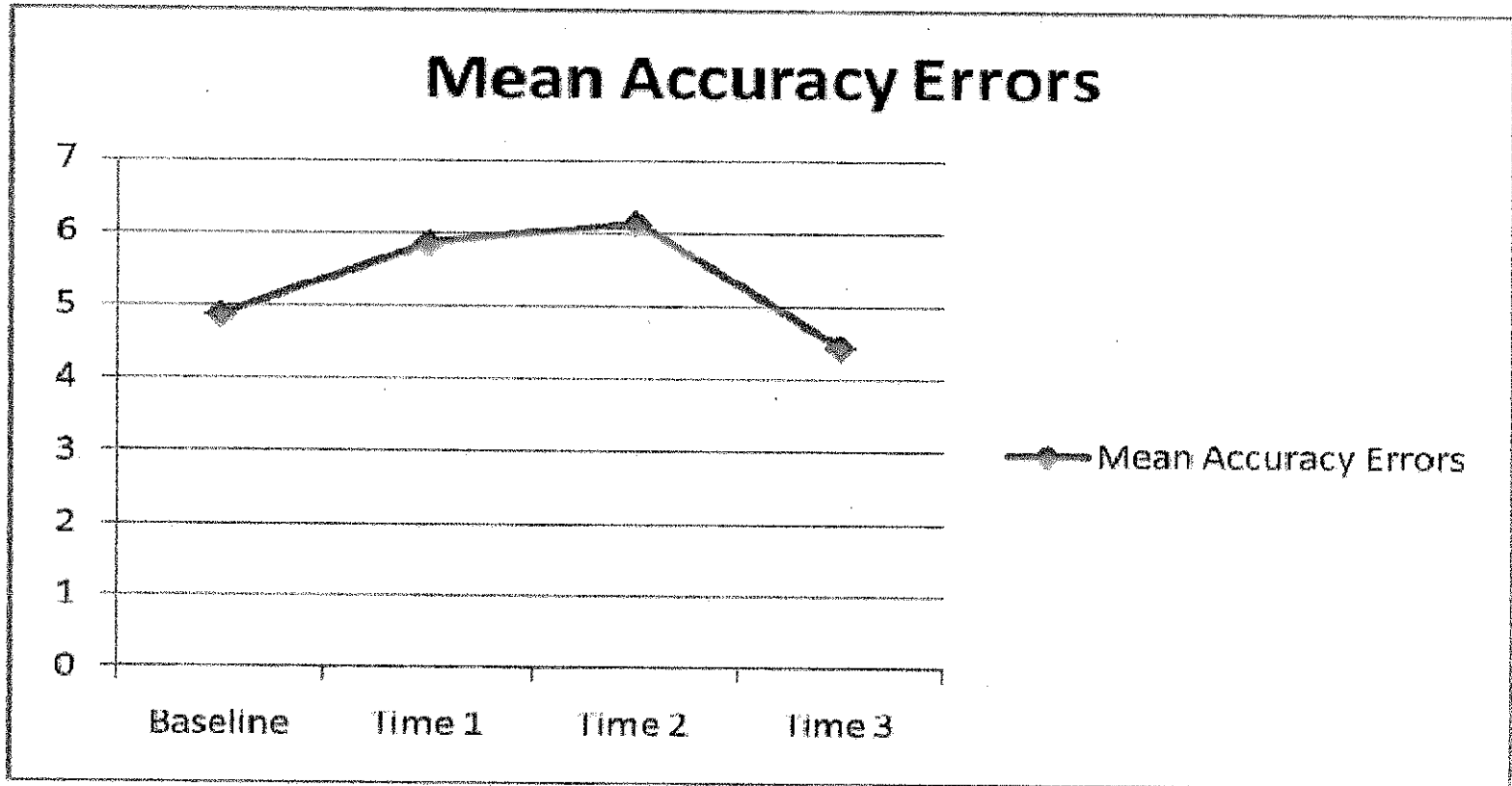
# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

- ▶ Results from Working Memory Assessments are generally divided into High through Low Working Memory groups.
  - ▶ This sample all fell in the Medium – High Working Memory Range.
  - ▶ Working Memory: No significant changes from Baseline over three testing times.
  - ▶ Some variability from Time 1 – Time 2, suggesting an increase over time
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# Cognitive Assessment – Working Memory

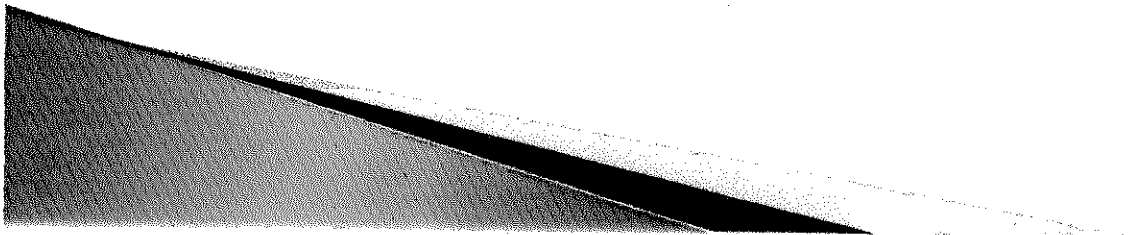


# Cognitive Assessment – Errors



# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

- ▶ Results from Decision Making Task:
  - Again, non-significant changes over time but variability from Time 1 - Time 2 for Number of Items recalled where number of items recalled increased as time went on.
  - Similar answers with Number of Items Correct for House and Apartment, Confidence for Positive and Negative Items, and Number of Items Correct for Positive and Negative Items.



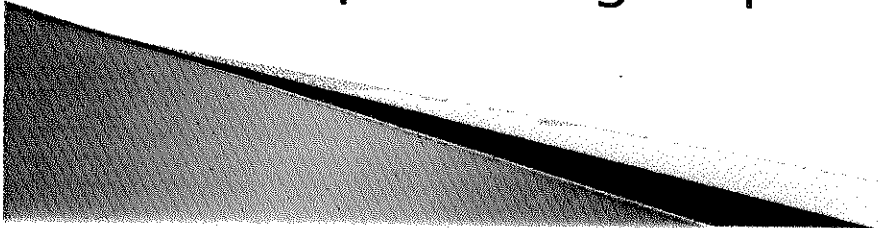


# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

## ▶ Additional tests:

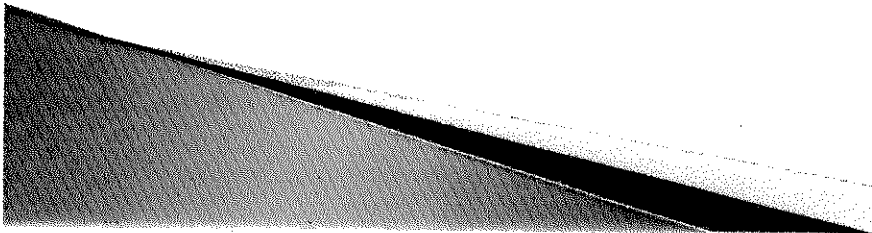
- Aggregated Fitness: Combined effects of positive change variables: some changes in speed error and Math error, otherwise Non-significant changes in Working Memory or Decision Making Tasks
  - Sodium, Creatine, Cholesterol, Broad Jump, Push-Ups, Sit-Ups, Shuttle Run, Weight, and Physical Ability Times
- Aggregated Experience: Combined effects of experience: Non-significant changes in Working Memory or Decision Making Tasks
  - “How long have you been at your current fire station in months,” Age, Time for prior experience in months, and job time in months

# Cognitive Assessment – LFR

- ▶ \*\*\* This sample included 10 participants who all scored in the higher range of Working Memory
  - ▶ Of those participants, all were able to self-regulate physical fatigue's effects on Working Memory.
  - ▶ Suggestions: Self-selected group, Training is successful.
  - ▶ Conclusions: Replication on larger sample and non-fire-trained individuals.
  - ▶ Repeat Research: BMI, Larger sample & on a comparison group of non-emergency responders.
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# Where do we go from here?

- ▶ Have requests to repeat program
- ▶ Have requests to join the program
- ▶ About half of finishers stay on program
- ▶ LSO interested in an over 50 program
- ▶ The Guardian Challenge is a popular and powerful impetus to get in great shape
  - Participants adopt it as “their” program
  - Managing it uses large amounts of resources



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