

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair
Brent Smoyer
Jane Raybould

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Heier moved and Raybould seconded approval of the minutes of the September 1, 2011 Staff Meeting. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Jail Update
- B. Correspondence Regarding Waterford Estates Connection to Holdrege Street (Exhibit A)

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Smoyer, Heier, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

3 MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE INSPECTIONS - Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff; Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, and Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer, discussed plans to have the County Treasurer employees at the Motor Vehicle Facility on 46th and R Street trained and certified to assist the Sheriff's Office with motor vehicle title inspections in that facility during busy periods. That will allow the Sheriff's Office to reassign one of the deputies currently assigned to those duties to its Court Security Unit. A new district court judge will be coming on soon so there will be increased demands on the unit. Stebbing noted 2.5 positions in his budget were not funded this year due to budget constraints. He said it may be necessary to ask that one of the positions be funded if the additional duties prove to be more time consuming than what is anticipated. Stebbing said the budget impact would be much less than the cost to hire an additional deputy sheriff.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Jail Update

Heier said the jail population reached 577 over the weekend, which is a near record number. The count is 559 today. He expressed concern that the \$1,000,000 that was budgeted to address overcrowding could be \$500,000 short of the actual need by the end of the fiscal year if the jail population remains at those levels. Much of the cost is related to out-of-county housing of prisoners.

B. Correspondence Regarding Waterford Estates Connection to Holdrege Street (Exhibit A)

Raybould noted the email from Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department, indicates it is the responsibility of the Waterford Estates developer to complete the connection between North 95th Street and Holdrege Street and said she would like DaNay Kalkowski, attorney for the developer, to brief the Board on their plans.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Coast2Coast Pharmacy Card Update

Item was held.

B. Tri-County Board Meeting (November 3, 2011)

Informational only.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Institute of Excellence - Raybould

Raybould said there was a demographic presentation. She said the program is nearing completion and said it has been a valuable experience.

- B. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Schorr

Schorr said the RTSD approved the budget, noting \$6,000,000 was set aside for the Southwest 40th Street project. She said the RTSD is also working on the Waverly and South Lincoln "quiet zones" (railroad grade crossings at which trains are prohibited from sounding their horns in order to decrease the noise level for nearby residential communities). Schorr noted she and Smoyer recently met with members of the Waverly Farmers Co-op and discussed their concerns regarding access.

- C. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Heier

Heier said the JPA discussed the tax request for the bonds.

- D. Chamber Coffee - Smoyer

Smoyer said discussion focused on the West Haymarket Arena Project and legislative priorities.

- 4 POTENTIAL LITIGATION** - Mark Koller, Personnel Director; John Cripe, Classification and Compensation Manager; Nicole Gross, Compensation Technician; Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to enter Executive Session at 8:55 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to potential litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Raybould exited the meeting.

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins and Raybould were absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

Raybould returned to the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

5 MIDLANDS CHOICE CONTRACT - Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney; Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Director

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, gave an overview of a proposed contract with Midlands Choice, a regional preferred provider organization (PPO), that would allow the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) to become a preferred provider within their network. She explained that it is essentially a "boilerplate" contract but Midlands Choice did agree to make requested changes to the language to allow the County to seek any possible remedies. Behrens said the contract is an automatic renewal contract but does include a provision for termination upon 90 days notice without cause. She noted Midlands Choice has refused to provide an insurance certificate with proof of insurance limits, but said they will not have any employees on-site.

Dean Settle, CMHC Director, said this is the first of several contracts of this type that will come before the Board and said they will allow CMHC to enhance its revenues. Settle also reported that Adult Probation has some funds available to pay for evaluations.

6 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

7 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Coast2Coast Pharmacy Card Update
- B. Tri-County Board Meeting (November 3, 2011)

Items A and B were moved forward on the agenda.

9 PENDING

There were no pending items.

10 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

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- B. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Schorr
- C. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Heier
- D. Chamber Coffee - Smoyer

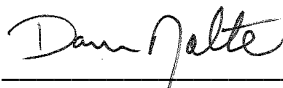
Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

11 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There was Board consensus to recognize Jayne Snyder, Lincoln City Councilwoman, at the September 13, 2011 County Board of Commissioners Meeting for her service to the community. **NOTE:** Snyder recently announced she is resigning from the City Council for health reasons.

12 ADJOURNMENT

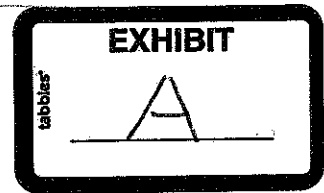
MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



From: Kerry P. Eagan
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 2:40 PM
To: Commish
Subject: TRIM: FW: Waterford Estates Road Connection to Holdrege



From: Steve S. Henrichsen
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 7:48 AM
To: Kerry P. Eagan
Cc: 'Kalkowski, DaNay'; Sara S. Hartzell; Ken D. Schroeder; Marvin S. Krout; Dennis D. Bartels
Subject: Waterford Estates Road Connection to Holdrege

Kerry

In regards to the request from the County Board on September 1st, please pass along to the County Board that I was able to confirm that the developers of Waterford Estates are responsible for the improvements in Holdrege Street at the new 95th Street intersection.

I talked to DaNay Kalkowski, attorney for the developers, and she said she would put together a brief letter for the board explaining what steps are necessary to complete the road.

Steve