

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**  
**10:30 A.M.**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on May 15, 2015.*

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair; Bill Avery and Deb Schorr

Commissioner absent: Todd Wiltgen

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.*

Amundson opened the meeting by congratulated all the new graduates and wished them luck in their endeavors. In honor of Memorial Day, she thanked members of the armed forces, past and present, for their service and wished everyone a safe holiday weekend.

**1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through May 19, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the claims. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Recognition of County Employees' service anniversaries.**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, introduced three members from the department.

Doug Lind-Olson, County Engineer Department, said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve the County for thirty-one years.

Tom Wickizer, County Engineer Department, has served ten years in the County tire shop.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

Mark Cabrales, County Engineer Department, has been in the Engineer Department for thirty-five years in many different capacities. He said he has really enjoyed his time with the County.

Schorr noted the longevity of the employees in the County Engineer Department.

The Clerk read the list of employees observing service anniversaries.

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and Emergency Management to award a contract for an Outdoor Warning Siren, Spec. #15-109, to Schmader Electric Construction, Inc. The total cost of the purchase is \$25,140.00. (B-15-0024)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the recommendation. Schorr, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Agreement between Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. and Lancaster County for the annual requirements of noxious weed control including spraying and mowing. The County will pay for the services according to the pricing listed in the Contractor's proposal. Term of the agreement is one year from the date of execution with an option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-15-0215)**

Amundson read a letter of explanation she received from Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent, stating the contracts were for the annual requirements for spraying.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Agreement between Mr. Yards and More, LLC and Lancaster County for the annual requirements of noxious weed control including spraying and mowing. The County will pay for the services according to the pricing listed in the Contractor's proposal. Term of the agreement is one year from the date of execution with an option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-15-0216)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Agreement between Gary's Lawn & Landscape and Lancaster County for the annual requirements of noxious weed control including spraying and mowing. The County will pay for the services according to the pricing listed in the Contractor's proposal. Term of the agreement is one year from the date of execution with an option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-15-0217)**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Agreement between DeAngelo Brothers and Lancaster County for the annual requirements of noxious weed control including spraying and mowing. The County will pay for the services according to the pricing listed in the Contractor's proposal. Term of the agreement is one year from the date of execution with an option to renew for three additional one-year terms. (C-15-0218)**

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Hudkins, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Contract between DeAngelo Brothers and Lancaster County for noxious weed control (spraying and mowing) for the City of Lincoln landfills. The County will pay for products and services according to the line item pricing as listed in the Contractor's proposal. Term of the agreement is one year from the date of execution by both parties. (C-15-0219)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the contract. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Contract between Hartmann Construction Company and Lancaster County in the amount of \$561,832.28 for grading construction on South 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Hickman Road to Roca Road; Project No. 15-11. (C-15-0220)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, told the Board this was an annual grading project and was included in the budget.

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the contract. Hudkins, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- H. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to provide funding for four members of the Lancaster County Sherriff's Office to attend the 2015 IACP DRE Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 9-12, 2015. The total amount requested is \$6361.20. (C-15-0221)**

Amundson left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Sheriff Terry Wagner informed the board the grant is for International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) conference. The Lancaster County Sheriff's Department currently has four certified drug recognition deputies. They are experts in identifying drug impaired drivers. Avery questioned if this was a requirement. Wagner indicated it was not, but highly encouraged so the deputies can stay current on the latest information.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the grant and award. Avery, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson and Wiltgen were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- I. **Agreement with Great Plains Appraisal Company, on behalf of Wayne Kubert and Tom Kubert, to provide the services of a referee coordinator to coordinate referees who will hear all property tax protests for the 2015 tax year before the Lancaster County Board of Equalization. The referee coordinator shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$95 per hour, with the total compensation not to exceed \$180,000. (C-15-0222)**

Amundson returned to the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- J. **Adoption of 2015 Lancaster County Board of Equalization Policies and Procedures for property valuation protests.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the policies and procedures. Schorr, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Schorr noted that the property value protest information can be found on the County Clerk's website. Hudkins added for those who do not have access to a computer, please contact the County Clerk's office for the protest forms. The hearings will be held at the Lancaster County Event Center.

- K. **Amendment to County contract C-14-0217 between Campbell's Nurseries & Garden Centers, the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for miscellaneous landscape installation and maintenance service. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term, beginning May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. The total amount for County departments shall not exceed \$5,000. (C-15-0223)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the amendment. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- L. **Amendment to County contract C-14-0255 between Vulcan Aluminum, Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln for the annual supply of traffic signs and sign faces. The amendment extends the agreement for an additional one-year term, beginning May 20, 2015 through May 19, 2016, and reflects a price increase of 3%. (C-15-0224)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, noted they have been doing an aggressive inventory of signs. Because of the process, the current budget has substantially decreased. Hudkins commended Dingman and her staff on this savings to the taxpayers. Dingman also stated that if the public notices any signs damaged or missing, please contact their office. If it is after business hours, the staff member on call will receive the information.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the amendment. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- M. Amendment to County contract C-11-0301 with Peregrine Services for the printing and mailing of DMV and real estate statements for the County Treasurer. The amendment extends the agreement for an additional four-year term, beginning June 7, 2015 through June 6, 2019. (C-15-0225)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the amendment. Schorr, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- N. Amendment to County contract C-12-0249 between Voss Electric Company, d/b/a Voss Lighting, Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for the annual requirements of light bulbs and ballasts. The amendment extends the agreement for an additional one-year term, beginning May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. (C-15-0226)**

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Schorr seconded approval of the amendment. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- O. Amendment to County contract C-14-0031 between Lancaster County (sponsor) and the Lincoln Children's Museum (grantee) extending the term of the grant contract from May 31, 2015 to December 31, 2015. All other terms and conditions of the contract will remain the same. (C-15-0227)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the amendment. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- 5) PUBLIC COMMENT: Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.**

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, appeared and introduced the newest member of their family to the Board, Layne Adalyn.

**6) ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

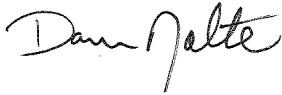
- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).**
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:**

- C. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesday and Saturday on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on the internet at [lancaster.ne.gov](http://lancaster.ne.gov) under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:05 a.m. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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Dan Nolte, County Clerk



**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Equalization meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on May 15, 2015.*

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Vice Chari; Bill Avery and Deb Schorr

Commissioner absent: Todd Wiltgen

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.*

**1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the minutes. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**2) ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS: (See attached additions and deductions.)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**3) PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications**

**Bryan Medical Center  
Cathedral of the Risen Christ  
Catholic Social Services  
Corporation of Presiding Bishop of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
First Baptist Church Lincoln  
Food Bank of Lincoln, Inc.  
School Sisters of Christ the King  
Second Baptist Church  
St. Teresa Church**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

No one appeared to testify in support, opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

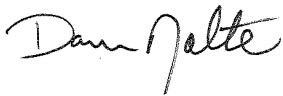
**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those wishing to speak on items relating to County Board of Equalization business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

No one appeared for public comment.

**5) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 11:10 a.m. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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