

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 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 July 24, 2015.*

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Bill Avery, Deb Schorr and Todd Wiltgen

Commissioner absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice-Chair

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; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.*

**1) MINUTES:**

**A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.**

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

**B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.**

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

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through July 28, 2015.**

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

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence** – July Winner – Nita Baldwin, Veterans Services, in the category of Productivity

The Clerk read the nomination for the record.

Avery presented Baldwin with a plaque and thanked her for her dedicated services to Lancaster the Lancaster County Veterans.

Baldwin thanked the Board for the award and stated that she was proud of the work all the staff in Veterans Services accomplish to help veterans.

**4) OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska Probation Administration for two probation officers to provide additional presentence investigation report services to decrease the time needed to complete presentence investigations of inmates housed by the Lancaster County Corrections Department. The County will pay \$61,885 for the services. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 to July 30, 2016. (C-15-0313)**

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

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Appointment of Rick Ringlein as Lancaster County Veterans Service Officer effective July 27, 2015 at an annual salary of \$68,066.**

Rick Ringlein, Veterans Service Officer, told the Board that he has a great crew and they are a pleasure to work with. He noted the entire staff is composed of veterans. Ringlein said he began work with Veterans Services in 1996.

Amundson thanked Ringlein for his service to Lancaster County and for serving his Country.

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

John Austin, Lancaster County citizen, commented that Ringlein is a good choice for the position. Austin said he has received a great deal of help by him.

- B. Special designated license application from WunderRosa, LLC for a rehearsal dinner on August 14, 2015 to be held at 2361 Wittstruck Road, Roca, Nebraska.**

Linda Wunderlich, WunderRosa Winery, informed the Board the event is a wedding rehearsal dinner and they are expecting between forty and fifty people.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

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

- C. Contract with Bizco Technologies for an audio/visual system update at the County Extension Office. Line items 1-3 will be completed by September 30, 2015 at a total cost of \$54,761.09. Line items 4 and 5 may be done at the County's request. (C-15-0364)**

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

- D. Settlement agreement between Lancaster County and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #77. (C-15-0365)**

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

- E. Mini-grant contract application and award with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to pay mileage and overtime in the amount of \$5,459.00 for the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" crackdown. (C-15-0366)**

Jeff Bliemeister, Deputy County Sheriff, said the grant and award allows for overtime and mileage to pay approximately twelve deputies to conduct a checkpoint on September 4, 2015, the start of the Labor Day holiday weekend.

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

- F. Contract with Jones Automotive, Inc. for the supply and installation of emergency equipment for police vehicles from a City of Omaha/Douglas County contract. The total cost of products or services for the County shall not exceed \$25,000 during the contract term. The agreement is effective upon execution through December 2, 2015. (C-15-0367)**

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

- G. Contract with Whelen Engineering Company for LED emergency light bars, siren warning accessories and other related accessories. Term of the agreement are pursuant to WSCA-NASPO, Master Agreement No. 81297. (C-15-0368)**

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

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- H. Utility Permit No. 1305 with Windstream Communications for fiber optic cable installation along North 14<sup>th</sup> Street from one-quarter mile south of Arbor Road to one-half mile north of Mill Road. There is no cost to the County. (C-15-0369)**

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

- I. Utility Permit No. 1306 with Windstream Communications for fiber optic cable installation along North 14<sup>th</sup> Street from one-half mile north of Mill Road to Davey Road, then east along Davey Road to the Village of Davey. There is no cost to the County. (C-15-0370)**

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

- J. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0429 with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Children and Family Services for the provision of detention services for youth committed to or placed with DHHS at the Youth Services Center. The amendment changes the end of the term to August 31, 2015. (C-15-0371)**

Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Director, stated they have a long-standing contract with DHHS but noted there have been changes in the reimbursement due to legislative changes. She informed the Board that services for youths that are placed in the Center includes housing, medical and mental health service, as well as education. Schindler said the two-month extension to the contract is due to some personnel changes at DHHS and the additional time allows them to work out the details for future agreements.

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

- K. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0377 with Concrete Industries, Inc. for the annual supply of asphaltic joint sealant. Amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from July 29, 2015 to July 28, 2016. (C-15-0372)**

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

**6) CONSENT ITEM: These are routine business items that 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 the file the County Treasurer Mid-term Report of 2013 distress warrants issued in 2014.

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

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

John Austin, Lancaster County citizen, expressed concern regarding information he received that resident's homes in the area of South "F" Street and South 14<sup>th</sup> Street could be replaced by condominiums.

Schorr said she had attended a meeting and was aware of the "Sodo Initiative". She noted that a consulting firm from St. Louis visited with business and home owners gathering data for redeveloping the area.

Avery added it is a long-range plan to redevelop the south downtown area around the "F" Street Community Center. He stated they do hope to have more consistency in the buildings, keeping the historic buildings and adding more green space. Avery said they are looking to reduce traffic in the area to make better utilization of Cooper Park, which is the oldest park in Lincoln.

Austin asked if the County could look at a ditch on north 27<sup>th</sup> Street. He feels that this it is health hazard because of standing water.

**8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A.** The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a strategic planning meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 302 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).
- B.** The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, July 23, 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).
- C.** The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 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.
- D.** The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).

- E. 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.**

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

*Dan Nolte*

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Dan Nolte, County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 28, 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 July 24, 2015.*

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Bill Avery, Deb Schorr and Todd Wiltgen

Commissioner absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

Others present: Scott Gaines, Deputy 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; and Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 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, July 21, 2015.**

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

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

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

Avery noted that SRA had an increase and decrease and questioned why the increase was not included in the decrease calculation.

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, explained it was due to a condominium regime that was filed that resulted in two separate ownerships and was reflected in separate transactions.

**3) PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications**

**Bryan Medical Center**

**PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:**

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.

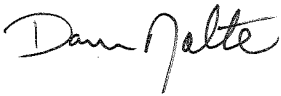
**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

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



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Dan Nolte, County Clerk

