

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
9:00 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 January 22, 2016.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, 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 9:00 a.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

MOTION: Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the minutes. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims process through January 26, 2016.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the claims. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Recognition of the County-City Building art exhibit – Wendy Jane Bantam.

Wendy Jane Bantam thanked the Board for the opportunity to display her artwork in the County-City Building, which she explained is hand-carved plaster. She said that she is the director of Outlook Project that provides venues and scholarships for art students involved in the art and art history programs at the University of Nebraska.

B. Recognition of the Five-O Fun Club (a youth serving partnership between the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and Cedars Youth Services which promotes positive relationships between law enforcement and youth entering the criminal justice system) – Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Sergeant Tommy Trotter.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED:

Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, said the Sheriff's Office, working with Cedars Youth Services and Human Services, explored opportunities to promote and develop positive relationships with at-risk youth 12-18 years of age. He stated that five deputies were selected out of numerous volunteers. Bliemeister said they met with staff from Cedars and a group of six to eight youths for the first time in November. He noted that the funding is provided through community aid. Bliemeister thanked Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, as well as Rico Zavala from Cedars Youth for the initial planning of the endeavor.

Sergeant Tommy Trotter said he was selected to coordinator the project with Cedars. He stated the deputies meet with the youth twice a month and have a variety of activities. Trotter thanked the County Board, Human Services and Cedars Youth Services for their continued support.

In response to Schorr's inquiry regarding expanding the program, Trotter answered that the ratio of deputies to youth works well but if the program did expand, more youth would need to be involved.

The Board thanked Bliemeister and Trotter for their work in making the Five O Fun Club a positive and successful program.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Amending County Resolution R-13-0073 to change the manner in which air quality inspections are conducted. (See correlating item 5A)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Judy Halstead, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, was administered the oath. She stated the Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) requested that unannounced inspections be implemented to be consistent with all entities under the EPA. Halstead said change to the inspection code indicates that the unannounced inspections will be done at reasonable times or normal working hours.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution amending the Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Resolution (R-13-0073) to change the manner in which air quality inspections are conducted as provided in Attachment "A". (R-16-0006)**

MOTION: Avery moved and Schorr seconded approval of the resolution. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Interlocal agreement between the City of Lincoln's Parks and Recreation Department and the Lancaster County Engineer to engage in a hydraulics and hydrology study of County Bridge N-114. (C-16-0050)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, informed the Board that the bridge serves the Denton wellfield and is in need of repair. She said a study is needed to decide if a box culvert will be appropriate. Dingman stated the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department has indicated plans to put a trail in this corridor and want to ensure there will be an appropriate path. She noted the City and County will share in the cost of the study.

In response to Wiltgen's inquiry, Dingman said the cost of the study would be approximately \$8500.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agreement. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Offer to The Cornhusker, a Marriott Hotel, to rent 150 rooms and meeting space from October 11, 2016 to October 14, 2016, to host the 2016 Nebraska Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference. The County will pay \$89 per room night, \$1300 for the meeting space, and \$6000 for food and beverage. Such cost will be paid using Community Aid funds from the Nebraska Crime Commission. (C-16-0051)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, noted many positive changes resulted in the juvenile justice system and community aid during the conference held two years ago. She said there have been requests from throughout Nebraska to hold a similar conference in 2016. Hoyle stated that state and county funds will not be used for the food and beverage cost of \$6000 as it is an unallowable expense. She said a committee has been working to find sponsors and vendors to cover this expense. Hoyle added that they are working on providing continuing education credits.

Gary Aldridge, 7112 S. 45th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, appeared and commented that the expenditures will be paid with tax dollars. He noted the total cost of the conference would be \$21,000 and if it is only paid by property tax it would consume all tax dollars paid, on average residential property, by forty-seven taxpayers.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the offer. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Acceptance of proposal for appraisal services with Great Plains Appraisal, Inc., in the amount of \$4000 for appraisal services at 2201 South 17th Street. (C-16-0052)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the proposal. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Hoyle gave an overview of items 5E thru 5G.

- E. Grant contract between Lancaster County and The Salvation Army in the amount of \$31,022 for the Sports with Police Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-16-0053)**

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the grant contract. Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Grant contract between Lancaster County and Clyde Malone Community Center, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 for the Talented Tenth Scholar's Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to July 30, 2016. (C-16-0054)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the grant contract. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. Grant contract between Lancaster County and Clyde Malone Community Center, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 for the Strong and Smart Girls Program. Term of the contract is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (C-16-0055)**

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the grant contract. Wiltgen, Hudkins, Avery, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- H. Grant contract between Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln Police Department (LPD) in the amount of \$140,108 to provide funding to the Lancaster County Attorney's Office for the Lincoln/Lancaster County Investigative Narcotics Cooperative Task Force. Term of the contract is October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. (C-16-0056)**

David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, stated this has been an ongoing process but the first time a contract has been presented for the Board's approval. He said LPD provides funding to the County Attorney's Office for two attorneys at one hundred percent and one attorney at ninety percent to help prosecute drug crimes related to the Task Force.

In response to Wiltgen's inquiry, Derbin said the United States Department of Justice provides the funding.

Avery asked why a contract is now necessary. Derbin stated that the Department of Justice has informed LPD that a formal grant contract is required.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the grant contract. Avery, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

- I. Grant contract between Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln Police Department (LPD) in the amount of \$50,000 to provide funding to the Lancaster Sheriff's Office (LSO) for the Lincoln/Lancaster County Investigative Narcotics Cooperative Task Force. LSO shall contribute \$6,500 in non-federal matching funds. Term of the contract is October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. (C-16-0057)**

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, clarified that the Task Force has been in existence for approximately 30 years. He said previously there was a memo of understanding but the Department of Justice now requires a contract.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the grant contract. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

- J. Agreement with Midwest Towing for towing and storage of towed vehicles for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. The term of the agreement is three years from the date of execution. The County will pay for the services pursuant to the pricing provided in the contractor's proposal. (C-16-0058)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Avery, Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- K. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0155 with Hood Masters, Inc. for kitchen exhaust hood and equipment cleaning services. The amendment renews the agreement for an additional one-year term from January 24, 2016 to January 23, 2017. (C-16-0059)**

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the amendment. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- L. Amendment to County Contract C-10-0101 with Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Inc. for the annual requirements of cost per copy services, extending the contract for an additional one-year term from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. (C-16-0060)**

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the amendment. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- M. Addendum #4 to a lease agreement with the Department of Administrative Services, State Building Division, acting on behalf of the Department of Corrections, for office space in Trabert Hall. The addendum renews the lease agreement for a one-year term from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017. (C-16-0061)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the addendum.

Schorr asked if the agreement could be cancelled if Trabert Hall is vacated prior to April 30, 2017. Derbin stated that he would need to review the original agreement to determine if there was a termination clause.

The item was held until later in the meeting pending review of the original agreement.

- N. Public Employer Retirement Plan Annual Report for the Lancaster County, Nebraska 401(a) Employees Retirement Plan for the plan year ending December 31, 2015.**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, stated it is an annual requirement for the report to be filed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the report. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

O. Dormancy Agreement with Hewlett Packard for HPRM licenses. (C-16-0062)

MOTION: Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the dormancy agreement. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6) CONSENT ITEMS: 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. Right-of-way contract between Lancaster County and Zachary and Sarie Whitson, South 120th Street and Pine Lake Road, in the amount of \$200,055. (C-16-0063)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded approval of the consent item. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Gary Aldridge, 7112 S. 45th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, appeared and commented on property tax relief. He noted recent articles in the Lincoln Journal Star that offered opinions and suggestions on solving the property tax issue. Aldridge said the burden of property tax and tax relief is owned by political subdivisions and the solution begins with citizens and watchfulness.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will tour Community Corrections, the Public Defender's Office and the Benesch Building which will be the new location of the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting.

B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a Mid-Year Budget Retreat on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Training Center (3140 N Street, Lincoln).

C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.

- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding a request to vacate a portion of (old) South 54th Street between Hickman Road and relocated South 54th Street.
- E. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- F. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesdays (1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.), Wednesdays (12:00 a.m.-midnight) and Saturdays (3:30 p.m.) on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on the internet at lancaster.ne.gov under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.

RETURNING TO ITEM 5M:

Derbin said upon reviewing the original agreement it does allow for termination of the agreement with a ninety-day notice by either party.

ROLL CALL: Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:50 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk



MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
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 January 22, 2016.

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

Others present: Scott Gaines, County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, 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 9:50 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, January 19, 2016.

MOTION: Avery moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the minutes. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications

Christian Record Services, Inc.
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Nebraska Wesleyan University
The Salvation Army
St. Joseph Catholic Church and School
Union College
Wyuka Funeral Home and Cemetery

The Chair opened the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the exemptions. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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 meeting at 9:55 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte

Dan Nolte, County Clerk

