

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 December 16, 2016.*

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, 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:**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting (Joint Public Hearing) held on Monday, December 12, 2016.**

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

- B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.**

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

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through December 13, 2016.**

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

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Visitors Improvement Fund Grant contract in the amount of \$2,200 to the Lincoln Children's Museum for creation of a 360° view of the Children's Museum on their website – Marissa Gill Keyser, Lincoln Children's Museum; Lynne Ireland, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair; and Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director. (See correlating item 4A)**

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, thanked the Board for their continued support of tourism in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Lynne Ireland, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair, said the Lincoln Children's Museum is planning to use the grant funds to develop a 360° view of the activities on each floor of the museum. This will be a new addition to their existing website.

Marissa Gill Keyser, Lincoln Children's Museum, stated the technology will allow potential visitors the unique opportunity to do a virtual "walk thru" of all three floors of the museum. She said a new exhibit will be opening in January with the debut of the addition to the website in February.

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Visitors Improvement Fund Grant contract in the amount of \$2,200 to the Lincoln Children's Museum for creation of a 360° view of the Children's Museum on their website. The term of the contract is January 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017. (C-16-0721)**

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

- B. Resolution in the matter of designating banks as depositories for Lancaster County for 2017. (R-16-0082)**

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

- C. Resolution adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16005 as the new Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan with amendments. (R-16-0079)**

Richard Schmeling, 4612 Van Dorn Street, Lincoln, appeared and urged the Board not to move funding from trails and transit to road projects. Schmeling submitted a recent study on public transit being safer than driving (Exhibit A).

David Cary, Planning Director, stated the City Council adopted the Plan with five additional amendments on Monday, December 19, 2016. He provided an overview of the five amendments.

Wiltgen asked Cary to discuss the relationship between the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Cary said Chapter 10 of the Plan is devoted to the topic of transportation. The LRTP is a separate document that goes through a federal process in order to qualify the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County for federal funding. He stated that document is effectively the same information contained in Chapter 10 although the LRTP requires separate approval by a board comprised of the Mayor, City Council Chair and Vice-Chair, County Board Chair and Vice-Chair and Department of Roads Director. Cary said approval does not bind any official body to tax increases but provides a direction or plan for future programs and projects.

Amundson stated that she would be voting no in response to the number of concerns she has received from constituents.

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the resolution. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

- D. Annual salary for Katie Hyemi Choi, Lancaster District Court Law Clerk, of \$44,343 effective January 9, 2017. Choi will work 6 hours per day from January 9 through March 29, 2017 and will be paid on an hourly basis at \$21.319. Choi will begin fulltime employment on March 30, 2017.**

Jared Gavin, District Court Administrator, said the salary for law clerks is a set salary, although, a "step plan" for this position may be developed in the future.

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

- E. Appointment of Tim Schultz and Joselyn Luedtke to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Advisory Board for terms to expire September 1, 2018.**

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

- F. Addendum to County Contract C-04-0009 with Ameritas Investment Corporation for financial consulting services with respect to financing debt of Lancaster County. The addendum renews the contract for a four-year term and adds the requirement to register with and use a federal immigration verification system. (C-16-0722)**

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer, stated the addendum will renew the contract for another four-year period. A RFP was last issued in 2004. He said Ameritas has worked with the City, County and Public Building Commission on different bond issuances and felt it has been a good partnership.

Scott Keene, Ameritas Investment Corporation, Vice President and Managing Director, stated even though the County currently does not have any debt outstanding and no contemplated financings, this contract still allows for consulting.

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

- G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the County Engineer to award a purchase order to NMC for the purchase of two (2) 12M3 motor graders based on the lowest lifecycle cost of each unit. Pricing is based on NJPA Contract #032515 with a 33% discount on all items. The total cost to the County of both units is \$417,433.56. (C-16-0720)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, noted the cost for the motor graders was included in the current budget. The two machines being replaced are 1998 models.

Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent, said there were two cooperative contracts that offered both Caterpillar and John Deere products. He stated an across-the-board comparison was done to get the best value. Walla added the overall pricing was entered into a formula for life-cycle cost and the cost does include a trade-in for the two units.

Dingman stated while it was an extensive process to determine life-cycle cost, it did make a dramatic difference.

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

- H. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and the County Engineer to award a purchase order to Sid Dillon Ford using the State of Nebraska Contract 14653(C) for four (4) 2017 Ford F-250 AWD, XLT extended cab pick-up trucks. The total amount of the order is \$122,160. (C-16-0715)**

Dingman said these items were also included in the budget. The District Supervisors will receive the new trucks and other vehicles will be "cycled down" through the department.

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

- I. Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Marshals Service (USMS) and Lancaster County on behalf of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office (LSO) to participate in the Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF) to investigate and apprehend local, state and federal fugitives. (C-16-0723)**

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, stated this memorandum adds a clause to a current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding a less than lethal use of force policy.

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the memorandum of understanding. Schorr, Avery, Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- J. Contract with United Parcel Service, Inc., using the NASPO Valuepoint Contract MA065, State of Nebraska Contract No. 74642 O4 to provide small package delivery services. Term of the contract shall be effective upon execution through November 27, 2020. Pricing will be pursuant to the State of Utah's NASPO Valuepoint and United Parcel Service contract. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500 per year for a total of \$10,000 for the term of the contract. (C-16-0716)**

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

- K. Grant contract with the Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the amount of \$96,059 to provide funding for the Family Treatment Drug Court Track program. Term of the contract is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019. (C-16-0724)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said this contract allows the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Resource Project for Vulnerable Young Children to evaluate the program to ensure it is evidence based.

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

**L. Withdrawal of the following Lancaster County Board of Commissioners agenda items that have been previously placed on hold:**

- 1. Agreement with Roca Berry Farm authorizing Roca Berry Farm to apply magnesium chloride to those portions of South 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Roy Street as designated in Exhibit A to the agreement. The term of this agreement is two years from the date this agreement is executed by both parties. (C-16-0568)**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to withdraw the agenda item. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**M. Amendment to County Contract C-13-0602 with Waste Connections of Nebraska for waste and recyclable collection services (Bid No. 13-304). The estimated expenditures for this contract will be increased by \$318.75 per month for the remainder of the contract term with a revised total amount of \$88,825. (C-16-0717)**

Walla requested this item be held in order to review the requested increase amount.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded this item be held. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**N. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0623 with Cash Money 24/7 LLC for providing automated teller machine (ATM) services. The amendment renews the contract from December 8, 2016 through December 7, 2017. (C-16-0718)**

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

**O. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0009 with Rixstine Recognition for the annual supply of trophies, plaques, awards and promotional items (Quote No. 4676). The amendment renews the contract from January 7, 2017 through January 6, 2018. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$3,000. (C-16-0719)**

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

**5) 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. Receive and place on file the Sheriff's Office report for November, 2016:**

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

**6) 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 South 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, appeared and commented on taxes, budgets, spending and cost of living allowance (COLA).

**7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

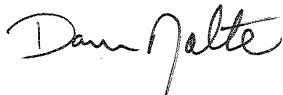
**A. Due to the holidays the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will not meet on Thursday, December 22, Tuesday, December 27 or Thursday, December 29, 2016. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**

**B. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).**

**C. 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](http://lancaster.ne.gov) under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.**

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:05 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



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Dan Nolte, County Clerk



## Taking Public Transit Found To Be Safer Than Driving

Whether **intercity passenger rail**, streetcars, subways or buses, people take public transportation because they can easily reach their destinations while focusing on other tasks such as reading, listening to music or sightseeing. Now, a new report from the American Public Transportation Association adds another reason to that list: it can save your life.

The findings from "The Hidden Traffic Safety Solution: Public Transportation" revealed that people who regularly drive on U.S. roads, can significantly decrease their chances of being in an accident by 90 percent if they take public forms of transit. To put it another way, public transit is 10 times safer than driving and can help increase commuter safety in U.S. cities.

"It is time we employ public transit as a traffic safety tool because it can dramatically reduce the crash risk for individuals as well as a community," said APTA Acting CEO and President Richard White. "While no mode of travel is risk free, the safety of public transit is striking when observing the number of fatalities that are a result of auto crashes."

Overall, the study revealed that deaths and injury rates trended down in communities that had higher rates of public transit ridership. Cities that average more than 50 annual transit trips per capita have about half the average traffic fatality rates as cities where residents average fewer than 20 annual trips.

"This is a remarkable finding by APTA, that truly highlights why passenger rail and other forms of public transit are critical to moving people to their destinations, safely," said Jim Mathews, NARP President and CEO.

"We hope these findings encourage people to think twice about driving on our nation's congested highways, while also encouraging regular and

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and just 10 miles from Jacksonville State University. You can learn more about the bike trail at [www.chiefadigatrail.com](http://www.chiefadigatrail.com). To learn more about Amtrak's bicycle policy, see [www.amtrak.com/bring-your-bicycle-onboard](http://www.amtrak.com/bring-your-bicycle-onboard).

In addition, SRC Commissioners continue to re-iterate that the Gulf Coast Working Group will get to a resolution with CSX regarding restoration of service between New Orleans and Orlando. SRC Secretary/Treasurer Knox Ross (MS) pointed out that "This is a negotiation. Everyone is confident we will prevail and get this done."

A summary report will be sent to Congress on September 17th

from the Gulf Coast Working Group with the final report due in December.

Along with discussions of Gulf Coast restoration were talks regarding service between Atlanta - Meridian - Dallas/Fort Worth service that would be a westward continuation of the Crescent.

A recent Amtrak feasibility study showed that an I-20 passenger rail corridor would be "cash positive." The SRC has begun talks with mayors in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi to gauge support. The bottom line is SRC is making huge strides in moving passenger rail forward in the south; another step forward in a Connected America.

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 December 16, 2016.*

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

Others present: Scott Gaines, Assessor/Register of Deeds Office; Kerry Eagan, 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 10:05 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, December 13, 2016.**

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

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

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**3) PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications (See correlating item 4)**

**Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry Corporation**

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.



**4) ACTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

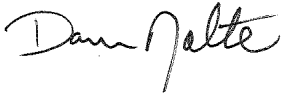
**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the motor vehicle exemptions. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**5) 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.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 10:06 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



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Dan Nolte, County Clerk

