

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Roma Amundson, Chair
Todd Wiltgen, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr
Bill Avery

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

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on May 25, 2016.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2016 STAFF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded approval of the May 19, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained from voting. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Legislative Resolution (LR) 439 (Interim study to examine the use of tax-increment financing by municipalities for residential development) (Exhibit A)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Wiltgen, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Schorr arrived at the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

3 UPDATE ON PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION REGARDING AVALON EVENT PARADISE AND HILLSIDE EVENTS - David Cary, Planning Director; Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Planning Department; Tom Cajka, Planner II, Planning Department; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

David Cary, Planning Director, said the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission voted to recommend against approving special permits for Avalon Event Paradise (12788 West Roca Road) and Hillside Events (12400 West Denton Road) (see Exhibits B-D). **NOTE:** Both facilities are on private land in areas zoned for agriculture and have been hosting weddings and other events. Two of the Planning Commissioners thought special permits might be appropriate, with conditions,

Tom Cajka, Planner II, and Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Planning Department, said neighboring property owners expressed concerns regarding noise, traffic issues, personal safety, litter, and the facilities not meeting the intent of expanded home occupation. Questions were also raised regarding emergency response times. Hudkins said he was contacted by Marilyn Giles, an area resident, to voice her concerns regarding noise, litter and people turning around in their driveway. Henrichsen said he will forward the Board links to materials and letters the Planning Department received regarding these special permit applications.

Cary said staff tried to place conditions on the activity with both applications. The majority of the Planning Commissioners felt, not only was the use not in the spirit and intent of expanded home occupation, but both applicants had a history of not necessarily following the rules all the way through so there was concern they would not follow through with the conditions placed on them.

Avery asked whether any new arguments were presented at the Planning Commission's hearing other than those that relate to disturbing the tranquility of the rural area. Henrichsen said the concerns regarding fireworks were unique. He added other applications for expansion of a home occupation were primarily for inside a building, such as a cabinet maker, with activities taking place during business hours rather than evenings and weekends.

Avery also inquired whether the applicants are in compliance with other regulations. Cajka said they are out of compliance with the zoning code and that is why they are requesting special permits. In addition, Hillside Events made improvements to the barn where events are held without obtaining permits. Henrichsen said the County Attorney's Office, Planning Department and Building and Safety Department have advised Hillside Events to not hold any events, due to safety concerns. He said Avalon has an existing boathouse which meets portions of the existing home occupation ordinance. The large tents where they have been holding weddings do not.

Schorr inquired about the applicants' commitments to future events. Henrichsen said Avalon specifically stated it had only scheduled eight events for 2016, two of which have already occurred. Avalon has three small receptions scheduled in June that could comply with the existing home occupation ordinance. No events are scheduled in July and August. Two larger events involving tents are scheduled in the fall. He said Hillside Events had previously indicated it has events scheduled in June.

Hudkins inquired about enforcement. Henrichsen said it is suggested that any complaints be documented and forwarded to Building and Safety for verification. The County Board could then hold a public hearing on whether to revoke the special permit.

Brief discussion took place regarding the restriction on number of employees (two working on the site) in the home occupation ordinance. Henrichsen said the applicants' attorney proposed tracking the number of hours employees who are coming on-site (florists, caterers, etc.) work and limiting the total to 80 hours a week (equivalent to two employees working 40 hours a week). David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, said he disagrees with the Planning Department's interpretation of who would be deemed an employee.

Hudkins also inquired about the Sheriff's authority to intervene. Derbin said Sheriff's Office would follow their standard operating procedure for responding to a party situation.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the next step will be for the Board to hold a public hearing on the special permit applications. Schorr felt that hearing should take place when all five Commissioners are present.

4 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) AUDIT REPORT - Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office; Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Kristy Bauer, Deputy County Attorney

Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office, said the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has completed its audit and disagrees with how the County handled a settlement payment to a former employee. He said the County did not view the payment as wages and no taxes were withheld. The IRS indicated the County should have withheld taxes and is assessing the County the amount it has determined should have been withheld (\$11,418.32). It was noted this amount was negotiated down from what the IRS initially intended to assess. Genuchi said the employee will receive a W-2 form (wage and tax statement) and it will be his responsibility to re-file his taxes. If the employee signs a form stipulating that he paid the taxes, the County will receive a refund for a portion of what it was assessed.

Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney, said it was clear in the settlement that it was the intent of both parties to the agreement that the payment would not be subject to tax. He said part of the complicating issue is that the agreement was intended to settle a number of issues, including that the employee would not seek County employment again. The IRS viewed it as wages rather than a buyout.

Wiltgen exited the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

The Board scheduled an agreement with the Department of the Treasury-Internal Revenue Service to assess and collect additional tax in the amount of \$11,418.32 on the May 31, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

Wiltgen returned to the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

5 LANCASTER COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION COMMITTEE (VPC)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM:

- 1) STAR CITY BMX INC (\$10,000)**
- 2) UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA STATE MUSEUM (\$10,000)**
- 3) LINCOLN PARKS FOUNDATION (\$10,000)**
- 4) CAMP CREEK THRESHERS ASSOCIATION (\$11,570)**

B) REQUEST FROM LINCOLN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) TO USE \$180,000 FROM VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PROMOTION

C) VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION MODIFICATIONS -
Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) Chair; Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director

A) Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Applications

1) Star City BMX Inc. (\$10,000)

Julie Lattimer, Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) Chair, said Star City BMX Inc. is requesting \$10,000 to make improvements to its track facility so it can be in contention for future regional and national events. The total project cost is \$11,475 but \$10,000 is the grant limit. Star City BMX indicated it can cover the remainder of the cost with normal operating funds. She said the VPC recommends approval of the request.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the funding request.

Wiltgen inquired about the balance for the Visitors Improvement Fund. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, appeared and said it is slightly over \$1,800,000. He said there is \$1,300,000 of that amount that can be committed for this Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, adding \$1,400,000 is committed for FY 2017 and \$620,000 is committed for FY 2018.

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

2) University of Nebraska State Museum (\$10,000)

Lattimer said the University of Nebraska State Museum is requesting \$10,000 to build a parasite exhibit for display between March-December, 2017 (see Exhibit E). She said the museum has the second largest collection of animal parasites in the western hemisphere and is the most important systematic parasitology center in the world. Lattimer said \$8,000 to \$10,000 in new donor funds will be used to promote the exhibit and it is anticipated to generate interest in the study of parasitology at the University. The VPC recommends approval of the request and encourages the Museum to create a digital display of the exhibit.

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

3) Lincoln Parks Foundation (\$10,000)

Lattimer said the Lincoln Parks Foundation, in partnership with the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln Flying Disc Association, is requesting \$10,000 to make improvements to two public disc golf courses at Tierra Park and East Roper Park to allow it to host tournaments. She said the request is part of a three phase project totaling \$50,900, with the first phase totaling \$21,170. Lattimer said the Lincoln Parks Foundation plans to raise the additional funds needed to finish the first phase and the VPC recommends approval, contingent upon the remaining funds for Phase One being raised.

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

4) Camp Creek Threshing Association (\$11,570)

Lattimer said the Camp Creek Threshing Association is requesting \$11,570 to make improvements to three buildings: 1) Pour a concrete pad by the church for a wheelchair lift; 2) Replace the roof on the print shop building; and 3) Restore the livery stable. She said the VPC encourages the Association to continue to grow their annual Camp Creek Threshing show and consider more living history events. The VPC recommends approval of the request.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the funding request.

Eagan noted the request is over the \$10,000 grant amount and asked whether the Association was unable to raise the remaining funds. Lattimer said the VPC felt because the grant request was for the total amount, rather than the \$10,000 amount, there was the ability to approve it as the request.

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

B) Request from Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to Use \$180,000 from Visitors Improvement Fund for Promotion

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director, presented a recommendation from the VPC that ½% of lodging tax funds for January, 2016 through April, 2016 be released to the CVB to cover past and existing bid fees, having deemed that tourist facilities are adequate (Exhibit F). The bid fees are as follows: \$85,000 for Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Girls State Basketball Tournaments; \$85,000 for NSAA Boys State Basketball Tournaments; and \$10,000 for Formula SAE, a student automotive engineering design competition.

Wiltgen inquired about the determination that the facilities are adequate. Eagan said state statutes are vague in this regard but said the VPC surveys facilities regarding future plans before making that determination.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to deem facilities adequate and allow the use of Visitors Improvement Fund dollars for promotion, as presented. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: A resolution in the matter of authorizing use of the County Visitors Improvement Fund for visitor promotion covering the period of January 2016 through April 2016 in the amount of \$180,000 will be scheduled on the May 31, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

C) Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Application Modifications

Maul presented preliminary revisions to the Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Guidelines (Exhibit G), noting further clarification of Item 4f is needed.

The Board recognized Lattimer for her service on the VPC. **NOTE:** Lattimer's final term on the VPC will end June 30, 2016.

6 VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - Rick Ringlein, County Veterans Service Officer

Rick Ringlein, County Veterans Service Officer, said William "Bill" Bowman's five-year term on the Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee will expire June 30, 2016 (Exhibit H). **NOTE:** The Veterans Service Committee consists of five wartime veterans who oversee the operations of the Veterans Service Office. He said Bowman has indicated he would like to serve another term and has been endorsed by the Vietnam Veteran's of America, Chapter 727. Thomas McBride has also submitted an application for appointment and has been endorsed by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 200. The Veterans Service Committee has recommended reappointment of Bowman.

In response to a question from Avery, Ringlein said the wartime service dates shown are what is recognized by the State of Nebraska and are more broad than those recognized by the federal Veterans Administration (VA).

The Board scheduled the reappointment on the May 31, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Legislative Resolution (LR) 439 (Interim study to examine the use of tax-increment financing by municipalities for residential development) (Exhibit A)

Eagan said Senator Crawford and the Legislature's Urban Affairs Committee have asked that representatives from several counties, including Lancaster County, participate in a series of stakeholder meetings over the summer. Eagan and Hudkins agreed to participate on behalf of Lancaster County.

7 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

8 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Agency Tours Scheduling Conflict (August 23, 2016)

There was consensus to reschedule the agency tours to September 15th, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

B. Management Team Meeting Agenda (June 9, 2016)

Eagan said information on identify theft will be presented.

C. Reference Schematic for County Commissioners

The Chair reviewed the Reference Schematic for County Commissioners (see agenda packet) with the following updates:

- Fall Legislative Retreat will be held August 25, 2016 at the Lancaster County Extension Office
- Tri-County Commissioners' Breakfast with State Senators will be held January 9, 2017 in the State Capitol, Room 1023

Schorr exited the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

- Board members will talk to City Council members about the proposed change of zone for the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Building. **NOTE:** The City Council will hold a public hearing on the zoning request on June 6, 2016.
- The final report from Robert Blair, Associate Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO); and Jerry Deichert, Director for the Center for Public Affairs Research, UNO (Facilitators) on strategic planning has been provided to Commissioners but has not been made public
- Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, is working on the Annual Report
- Eagan is still working on the Handbook for Elected Officials and Appointed Directors and will consult Schorr
- Schorr will make arrangements for the Board's next volunteer activity

Schorr returned to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

D. County Participation in National Arts Program

There was consensus to support participation by County employees in the National Arts Program.

E. Lancaster County Board of Zoning Appeals Update

Eagan said he has confirmed that the Board appointed Herschel Staats to the Lancaster County Board of Zoning Appeals (see March 10, 2015 County Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes) and said the Board will need to amend the term for Jennifer Hiatt, who was subsequently appointed to serve Staats' term.

10 PENDING

There were no pending items.

11 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Avery, Wiltgen

Avery said they approved expenditures.

B. Lincoln South Beltway Environmental Workshop - Schorr

Schorr said this was the final of three workshops and said discussion focused on potential development issues.

C. Web Committee Meeting - Schorr

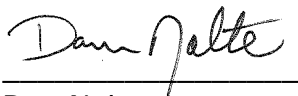
Schorr said the Committee reviewed the number of "hits" , by department, on the County's website, noting the County Assessor, County Clerk and Sheriff's Office receive the most. She said the Board needs to appoint an additional County representative and suggested Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent. Schorr said she also proposed changes to the County's home page and suggested the Board issue a press release asking amateur photographers to submit iconic photographs of Lincoln and Lancaster County that could be placed on the website.

12 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

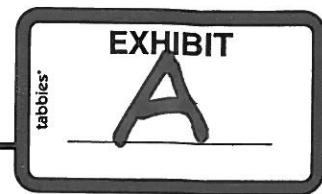
13 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





Kerry P. Eagan

From: Beth Ferrell [beth@nacone.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Kerry P. Eagan
Subject: Stakeholders for interim study on TIF

Kerry,
Senator Crawford and the Legislature's Urban Affairs Committee are working on LR439, an interim study to examine the use of TIF by municipalities for residential development. They are hoping to have a series of stakeholder meetings over the summer with municipalities, counties and school districts. They would like to have representatives from several counties participate in the meetings and have asked for our help in determining some counties that have a particular interest in TIF. Since there have been a number of TIF projects that involve residential development in Lancaster County, would you or one of the commissioners like to be involved? If one of the commissioners has a particular interest in this area, I would be happy to contact them directly if you prefer.

Thanks for your help.

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Special Permit #: SP15064
Avalon Event Paradise
SW 128th St & W Roca Rd

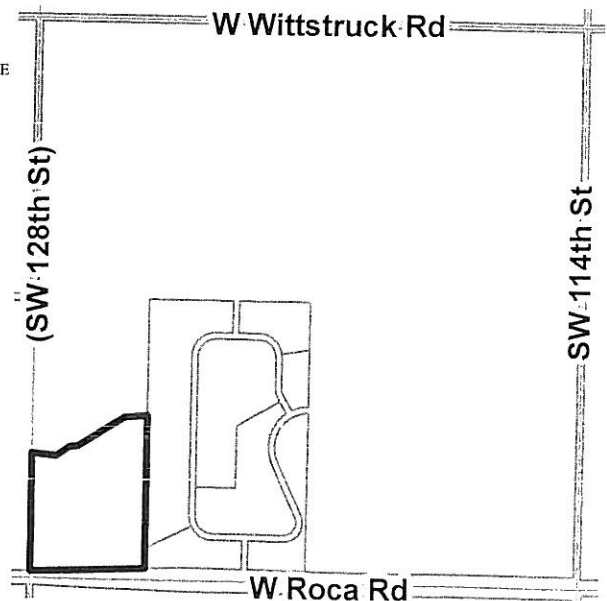
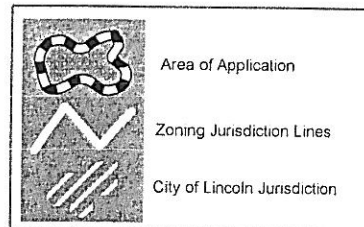
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- I-3 Employment Center District
- P Public Use District

One Square Mile:
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Property Lines

1200 ft

100 ft
47 ft
Tennis Court

Storage Garages

Bathhouse \approx 2,000 sq ft

450' \pm

Ceremony Island

50'

12788 W Roca Rd

900 ft

Private Res.

120 ft
60'
125'
50'

Tent/Reception Area

540' \pm

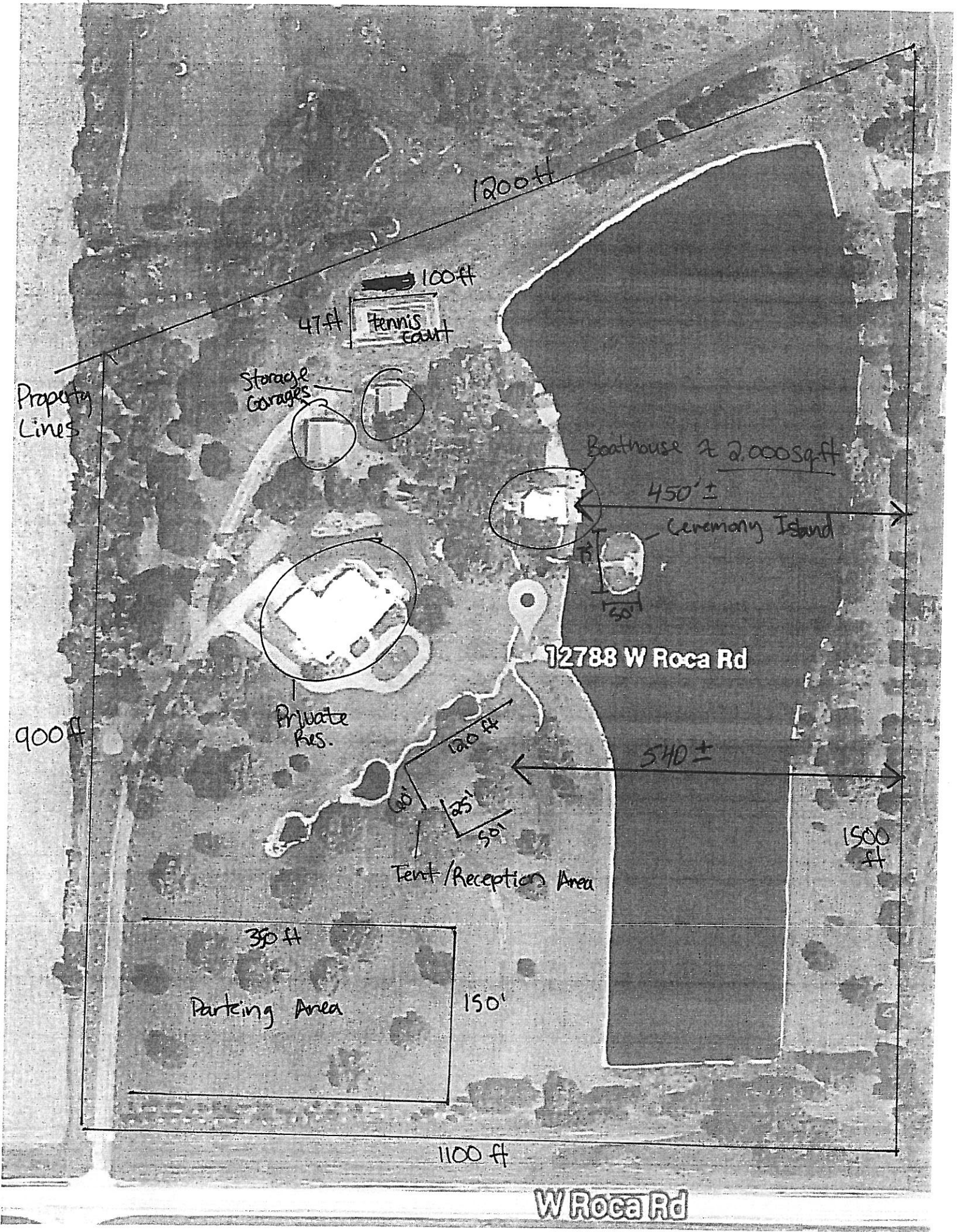
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350 ft
Parking Area

150'

1100 ft

W Roca Rd



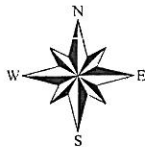


Special Permit #: SP16021
 Hillside Events
 SW 126th St & W Denton Rd

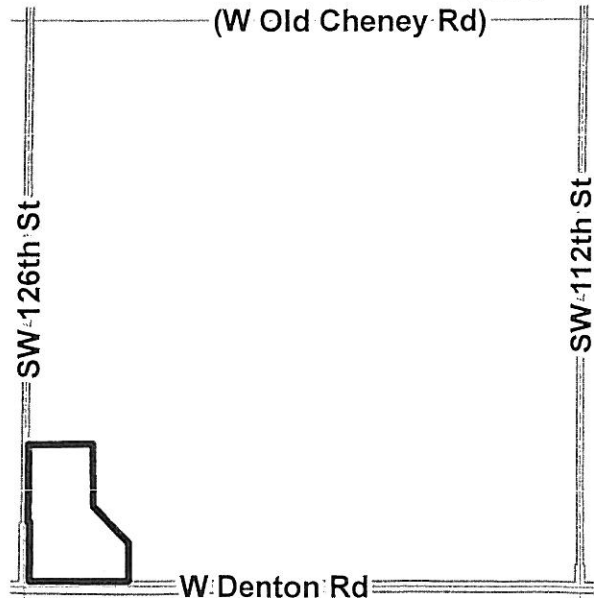
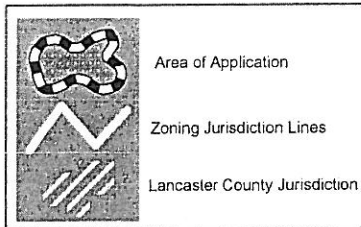
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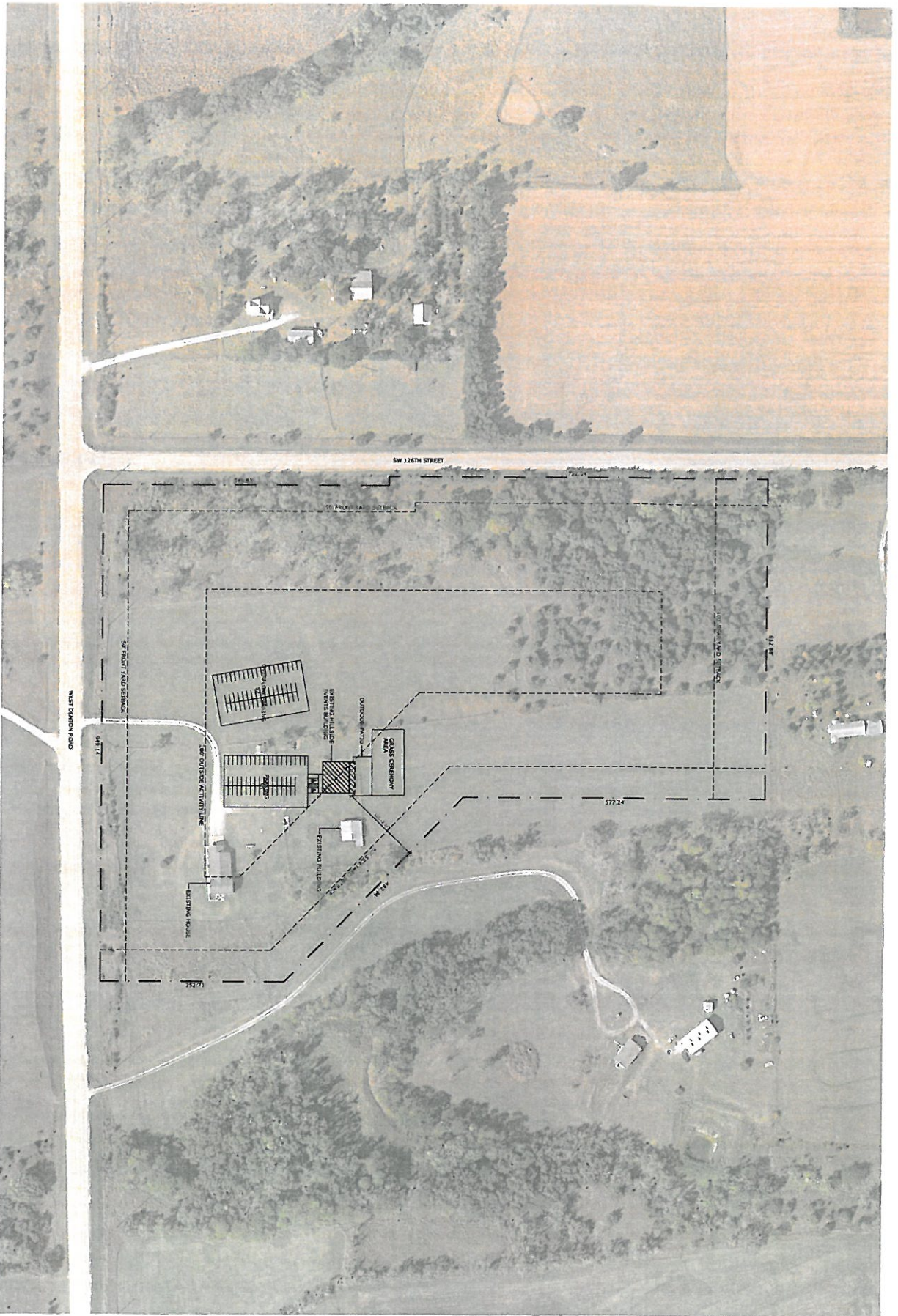
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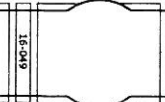
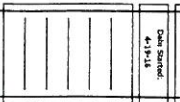
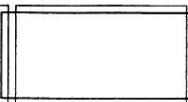
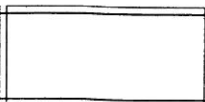
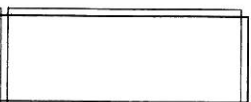


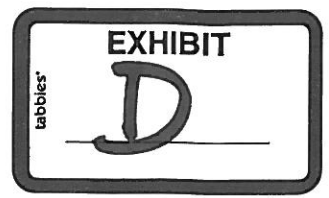
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**ARTICLE 15
ADDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS**

15.001. Home Occupations. A home occupation may be carried on within a dwelling unit or accessory building under the following conditions:

a) There is no sign other than one non-animated, non-illuminated, non-reflecting nameplate not more than two (2) square feet in area, which name plate designates the home occupation carried on within, in letters not to exceed two (2) inches in height and attached to the building wherein the home occupation is conducted;

b) There is no commodity sold upon the premises except that which is grown, manufactured, processed or treated on the premises in connection with such occupation or activity or which is sold in relation and incidental to such occupation or activity;

c) No more than one person may be engaged in the home occupation who is employed on the premises other than a member of the family residing on the premises;

d) Any activities carried on outdoors in the "R" Residential District in connection with the home occupation is screened from view of a public street or adjacent property and there is no outdoor storage of any equipment, machinery, parts, or other articles of any nature used in connection with such home occupation;

e) There are no materials or equipment used which will cause noise, vibration, or odors, electrical interference, smoke or particulate matter in excess of the ordinary and usual conditions in the general area;

f) No more than twenty (20) percent of the total floor area of all buildings on the premises is utilized in conducting such home occupation.

(Resolution No. R-09-0076, September 29, 2009)

15.003. Dwellings for Non-Related Persons. Dwellings for four (4) to six (6) persons not immediately related by blood, marriage, adoption and living as a single housekeeping unit on lots one (1) acre or more in area shall be permitted, provided that one (1) offstreet parking space is supplied for each person in the housekeeping unit.

15.005. Subdivision Promotion Activity. In areas of new construction or lot development, a subdivision promotion activity may be established in a residential zoning district for the purpose of selling lots of homes in the area under the following conditions:

a) The purpose of the subdivision promotion activity shall be to promote the sale of lots or homes in the subdivision or area in which the subdivision promotion activity is located or where similar homes are being constructed;

b) Any office or similar premises used in connection with the subdivision promotion activity shall be located within a subdivision display home and no exterior reconstruction or any permanent alteration of the said display home shall be permitted in establishing said office;

c) There shall be no sign on the premises other than those permitted in Article 16;

d) The subdivision promotion activity may continue for a period of one (1) year from the issuance of the first occupancy permit to each builder, contractor, or subdivider within a subdivision or lot development area. At the expiration of one (1) year, a permit shall be obtained from the Codes Administration Division to allow continuation of the subdivision promotion activity. This permit may be granted after an evaluation of the location or proposed location of the subdivision promotion activity by the Department of Building and Safety with consideration given to the type of development in the immediate area of the promotion activity and the effect of the promotion activity on the adjacent area;

- a) Adaption to living with, or rehabilitation from, the handicaps of physical disability;
- b) Adaption to living with, or rehabilitation from, the handicaps of emotional or mental disorder, or mental retardation;
- c) Rehabilitation from the effects of a drug or alcohol abuse;
- d) Supervision while under a program of alternatives to imprisonment, including but not limited to pre-release and probationary programs.

2.065. Health Care Facility. Health care facility shall mean a building or structure licensed or approved by the State or appropriate agency, if required, used as any of the following:

- a) Hospital;
- b) Convalescent or nursing home;
- c) A facility in which sixteen (16) or more people reside while receiving therapy, counseling, or rehabilitation for physical, emotional or mental disease or disability;
- d) A facility for out-patient physical, occupational or vocational therapy or rehabilitation;
- e) Public health clinics and facilities.

Health care facility does not include doctor's or dentist's professional offices and private clinics.

2.066. Heritage Center. One or more buildings and open space within which a historical significant era or activity is displayed, provided that, the retail of crafts or other works is complementary to such era of activity. (Resolution No. 4277, April 28, 1987)

2.067. Home Occupation. Home occupation shall mean any occupation or activity which: 1) is carried on within a dwelling unit or accessory building by a member of the family residing on the premises and by non-family members as allowed by this Resolution; and 2) is incidental and secondary to the residential occupancy and does not change the residential character thereof. The regulations pertaining to home occupations can be found in Article 13 and 15. (Resolution No. R-09-0076, September 29, 2009)

2.069. Hotel. A dwelling not consisting of dwelling units and occupied by more than twenty (20) persons all of whom may reach their living accommodations by passing through one central lobby.

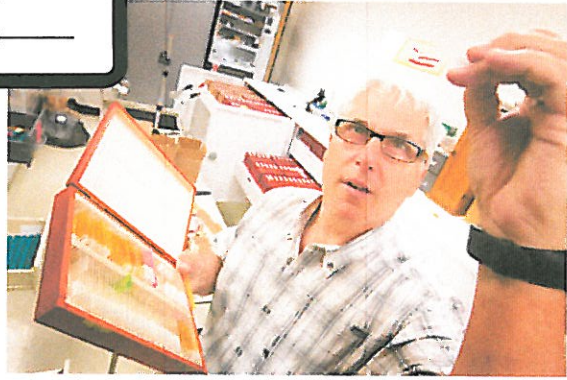
2.071. Housing for the Elderly. Housing for the elderly shall mean any dwelling in which each occupied dwelling unit is occupied by at least one (1) person of 60 years of age or more.

2.072. Interior Section. Any section of land in a township, except those sections lying along the west line or north line of a township. (Resolution No. 3478, June 24, 1980)

2.073. Landscaping. Landscaping shall mean that an area is permanently devoted and maintained for the growing of trees, shrubbery, lawns and other plant materials; landscaping shall conform to all applicable standards adopted by the County Board.

2.075. Lodging House. A building or place where lodging is provided (or which is equipped to provide lodging regularly) by prearrangement for definite periods, for compensation, for three (3) or more persons in contradistinction to hotels open to transients.

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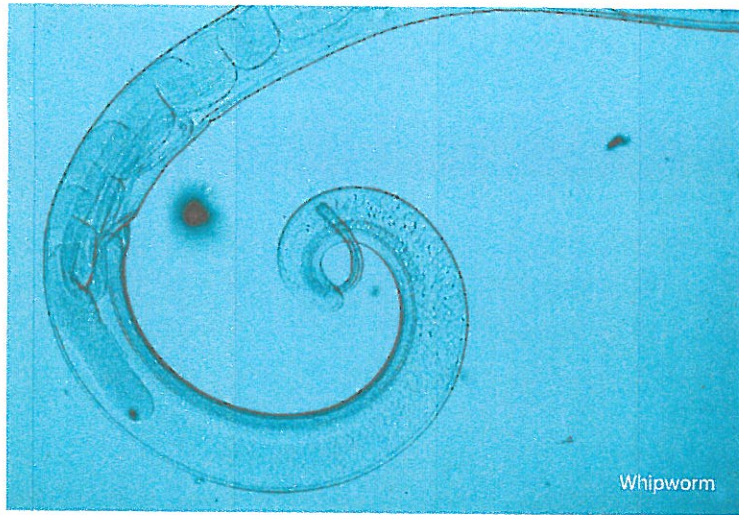


The exhibit will feature a diverse selection of parasite specimens from the museum's research collection in the Harold W. Manter Lab of Parasitology at the University of Nebraska State Museum.

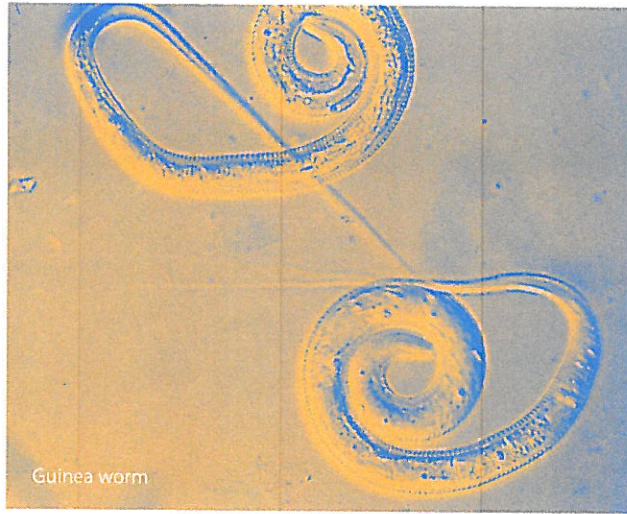


The exhibit highlights the work of museum curator Dr. Scott Gardner and his team. Their research on the parasite *Echinococcus* in Mongolia helps us understand the spread of an introduced, medically important parasite in Nebraska.

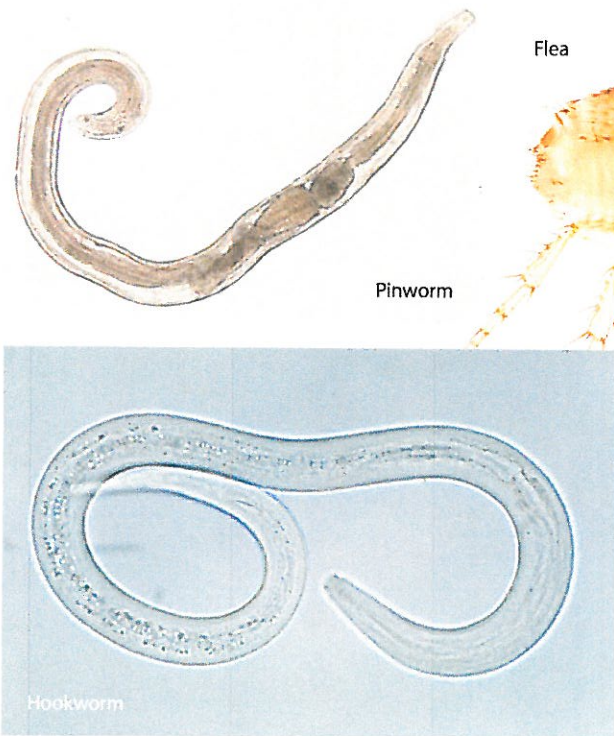




Whipworm

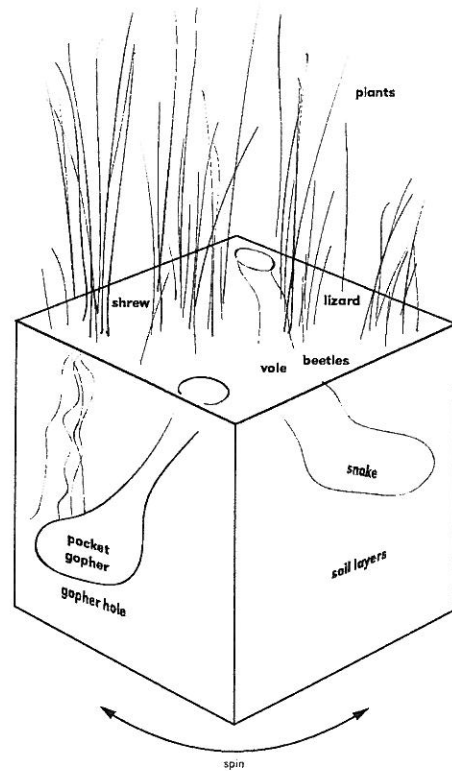


Guinea worm



Flea

Pinworm



Visitors will learn what parasites can tell us about Sandhills ecology.

Find out how many parasites and their hosts can inhabit a cubic foot of soil in this hands-on interactive cube.



Largest human tapeworm

A giant wall of specimens in jars, resin blocks and slides will showcase the vast diversity of parasites and how they impact humans, livestock, crops and wildlife.

The largest human tapeworm at approximately 30 feet long will be displayed alongside the largest animal tapeworm from a whale at a stunning 108 feet long.

The tapeworm *Echinococcus multilocularis*

(eki-no-KAK-es multi-LOK-yoo-ler-es)

Lifecycle

WHAT ARE TAPEWORMS?

Tapeworms are slimy, usually thin and white flat worms with heads that have suckers and sometimes hooks. They live in the digestive tract of vertebrates (animals with a vertebral column or backbone). Tapeworms range in size from several feet long, in the case of the beef tapeworm *Taenia saginata*, to the almost microscopic *Echinococcus multilocularis*.

Adult tapeworms of the genus *Echinococcus* live in the small intestine of wolves, coyotes, foxes, dogs, and cats, where they mate and produce eggs. The eggs are expelled from the host within the animal's feces.

When a rodent eats the feces containing eggs, or eats a beetle that has just fed on the feces, the rodent becomes an intermediate host, harboring the larval stages of the tapeworm. Inside the rodent the larvae hatch and burrow through the intestinal wall, forming cysts in the liver or lungs. A cyst can grow to fill the whole body cavity of the rodent. Within the cyst, many larval tapeworms form, each one with the potential to become an adult tapeworm in a canid host.

The cycle is complete when a wolf, coyote, fox, or dog eats a rodent (field mouse *Peromyscus*, vole *Microtus*, or lemming *Dicrostonyx*) infected with cysts. The cysts grow into adult tapeworms inside the small intestine.

Just one egg into a vole can multiply into thousands of adult worms in a dog!

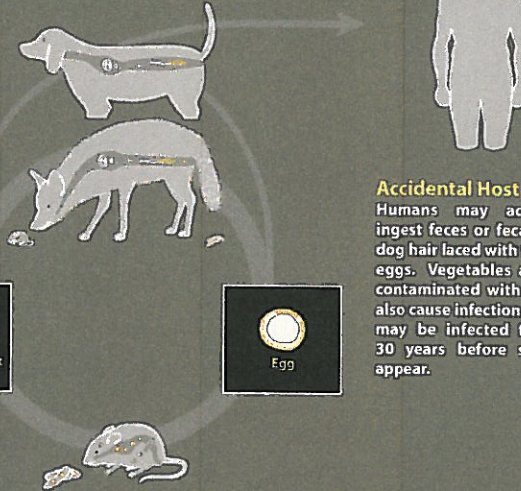
What does that have to do with YOU?

Humans can become infected with tapeworms when they accidentally ingest feces containing tapeworm eggs—from pet dog hair, for instance. The infection can remain unnoticed for years, until a cyst becomes large enough to protrude in the abdomen, or until the liver or other organs begin to malfunction or fail.

The tapeworm *Echinococcus multilocularis* is generally found in the northern part of Nebraska (see map). Therefore, it is wise to keep pets from eating wild mice or other rodents.

Definitive Host

Wolves, coyotes, foxes, and dogs eat rodents infected with multilocular (many-chambered) cysts containing larval tapeworms. Cysts develop into adult tapeworms in the small intestine. Tapeworms release eggs, which are expelled in the animal's feces.



Multilocular cyst



Egg

Intermediate Host

Voiles, lemmings, or field mice eat feces infected with tapeworm eggs. After hatching, the larval tapeworms burrow through the intestinal wall and usually develop into multilocular cysts in the liver.

Accidental Host

Humans may accidentally ingest feces or fecally soiled dog hair laced with tapeworm eggs. Vegetables and water contaminated with eggs can also cause infection. A person may be infected for up to 30 years before symptoms appear.

Echinococcus:

A genus of tapeworms that are small and can cause large multi-chambered cysts (pouches containing watery fluid and tapeworm larvae) in the liver and other organs of animals.

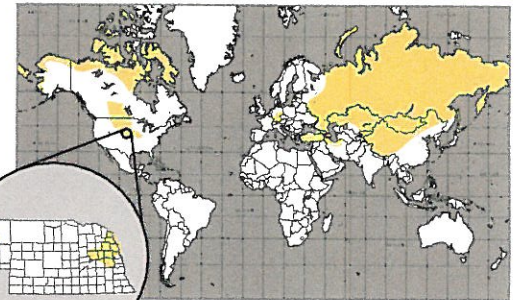
Multilocular:

Having many small cavities or chambers in animal tissue.

Echinococcosis:

A disease also known as Alveolar Hydatid Disease (AHD) that results from being infected with the larvae of the tapeworm *Echinococcus multilocularis*. Infection results in cysts forming in the liver and possibly spreading to the lungs, brain, and other organs of the body. If left untreated, AHD is usually fatal. Human cases are rare.

Distribution



Nebraska

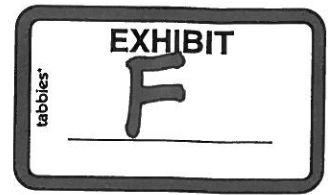


Body of the tapeworm *Echinococcus multilocularis*.



Scolex or head of the tapeworm *Echinococcus multilocularis*.

The exhibit allows visitors to play the role of scientist to solve the mystery of modern day lifecycles by looking at our ancient past. They will also learn why we should be on a quest to find dangerous parasites, like *Echinococcus*, before they find us.



May 26, 2016

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FR: Jeff Maul, Executive Director
Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau

RE: Additional ½% Lodging Tax request

Formal Action was taken by the VPC on May 11th, 2016, in which they deemed the facilities as adequate. The following represents the VPC recommendation (5-11-16) that the funds for January 2016– April 2016 be released to the CVB.

½% CVB Bid Fee Lodging Tax Request, per VPC minutes (5-11-16)

Maul noted that Meyer started the meeting by explaining that the CVB can access bid fee funds from the improvement fund and this ½% request is from the improvement fund. These improvement funds can be used for promotion when facilities are deemed adequate. Maul stated that the CVB generally requests the ½% twice a year but there was not a need for these funds in the first half of the fiscal year. Maul pointed to a handout in the packets which outlined the request for \$180,000 of the improvement fund. Dickerson asked if the ½% request is allowed by statute. Maul said that of the 2% improvement fund, 1% is used for major grant requests, ½% for minor grants and ½% for bid requests. These designations of the fund are part of an agreement with the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce. Lattimer made a motion to deem the facilities in Lancaster County as adequate and to approve the use of improvement fund dollars for promotion as presented. The motion was seconded by Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.

The VPC has made a determination that the facilities in Lincoln are adequate in order to request these lodging tax funds. In order for us to continue our bid process in attracting new events and securing existing relationships with organizers, we ask that the approved funds be released to the CVB. We have past and existing fees that will need to be paid. NEW request for ½% lodging tax (January 2016-April 2016 collection)

- a. \$85,000 (NSAA Girls State Basketball)
- b. \$85,000 (NSAA Boys State Basketball)
- c. \$10,000 (Formula SAE)

Total Request: \$180,000.00

2015 Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Guidelines
(Revised March 2016)



1. Any visitor attraction in Lancaster County, owned by the public or non-profit organization, whose primary purpose is to operate a visitor attraction, is eligible for fund allocation. Only one application from an entity will be accepted each grant year. **Funding for new or existing event related operational costs and expenses are not eligible for grant funding.**
2. All grant applications are reviewed for the economic impact the fund allocation will have on Lincoln and Lancaster County lodging tax collections. Grant applicants must assume the responsibility for providing inclusive and comprehensive information in this application so that the review committee has all pertinent and relevant details in order to arrive at a decision.
3. Allocation of *Visitor Improvement Fund* money will be prioritized as follows:
 - a. Expanding and improving any existing visitor attraction.
 - b. Planning or developing such expansion improvements, exhibits or additions.
 - c. Acquiring or expanding exhibits for existing visitor attractions.
 - d. Promotion and advertising costs associated with such exhibits.
4. Grant funds may not be used for the following:
 - a. General operating expenses
 - b. For additional or current personnel salaries
 - c. For supplies and equipment
 - d. For items not included in the approved grant application.
 - e. Event related operational costs and expenses
 - f. General maintenance or replacement of an existing structural component in an existing facility

In any manner that would violate the Nebraska Development Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-3117, et seq. (as amended from time to time). All grants are discretionary, based upon available funds, other anticipated uses, and anticipated effectiveness of proposed use.

5. Minor grant fund requests and awarded grants shall not exceed \$10,000 per organization each grant year. Goal of grant fund is to provide opportunities as outlined above. **Major grants that exceed \$10,000 and may include new construction and expansion of an existing attraction, will need initial review by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.**

Please contact:

Kerry Eagan

keagan@lancaster.ne.gov

(402) 441-7447

6. Fund applicants must complete the enclosed *Visitor Improvement Fund* application outlining use and benefits of requested funds. Failure to complete the entire application may result in the rejection of your fund request.
7. Funding requests must be accurately submitted in the appropriate funding categories as defined in the grant application. Requests which do not conform to the proper funding categories may result in the rejection of your fund request.
8. Grant program schedule (minor grants under \$10,000):

	<u>Cycle One</u>	<u>Cycle Two</u>
Grants due to VPC	April 30	October 31
Grants reviewed	May	November
Grants awarded	June	December
Final date for requesting grant reimbursements	12 months from issue	12 months from issue

The Visitors Promotion Committee will meet within 30 days after the month indicated in the month due. A recommendation of acceptance or denial will then be passed on to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Applicants will have a chance to present to the Visitors Promotion Committee prior to any recommendation.

9. Minor grant awards will be made twice yearly in June and December unless determined otherwise by the Visitors Promotion Committee and/or the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Facilities in Lincoln, at the direction of both entities, must be deemed as adequate in accordance with improvement fund allocations.
10. Approved applicants will be notified by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and additional paperwork will be required.
11. All grants awards allocated must be encumbered 1 year from date that the grant was contracted. Any monies that your organization has not encumbered by this deadline shall be returned to the Lancaster County Visitor Improvement Fund.
12. **All applicants are required to submit a preliminary budget with this application. Please see that the following support paperwork accompanies your application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Visitors Promotion Committee.**
 - a. Completed application with project description & budget
 - b. Operating budget
 - c. Marketing budget
 - d. Contractors bid(s)
 - e. Support letters and or entity board approval
 - f. Proof of 501 (c) 3or 6 status
 - g. Fifteen copies of the application, stapled
13. ***Visitor Improvement Funds will be paid to you only upon completion of your project.*** To request the reimbursement award fund, your organization must either supply a detailed listing of all expenditures and a professional external audit of your organization that covers the period of those expenditures or your organization must supply a detailed listing of those expenditures and copies of all receipts, cancelled checks, contracts and/or other documents that substantiate those expenditures. Current payment of funds will not take place until this audit is supplied.
14. At the conclusion of approved projects, support given through the grant must be acknowledged through appropriate use of the approved Lancaster County seal. A plaque, sign or appropriate visual notification will be placed on websites, materials or within the facility at the cost of the grantee. Lancaster County will furnish appropriate brand standards for seal placement and use.
15. Larger grant awards of more than \$10,000 will require updates to the VPC and County Board. These updates will be regarding new construction or renovations that happen over an extended period of time.
16. Thanks for recognition of the "Lancaster County Visitor Improvement Fund" must be featured on project literature, banners, websites or structure. Lancaster County logo can be found at <http://lincoln.org/contact>.

LANCASTER COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND
GRANT REQUEST

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Organization Status: Non-Profit _____ Association _____ Civic Group _____ Other _____
(If other, please attach explanation)

Applicant Government/organization Federal ID number _____.

If tax exempt organization, designate IRS classification: _____ 501(c)3 _____ 501(c)6.

Provide a detailed description of your exhibit/attraction:

Number of attendees estimated: Out of town _____ Local _____

Check all that apply:

- _____ Expanding and improving any existing visitor attraction.
- _____ Planning or developing such expansion improvements, exhibits or additions.
- _____ Acquiring or expanding exhibits for existing visitor attractions.
- _____ Promotion and advertising costs associated with such exhibits.

Please describe project as indicated above.

Project Start Date _____ Completion Date _____

Is this project part of a larger renovation project? _____

If yes, please describe the entire project:

As it pertains to the grant related project, provide breakdowns of radio and television advertising, showing individual costs, call letters and cities of origin. Also give breakdowns of magazine advertising by individual publications and costs. Similarly, separate the costs for brochures, travel shows by location, billboard advertising, etc. Include target market demographics

Do you anticipate submitting future applications for projects relating to this project? _____

Total projected budget (attach detailed budget)

Total Revenue \$ _____

Total Expense \$ _____

How will your project impact new visitor recruitment and lodging tax revenues?

Estimated annual visitors: Local _____ Outside of Lincoln _____

Estimated Annual economic impact of your facility and/or project based on lodging tax use
(Use multipliers listed below)

Is this based on annual use of the facility or for a specific event/exhibition? _____

of hotel rooms utilized _____ x _____ (* Multiplier – see below)

* National/Regional event Multiplier - \$375 per night

* State event - \$350 per night

* Local event - \$245 per night

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT BASED ON FORMULA _____

Is this grant request in addition to other project related grant requests?

If yes, then list other grant requests _____

Grant amount requested from Visitors Promotion Committee

\$ _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Return Application (s) to:

Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau
Attn: Jeff Maul, Executive Director
1128 Lincoln Mall, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68508

For more information:

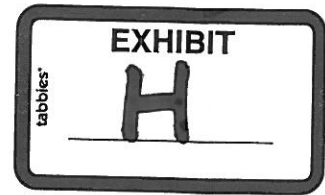
(402) 434-5343

jmaul@lincoln.org

Lancaster County Veterans Services

Trabert Hall, Rm. 150, 2202 S 11th, Lincoln NE 68502

402-441-7361 Fax 402-441-7392



In accordance with Nebraska State Statute 80-101, the Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee will have a position vacancy effective July 1, 2016. Committee members are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners for a 5 year term. The current term for Bill Bowman will expire on June 30, 2016. Announcing the position vacancy and soliciting applications from interested parties is in maintaining compliance with the applicable state statutes. Current member Bill Bowman does intend to reapply for re-appointment to the Committee.

At a minimum, applicants must;

- a. be nominated/recommended by a state recognized veteran's organization,
- b. meet the 5 year state residency requirement as set forth in state statute 80-101,
- c. meet the military service requirements as established in state statute 80-401.01 (shown below), and
- d. qualify for a public official bond. The application for that bond will be coordinated by this office once an applicant has been selected for the appointment by the County Board.

All applications must be received prior to April 10th, 2016. Applications can be mailed to or delivered to the Lancaster County Veterans Service Office. All applications received by this office will be forwarded to the County Board for consideration. Your organization may nominate more than one person for this vacancy.

Application packets should consist of;

1. A completed appointment application for County Advisory Boards, Commissions and Task Forces.
found at <http://lancaster.ne.gov/commiss/boardapp.pdf> (blank also enclosed)
2. A resume highlighting your knowledge and interest in veteran's issues and your involvement in the veteran community,
3. Proof of qualifying military service, (DD-214 or equivalent)
4. Proof of residency within the state of Nebraska for the immediate past 5 years,
5. A letter of recommendation from the Commander or Adjutant of the Veterans Organization making the referral, and
6. Any other pertinent information that you might want to include for consideration by the County Board.

All questions or requests for assistance should be directed to our office. If this notice was mailed to you by mistake and you are no longer the President or Commander of the appropriate chapter or post, please forward this notice to the appropriate person for their action. Thank you.

Proudly serving those who served proudly,

Rick Ringlein
Lancaster County
Veterans Service Officer

Service Dates:

Veteran of World War II, December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946,
Veteran of the Korean War, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955,
Veteran of the Vietnam War, August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975,
Veteran of Lebanon, August 25, 1982 to February 26, 1984,
Veteran of Grenada, October 23, 1983 to November 23, 1983,
Veteran of Panama, December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990,
Veteran of the Persian Gulf War, beginning on August 2, 1990, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law.

VVA CHAPTER #727

3510 Daniel Road
Lincoln, NE 68506

AMVETS COMMANDER

Garry Morgan
6840 Stephanie Ln.
Lincoln NE 68516

DAV Chapter 7

Robert Flansburg
ATTN: Commander
PO Box 29311
Lincoln, NE 68529

American Legion Post 3

Ed Schnabel
PO Box 5525
Lincoln NE 68505

American Legion Post 105

Jon Champion
950 Chicory Lane
Hickman NE 68372

American Legion Post 204

Larry Seawall
237 N 32nd St
Lincoln NE 68503

American Legion Post 280

Tim Steward
798 N 10th Rd
Palmyra NE 68418

American Legion Post 355

Robert Biel
4611 Spruce St
Lincoln NE 68516

American Legion Post 294

Marilynn Grotrian
2720 n 59th St
Lincoln NE 68507

American Legion Post 295

Roland Beach
6335 O St Apt 426
Lincoln NE 68510

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Chapter 200

4821 S. 66 St.

Lincoln NE 68509

VFW Post 7722

General Henry H. Hap Arnold Post

5121 Foxglove Cir

Lincoln, NE 68521-5610

VFW Post 10648

Lewis B. Vogelgesang Post

7919 SW 119th Street

Lincoln, NE 68339

VFW Post 131

Harris-Fraley Post

5721 Johanna Rd

Lincoln, NE 685073143

VFW Post 9875

Phantom II Post

PO Box 15

Waverly, NE 68462-0015

VFW Post 4626

1605 S 58th St

Lincoln, NE 68506

Post 3606 Miller-Long Post

PO Box 81892

3340 West A St

Lincoln, NE 68501

American Legion Post 342

Wilbur Bechtolt

5229 Wilshire Blvd

Lincoln NE 68504



APPOINTMENT APPLICATION TO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners appoints citizens to various advisory boards, commissions and task forces.

If you are interested in volunteering please complete the following application. If interested in more than one opportunity please number your selections in order of preference. When completed, click the "Submit" button. Applications will be kept on file in the County Board Office. County Elected Officials and Department Directors will have access to applications as necessary, with the County Board having final discretion regarding appointments.

You are welcome to submit a resume as well, but it is not required. The resume may be sent by email: commish@lancaster.ne.gov, or by mail to: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, 555 S. 10 Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

At any time you may update your information or ask to be removed from consideration. For additional information please call 402-441-7447.

Personal Information

Name	WILLIAM A BOWMAN
Address	2134 S. 48 ST.
Phone Number(s)	402-4896447 (H) 402-440-2687 (CELL)
Job Title	
Business Name	
Business Address	
Business Phone	
Email address	william.bowman19@gmail.com

Education

	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
High School	East New York Voc	1950 - 1953	DIPLOMA - AIRCRAF MECH
College	So EAST COM. Col.	1998 - 2000	HUMAN SVS. GERONTOLOGY
Other			

Employment

		Location	Dates
Current Employer			
Past Employer	US POSTAL SERVICE	LINCOLN	1978 - 1990
Past Employer	DEPT OF ROADS	LINCOLN	1977 - 1978
Student	MISLE IMPORTS	LINCOLN	1976
Retired	USAF	WORLDWIDE	1954 - 1976

Present or Previous Community/Volunteer Activities

Number your choices in order of preference.

Justice & Law Enforcement

_____ Indigent Defense Advisory Committee

Planning & Development

_____ Lancaster County Board of Zoning Appeals

_____ Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission

Health & Human Services

_____ Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

_____ Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council

Veterans Service Committee

_____ Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Committee (please note if you are a professional, consumer, or family member: _____)

Recreation

_____ Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Tourism

_____ Visitors Promotion Advisory Committee

Environment

_____ Air Pollution Control Advisory Board

_____ Ecological Advisory Committee

General Government

_____ Budget Monitoring Committee

_____ Keno/Human Services Advisory Committee

_____ Lancaster County Personnel Policy Board

_____ Public Building Commission

Agriculture

_____ Lancaster County Extension Board

Hospital Authority No. 1

_____ Board of Trustees

Library

_____ County Liaison to Lincoln Library Board * Please complete an application found at:

http://lincolnlibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Application-County_Representative_to_Library_Board.pdf



VIETNAM VETERAN'S OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 727

Gentlemen:

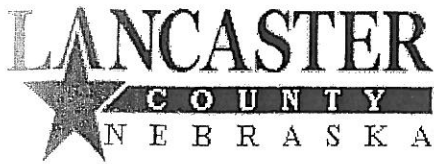
The Vietnam Veteran's of America, Chapter #727 would like to take this opportunity to endorse William Bowman to fill your open seat on the Lancaster County Veteran Service Committee

We have always found Mr. Bowman to be a man of great integrity, intelligence and always very involved in the Veteran community. We feel he would be a great asset to your committee.

Sincerely,

Ernest A. Haley March 23 2016

President
Vietnam Veteran's of America
Chapter #727



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Personal Information

Name	Thomas G. McBride
Address	9315 Wishing Well Drive
Phone Number(s)	402-366-6515
Job Title	Executive Director
Business Name	Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association
Business Address	655 So. 14th St, #200 Lincoln, NE 68516
Business Phone	402-742-8132
Email address	tmcbride909@gmail.com

Education

	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
High School	Shelton H.S.	1968	H.S. Diploma
College	University of Nebr. Lincoln	1976-1978	B.A.
Other	Bellevue University	1997-1999	M.S.

Employment

		Location	Dates
Current Employer	Nebraska Juvenile Justice Assoc.	Lincoln, NE	10/14 - Present
Past Employer	Epworth Village, Inc.	York, NE	1987-2013
Past Employer	State of Nebraska	Lincoln/York, NE	1976-1987
Student			
Retired			

Present or Previous Community/Volunteer Activities

<p>York Optimist Club York Public Schools - Board of Education (17 years) Nebraska State Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice (10 years) Appointed by Governor to be Nebr. Representative on Federal Juv. Justice Comm. the Board Member - National Association for Children's Behavioral Health Active in the Nebraska legislature</p>

Number your choices in order of preference.

Justice & Law Enforcement

_____ Indigent Defense Advisory Committee

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Lancaster County Veterans Services Committee
Resume for consideration for appointment to the Committee
Thomas G. McBride, M.S.
9315 Wishing Well Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this resume' for consideration of my appointment to the Lancaster County Veterans Services Committee. In my family the tradition of serving in the Armed Forces goes back to at least the Civil War. My late father, J.H. McBride served in WWII and one of his campaigns was the landing at Normandy. My step-father, John Carricaburu served as a bomber pilot in the Pacific Campaign. My Uncle, Benjamin Heskett was a Marine in the Chosin Reservoir of Korea.

My military history began in January 1970 and ended in July 1992. I served four and one-half years on Active Duty and 18 years in the National Guard. I served in the Viet Nam war where I was wounded on March 4, 1971. I entered the Guard with the 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) and was transferred to the 1267th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) flying Medical Evacuation (Medivac) missions in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq, as a flight rated Crewchief on UH-1 helicopters.

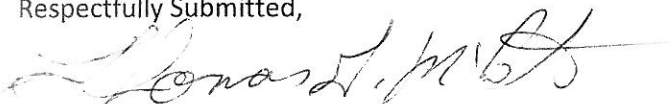
I have been a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Chapter 131) and I am the Adjutant for local Chapter 200 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). It is my intent to learn more of the operation of the MOPH with the hopes of someday being on the State Departmental level. Most recently I was active in working with the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners to have Lincoln declared a Purple Heart City and the Commissioners proclaimed Lancaster County as a Purple Heart County.

In 2013 I retired from my job as President/CEO of Epworth Village, Inc. a program located in York, NE but serving youth and families from the entire state who were struggling with Mental Health, Behavioral Health and Education related disabilities. During this time I became very involved with the Nebraska Legislature and was primarily involved with issues in the Health and Human Services Committee, the Education Committee and the Judiciary Committee. I assisted in writing several bills that were subsequently voted into law and testified in countless hearings and meetings. While I followed many bills dealing with Veterans issues, I am now prepared to dedicate specific time and energy to Veteran's issues.

I am very proud of my military service and I also recognize the dedication and support that my family displayed during my entire career but most especially when I was in Viet Nam and Desert Storm. We must be attentive to those needs of our retired and disabled veterans, ensuring our current service members have adequate services to meet their needs, and to ensure that promises for support and programs made to Veterans for their service do not erode or become disingenuous. This today is my passion.

It would be my honor to become a part of and serve the Lancaster County Veterans Services Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas G. McBride, M.S.
U.S. Army/National Guard (Ret.)

Military Oder of the Purple Heart
Chapter 200

James J Powers
4821 S 66th St
Lincoln Ne 68516

February 24, 2016

To Whom it may Concern,

The Military of the Purple Heart Chapter 200 voted unanimously, at the last meeting on February 16, 2016, to recommend Tom McBride for the Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



James J. Powers

Commander
Chapter 200

Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee

Jim Cada, Chairman

Rick Ringlein, Secretary

Minutes of the Lancaster County Veterans' Service Committee meeting held on April 19, 2016.

Jim Cada, current Chairman of the Veterans' Service Committee called the meeting of the Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee to order at 1:31 pm. Members of the Committee in attendance were Martin Neal, Jim Cada, Bill Bowman, Roy Schoen and Bruce Trautwein. Rick Ringlein, CVSO and Secretary was also present at the meeting. There were no visitors. The minutes of the meeting were kept by Rick Ringlein. A poster consisting of the Open Meetings Act, dated September 6, 2013 are on hand at the meeting and available for anyone to review. Public announcement was made via postings in the waiting room of the Veterans Service Office, in the main hallway of Trabert Hall, and on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the City-County Building.

There were no changes to the published agenda.

Martin Neal made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published. The motion was seconded by Bill Bowman. There was no discussion and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Roy Schoen to move into executive session to review the Voucher and Assistance listing from the last quarter. The motion was seconded by Bill Bowman. Jim Cada called for a vote and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Roy Schoen to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Bill Bowman. Jim Cada called for a vote and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

A motion to approve the Voucher and Assistance lists for 3rd Qtr, FY 2016 was made by Martin Neal and seconded by Bill Bowman & Bruce Trautwein. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

A motion to approve the FY 2016-2017 budget was made by Roy Schoen and seconded by Bruce Trautwein. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Under Old Business, none no action taken.

Under New Business;

- a. Received two applications for the vacancy on the VSC. Bill Bowman would like to remain a member and the committee agreed he should remain. Bill Bowman is the VSC's choice to be recommended to the County Board of Commissioners.
- b. Bruce has joined the VA Clinic Veterans Advisory Group and relayed that Duncan Fallon stated the funds to build a new clinic on the current VA Clinic grounds will be released by the VA in the new future with hopes of having a new clinic operational by 2020.
- c. Bruce also discussed his being awarded service-connection for Agent Orange related Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia by the BVA. He has shared the facts of his case with the VFW and American Legion in hopes of helping other veterans battling the same disease.
- d. Martin stated there is to be a US Flag Retirement ceremony at the Hickman American Legion on June 14, 2016; with the collection of non-serviceable flags taking place on June 11, 2016.

The next meeting of the Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee was set for July 26, 2016 and will be held in the County Veterans Service Office, 2202 S 11th St, Room 150.

There being no other business on the published agenda, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Trautwein and seconded by Bill Bowman. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0 and Jim Cada, Chairman of the Lancaster County Veteran Service Committee declared the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Jim Cada
Chairman
Veterans Service Committee
Lancaster County