

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017
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 February 24, 2017

Commissioners present: Todd Wiltgen, Chair; Bill Avery, Vice Chair; Jennifer Brinkman

Commissioners absent: Roma Amundson 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 Meeting Act was announced.

1) MINUTES:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.**

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the minutes. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of all claims processed through February 28, 2017.**

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the claims. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Art Makes Me SmART Program – Lori McAlister, Office and Program Manager, Lincoln Arts Council.**

Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, said the YSC has a long standing relationship with Lincoln Public Schools to provide education at the facility and the Lincoln Arts Council provides an art component.

Deborah Weber, Executive Director, Lincoln Arts Council, said the program at the Youth Services Center began two years ago and is funded by private foundations and donations.

Petra Wahlqvist, Program Manager, Art Makes Me SmART, provided exhibits of art work and assignments by youth detained at the YSC (Exhibit A).

Randy Farmer, Lincoln Public Schools, Pathfinders Program Administrator, stated this is a fully accredited program by the Nebraska Department of Education. He said the art program is a great option to connect with the youth.

Nancy Konrardy, Artist-In-Residence, shared anecdotes from students involved in the art program at the YSC.

Wiltgen expressed appreciation to the Lincoln Arts Council for providing this service.

Schindler suggested that some of the artwork be displayed in the chambers.

B. Commissioners' Award of Excellence Presentations:

- 1. Annual Award Winner for 2016 – Dan Miller, Corrections, in the category of Valor**
- 2. January, 2017 Winner – Colt Lathrop, Corrections, in the category of Valor**

The Clerk read the nominations for the record.

Ken Prey, Jail Administrator, thanked the Board for the opportunity to recognize employees. He said Dan Miller has been employed at County Corrections for five years. Miller expressed his gratitude to the Correctional Officers for providing a safe work environment for the maintenance staff. Avery presented a plaque to Miller and thanked him for his service to the County.

Prey stated Colt Lathrop has been an on-call officer since May, 2016. He said Lathrop prevented what could have been a much more serious incident. Brinkman presented Lathrop with a plaque and thanked him for his service to the County. Lathrop thanked the Board and the staff at the jail for their support.

4) PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Vacation of a portion of West Meinke Street in the unincorporated village of Kramer, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (See correlating item 5A)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Jeffrey Radik, 22500 SW 114th Street, Kramer, Nebraska, appeared in support of the road vacation. He stated the portion of West Meinke Street is not maintained by the County and it separates his two lots.

Ken Schroeder, County Surveyor, said the County Engineer's Office supports the road vacation as there are no plans in the future for this section of the street.

No one appeared in opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution in the matter of vacating a portion of West Meinke Street in the Unincorporated village of Kramer, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-17-0017)**

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the resolution. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Special designated license application from Meier's Wine, Inc. d/b/a Meier's Cork N' Bottle for a Take Flight Farms fundraiser on Saturday, May 6, 2017 From 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at 11401 Van Dorn Street, Walton, Nebraska.**

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the special designated license. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- C. Addendum to County Contract C-16-0721 amending the Visitors Improvement Fund grant contract with the Lincoln Children's Museum to extend the completion date to March 31, 2017. (C-17-0170)**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the Lincoln Children's Museum has requested a one month extension in order to complete their 360 degree view project.

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the addendum. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- D. Approval of the Abbott Motocross Track Facility Operation Plan for 2017. (C-17-0171)**

Eagan said an annual meeting and operation plan update is required per the requirements of the recreational trails grant for Abbott Motocross Track.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the operation plan. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr was absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- E. Contract between Hartmann Construction Company and Lancaster County on Behalf of the Lancaster County Engineer for North 27th Street grading. The cost to the County is \$545,628.66. Work is to be completed on or before September 29, 2017. (C-17-0176)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said work on North 27th Street is scheduled to begin as soon as possible.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the contract. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office to award a purchase order to Bizco Technologies for Panasonic Toughbooks (Bid No. 17-056). The total amount is \$32,318.29. (C-17-0169)**

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the recommendation. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- G. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0062 with Catering by Marlin's Inc. d/b/a CBM Managed Services to provide food service for Lancaster County Correctional Facilities. The amendment reflects a 2.5% price increase according to the Midwest Region Consumer Price Index for food away from home. (C-17-0167)**

Prey stated Catering by Marlin's (CBM) has been the provider for food services for four years. He said based on the number of meals served last year and the proposed price increase, the cost would increase by approximately \$25,700 annually. Prey noted that CBM also provides meals for the Youth Services Center. He added as part of the contract CBM assists with the food prep class for inmates. It was noted the cost increased from \$1.66 to \$1.70 per meal per the consumer price index (CPI).

Wiltgen stated the request for proposal (RFP) from CBM was substantially lower than other vendors.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the amendment. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Brinkman said she had recently toured County Corrections and was impressed with the meals prepared. She added they use more fresh ingredients and not prepackaged meals.

- H. Amendment to County Contract C-17-0024 with Sapp Brothers Petroleum, Inc., to provide motor fuel. The amendment clarifies the product available on Line Item 5 of the vendor response. (C-17-0168)**

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the amendment. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- I. Grant contract with St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women in the amount of \$133,500 from the Family Drug Court Track grant (2016-DC-BX-006). Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019. (C-17-0172)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, stated St. Monica's provides services for women coming into the Family Drug Court specifically for Project Mother and Child program. This program allows for children to stay with their mother during treatment. It also provides a supportive housing model following treatment.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded approval of the grant contract. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

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:

The Clerk noted the correct amount for item C2 is \$586.

- A. Setting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding amending the County budget to increase appropriations for the General Fund and the Property Management Fund.**
- B. Receive and place on file the Sheriff's Office report for January, 2017.**
- C. Permanent easement contract with the following:**
 - 1. Steven and Sue Schuelke, North 190th Street and Alvo Road, in the amount of \$751.60. (C-17-0173)**
 - 2. Gerald and Judy Behrends, South 25th Street and Princeton Road, in the amount of \$730. (C-17-0174)**
 - 3. Gary and Susan Behrends and Gerald and Judy Behrends, South 25th Street and Princeton Road, in the amount of \$730. (C-17-0175)**

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the consent items. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

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 South 45th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, appeared and commented on current county river bank stabilization and provided an update on his son's deployment to Afghanistan.

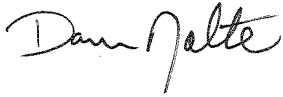
8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Equalization will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 immediately following the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**

- D. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- E. 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.

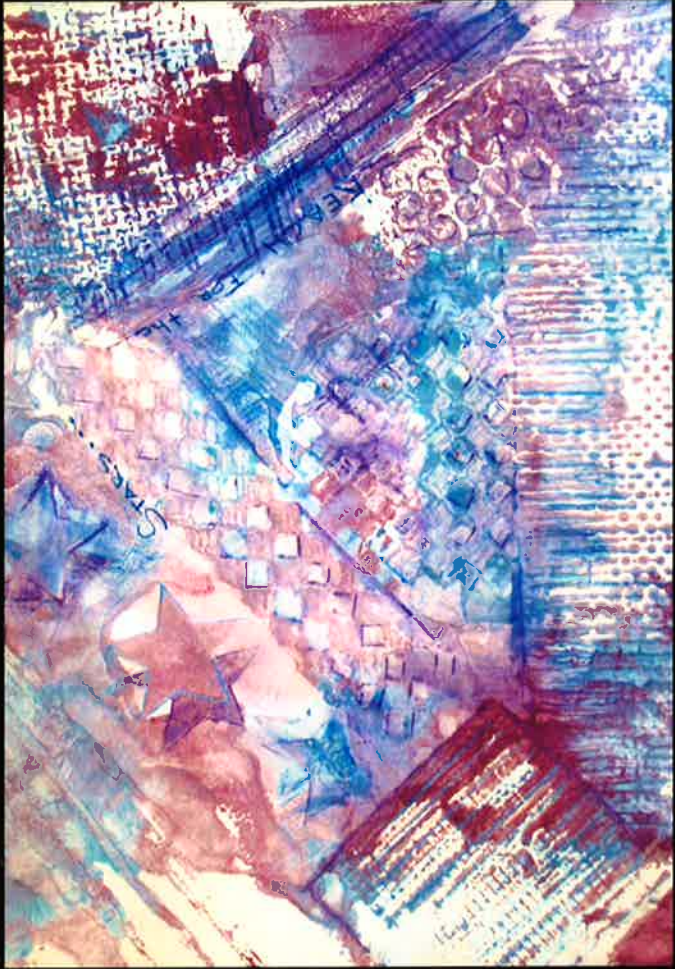
9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:49 a.m. Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk





VISUAL ART SESSIONS AT PATHFINDER

These photos showcase different art works created by students in the visual arts sessions, coordinated by the Lincoln Arts Council's Art Makes Me SmART program.

Throughout the semester, Nancy and Aaron guide students through a variety of different projects, including a printing project, water colors, mask-making, Picasso heads, Corita Kent posters, and many more.

Students find successes in these different projects: for example, Daemen, a high energy young man whom could be challenging to get to focus on the current activity. After being praised for his prolific efforts in the printing project, Daemen developed a sense of pride in his art, and maintained energy and interest in all the projects. The art sessions gave Daemen an opportunity to receive validation and to express himself. In short, art gave him something to focus on and feel good about.

The different art projects allow students to express themselves in ways they may not have experienced before. One of our students said:

"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I could not say any other way - things I had no words for."



THE ART SPACE

These photos showcase the students' art works exhibited in the room where Nancy's visual art sessions take place at Pathfinder.

Since Fall 2015, Artist Nancy Konrardy, with the assistance of her son Aaron Proett, has led twice-weekly visual art sessions at Pathfinder, the education program for the Lancaster County Youth Services Center.

In these sessions, students have the opportunity to create complex and sophisticated pieces of art, explore visual art techniques, and learn about art history.

More importantly, these sessions provide a chance for the students to express themselves and tell their stories.



PICASSO HEAD PROJECT

These photos showcase examples of the Picasso head Project, where students create and decorate their own “Picasso head.”

Andrea was a student at Pathfinder for only a short while, but in that time, she created a powerful “Picasso head,” which is a piece of art that tells her story. She also did some writing to accompany her artwork.

Andrea’s Picasso head expressed her struggle of feeling like she lacked her own identity, and explored her past relationship with drug abuse, and the toll it had taken on her body. The finished product was beautiful in both an actual and figurative sense. Perhaps Andrea best summarized the hopeful culmination of her work:

“...now it’s my turn to find me.”

Evidently, Andrea told her family about this art piece, because after she had moved on from Pathfinder, her family members contacted the center and asked for the sculpture. It is now with her family.



MASK-MAKING PROJECT

This photo shows one of the masks students created in the visual arts sessions at Pathfinder.

Shiela could be described as having a street swagger to her walk and a protective, sarcastic sense of humor. Shiela and her friend were both hesitant to show interest in the beginning, and their initial art work was quite dark, yet the girls were excited by using layers of color. As this was one of the learning objectives of the project, both girls were praised, and after that, were completely engaged in the art sessions.

Their next project was creations of masks, and Shiela's mask (pictured overleaf) was nothing less of magnificent. She was extremely proud and excited about it.

The art sessions reinforced the idea to Shiela and her friend that they were capable of creating beauty in the world.



MODIGLIANI SELF PORTRAITS

These photos showcase examples of students' work created as part of the Modigliani self portrait project.

Painting a self portrait can be challenging for some of the students, and may require extra time and patience from teachers and staff. However, Nancy and the Pathfinder staff have found that it is well worth the effort.

In Fall 2016, some of our female students went into the project saying they could not paint and appearing a little anxious. Nonetheless, they all remained open and put a lot of energy into their work. They were interested in learning color mixing and creating skin tones. Most importantly, they were excited about creating positive images of themselves.

The self portrait project created some very strong images, particularly "Lost Girl," which was accompanied by the following writing:

*"Lost girl grown
but so innocent.
Confused by the world.
Oh what a journey
But nothing to tell."*