

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 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 March 3, 2017.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

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 28, 2017.**

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded to approve the minutes. Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr and Amundson abstained. Motion carried 3-0 with two abstentions.

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of all claims processed through March 7, 2017.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded to approve the claims. Brinkman, Schorr, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3) PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Increase of appropriations for the General Fund, in the amount of \$3,185,000 due to the sale of the Mental Health Center building and increase of appropriations for the Property Management Fund, in the amount of \$200,000 due to additional utility costs at the Youth Services Center building and additional costs at the Mental Health Center building due to the time of the sale of the building. (See correlating item 4A)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Director, was administered the oath. He noted the current year budget is being amended due to the sale of the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) building

which should be completed by the end of the fiscal year. Within the General Fund, Meyer explained that the sale proceeds (\$3,185,000) will be transferred to the Public Building Commission to offset costs associated with the new Mental Health Crisis Center. The Property Management Fund will also be increased to cover additional utility costs associated with the timing of the CMHC sale as well as a new cooler at the Youth Services Center.

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Resolution in the matter of supplementing appropriations for the previously adopted budget for the General Fund, in the amount of \$3,185,000 and the Property Management Fund, in the amount of \$200,000. (R-17-0019)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to approve the resolution. Schorr, Amundson, Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Amusement license renewal application from NRG Media, LLC to hold an outdoor music concert (Frog Fest) on August 12, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at BlueStem Tree Farm, LLC, 5895 West Sprague Road, Crete, Nebraska.**

Brooke Schulz, NRG Media, LLC, said she received the department recommendations and confirmed the end time for the event will be 11:30 p.m. She said parking and signage concerns will also be addressed.

Wiltgen noted that he attended a meeting last week with representatives of the County Sheriff's and County Engineer's Offices to discuss traffic-related and law enforcement issues.

Schulz confirmed that more onsite parking will be available which will alleviate people crossing Sprague Road.

Amundson asked how long it takes for cars to exit the parking area. Schulz said roughly 45 minutes.

Don Hinds, 19080 SW 58th Street, Hallam, NE, appeared in opposition to the event. He raised concerns about covenants, noise, traffic, nuisance to animals and the impact to cellular phone and/or internet accessibility. He also submitted an e-mail from Gerard Harbison (Exhibit A).

In response to Schorr's inquiry, Schulz said a fireworks vendor has not been locked in to date. She noted past displays have been properly permitted, operated by a professional vendor and done under the supervision of the State Fire Marshall.

With regard to sound checks, Schulz said she knew this was an issue in the past and last year the sound check was performed on the day of the event versus the day prior.

Schulz verified that the offer still stands for neighbors to spend the night in a hotel at NRG's expense, although, she said most attend the event compliments of the event organizers.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Todd Duncan noted the Sheriff's Office has been in touch with the County Engineer's Office and the event organizers to coordinate a comprehensive safety and security plan.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, added there will be greater coordination between County agencies and amusement license applicants going forward.

In reference to cellular phone reception, Wiltgen asked if boosters have been considered. Schulz said she did contact a company last year who did not know if boosters would help with the lag in phone calls. She offered to readdress the issue.

Schulz mentioned that the event is in its fifth year and some of the parking proceeds will again be donated to charity.

Avery asked for verification that nothing new has changed with the event. Schulz said improvements are made each year to such things as security but no other major changes have occurred.

Amundson asked if ticket sales (maximum number which can attend) have increased. Schulz said the goal is 4,500 attendees at which time the event would be considered "sold out." She noted they have never reached this number to date, thus, tickets have been sold at the gate.

The Chair entered the following correspondence into the record (Exhibit B):

1. Mike and Cheryl Langfeldt (6000 Kiowa Road, Crete) – In support
2. Bill and Vicki Rethmeier (5701 W. Sprague Road, Hallam) – In opposition
3. Brad and Lori Kreifels (5901 Kiowa Road, Crete) – In support
4. Brenda Erickson (Martell) – In opposition
5. Stacy Reynolds and Cory Wittstruck (18330 SW 66th Street, Crete) – In support

MOTION: Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to approve the amusement license application. Avery, Brinkman, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

Note: Following the meeting, an email was received in the County Clerk's Office from Ted and Kayla Younker (18444 Willemma Court, Crete) in support of the event. (Exhibit C)

C. Adopt the following recommendations from the Pension Review Committee:

1. Recommendation One

- a. **Eliminate the AllianzGI NFJ Dividend Value Instl Fund;**
- b. **Add the Prudential Separate Account of T. Rowe Price US Large Cap Value Equity Fund (TILCX); and**
- c. **Map the proceeds of the AllianzGI NFJ Dividend Value Instl Fund to the T. Rowe Price US Large Cap Value Equity Fund (TILCX)**

2. Recommendation Two

- a. **Eliminate the AllianzGI NFJ Small-Cap Value Instl Fund;**
- b. **Add the Prudential QMA Small-Cap Value Q Fund; and**

c. Map the proceeds of the AllianzGI NFJ Small-Cap Value Instl Fund to the Prudential QMA Small-Cap Value Q Fund

3. Recommendation Three

- a. Eliminate the Fidelity Advisor Leveraged Co Stkl Fund; and**
- b. Map the proceeds to the Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund**

4. Recommendation Four

- a. Retain the Oakmark Equity & Income I Fund**

Schorr asked how employees will be notified of the changes. Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said Prudential will notify employees by mail. He added employees will also have the opportunity to make changes prior to the funds being mapped.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded to approve the recommendations. Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Interlocal agreement with the Village of Firth for one Sheriff's Deputy for law enforcement services within the corporate limits of the Village of Firth. Term of the agreement is April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. (C-17-0186)**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to approve the interlocal agreement.

Sheriff Terry Wagner explained that this is an annual renewal whereby the Village of Firth reimburses the Sheriff's Office for overtime and vehicle expense on an as needed basis.

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

- E. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department and County Sheriff's Office to award a purchase order in the amount of \$36,924 to Husker Auto Group, LLC, for a 2017 pursuit rated Chevy Tahoe (Bid No. 17-061). (C-17-0185)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded to approve the recommendation. Brinkman, Avery, Amundson, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Contract with Election Systems & Software, LLC, for a license to use their Ballot on Demand service and for related services. Term of the contract is from March 1, 2017 through February 29, 2020, with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms. The cost of the license and service is pursuant to Exhibits A, B and C of the contract. (C-17-0187)**

Dave Shively, Election Commissioner, noted that this contract allows the office to print ballots on demand for early and absentee voting. He said the contract amount is slightly less than last year since the machines are now owned and not leased.

Avery inquired about security issues with regard to voting tallies. Shively verified that this contract includes only ballot printing and not tabulation. He added the equipment is located in a locked room and he was confident that everything is secure.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to approve the contract. Avery, Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. Contract between Pavers, Inc., and Lancaster County on behalf of the Lancaster County Engineer for crack sealing bituminous surfacing. Work is to be completed on or before May 12, 2017. The cost to the County is \$99,875. (C-17-0188)**

Dingman explained that this contract is part of the County's very aggressive pavement management system and the cost is on target with the projected budget.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to approve the contract. Amundson, Brinkman, Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- H. Contract with Strategic Equipment, LLC, using State of Nebraska Contract No. 14700 OC to provide commercial kitchen equipment and related supplies. The term of the contract is upon execution through November 20, 2017. Pricing will be pursuant to the State of Nebraska contract. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000. (C-17-0178)**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to approve the contract. Avery, Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. Contracts with the following for the annual supply of turf fertilizers and chemicals (Bid No. 17-007). Terms of the contracts are one year from the date of execution.**
 - 1. Crop Production Services, Inc., in the amount of \$4,045. (C-17-0179)**
 - 2. D&K Products (Century Homes Company), in the amount of \$2,352. (C-17-0180)**

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded to approve the contracts. Brinkman, Amundson, Schorr, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- J. Contract with Sunset Law Enforcement to provide the annual supply of ammunition (Bid No. 17-036). Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$50,637.05. (C-17-0181)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to approve the contract. Schorr, Avery, Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Contracts with the following to provide the annual supply of ice melt (Bid No. 16-270). Terms of the contracts are from February 18, 2017 through February 17, 2018.

1. Helena Chemical Company, in the amount of \$3,500. (C-17-0182)
2. Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$3,500. (C-17-0183)
3. Omaha Paper Company, in the amount of \$3,000. (C-17-0184)

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Schorr seconded to approve the contracts. Avery, Brinkman, Schorr, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Contract with Culligan to provide the annual supply of water softener salt (Quote No. 5561). Term of the contract is one year from the date of execution. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$8,000. (C-17-0190)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to approve the contract. Brinkman, Schorr, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Amendment to County Contract C-16-0162 with Allan Enterprises for the annual supply of microfilming supplies (Quote No. 5290). The amendment renews the contract from April 5, 2017 through April 4, 2018. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$12,000. (C-17-0191)

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Schorr seconded to approve the amendment. Schorr, Amundson, Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

N. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0140 with Production Creek Specialty Advertising for the annual supply of screen printed and/or embroidered apparel (Bid No. 15-046). The amendment renews the contract from April 2, 2017 through April 1, 2018. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000. (C-17-0193)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to approve the amendment.

Avery questioned the purpose of the contract. Schorr said it is likely for staff at the Youth Services Center and County Corrections.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Brinkman, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Avery abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

O. Amendment to County grant contract C-16-0489 with Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County to reduce the amount of the contract to \$6,187 due to a 45% reduction in funding by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (C-17-0194)

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Administrator, said this change is a direct result of State budget cuts and noted other amendments are forthcoming. She said the Boys & Girls Club is hoping to be able to continue the program but may have to scale back services. Hoyle explained these grant funds are not sustaining entire programs, per se, but rather very important pieces of programs in the community. She also felt it was very unfortunate that (State) budget cuts come at the cost of kids and she voiced her appreciation to the County Board for their ongoing support.

Wiltgen asked if other funding sources are available for these programs. Hoyle said she has reallocated other grant funding to help sustain those programs that have no other option. She also contacted the Woods Charitable Fund and Cooper Foundation for potential funding consideration.

Schorr asked that a list be compiled as these grant reductions come forward as she felt it was important for the community to see how the cuts are impacting kids in the community.

Wiltgen felt it was also important to share this message with the State of Nebraska (Crime Commission).

Hoyle emphasized that other counties use Community Aid (a pre-determined amount of funding received for juveniles ages 10-17) on overhead and/or administrative costs and personnel while Lancaster County spends its funding on direct services.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded to approve the amendment. Avery, Brinkman, Schorr, Amundson and Wiltgen 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 following reports for February, 2017:**
 - 1. Clerk of the District Court**
 - 2. County Clerk**

- B. Utility Permit No. 1513 allowing Windstream Nebraska, Inc., to relocate fiber optic cable adjacent to Rokeby Road from South 84th Street to South 98th Street. There is no cost to the County. (C-17-0177)**

- C. Right-of-way contracts with the following:**
 - 1. Robert and Anita Ahrens, 9805 Rokeby Road, in the amount of \$270. (C-17-0189)**
 - 2. Sunset Ridge Farms, LLC, South 98th and Rokeby Road, in the amount of \$937.50. (C-17-0192)**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to approve the consent items. Brinkman, Schorr, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen 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.

Returning to Item 4N, Sharon Mulder, Assistant Purchasing Agent, explained that this is an annual contract for various apparel for County departments.

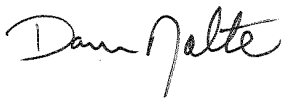
Avery asked if this would be considered an essential expenditure and noted essential versus non-essential costs will be identified during the County's upcoming budget process. Mulder indicated that this would be a question best answered by the individual County departments. She offered to send an e-mail to departments to inquire about their usage of the contract.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, March 9, 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 14, 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.**

8) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:58 a.m. Schorr, Amundson, Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte, County Clerk



19300 SW 58 St.
Hallam, NE 68368
321-501-9739
gerardharbison@mac.com

Lancaster Country Commission
Lincoln, NE
RE: proposed FrogFest festival.

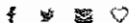
Dear members of the Board of Commissioners:

I write to object to the proposed FrogFest music festival on August 20, for which there is an application before the Board. I and my wife are a long-term residents (15 years) at the above address, which directly faces BlueStem farms, the site of the proposed festival, across SW 58 St. Our mailing address is Hallam; we actually live at 19300 SW 58 St., Sprague, but the post-office delivers through Hallam.

For background: this letter was published in the Lincoln Journal Star last year.

Letter, 8/22: Sick of Frogfest

Aug 21, 2015 (0)



It's 11:20 p.m. and I'm still awake because my home in this normally quiet residential subdivision is literally reverberating with drums and bass from Frogfest, just across the county road, a road now littered with empty cans that once contained cheap beer. Sixty minutes ago, I helped a drunk kid, 17 or so, who broke down the flimsy fence around the Frogfest site, fell into the ditch, struggled up the bank through the poison ivy, and was about to head up my driveway. I escorted him back to his campsite, a mile away. The sound level outside my front door has been peaking above 90 dB.

Hundreds or even thousands of teenagers have been crossing unlit West Sprague Road in heavy traffic. Another group of kids just turned up on the dark dirt road at the bottom of my drive, their car out of gas. I have none, and we can't call for help, because 5,000 other phones have overwhelmed the local cell tower.

For the same reason, I have no internet. The sheriff's deputies are long gone. One refused to take a noise complaint earlier and also refused to answer a direct question about whether he was being paid by the festival.

This is no place to hold such an event. Lancaster County is not the dumping ground for poorly run concerts for which there are adequate and proper facilities in town. Frogfest is not only hated by its neighbors, it is inadequately staffed, and the Lancaster County Sheriff's department looks the other way.

The County Commission, even if they don't care about county residents, needs to put an end to this before somebody gets seriously hurt or killed.

Gerard Harbison, Hallam

Just to expand on the letter; FrogFest last year was a disaster waiting to happen; mercifully, it did not. The parking for the festival is entirely inadequate, and the organizers have consistently misrepresented it in three successive years of applications. They can park 400-500 cars on their property. The large majority of the cars are parked on rented vacant lots on the other side of West Sprague Road. Last year, there were adequate Sheriff's deputies to supervise young people crossing of this busy highway to the festival, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., but none remained until the now-inebriated crowd were stumbling back to their cars, near midnight. I have photographs of kids running across the road in the glare of headlights. Earlier in the evening, I asked one deputy if he was being paid by the festival. He refused to answer (transparency!). If the Sheriff's department are profiting personally from FrogFest, and yet have the role of overseeing it, I submit this is a serious conflict of interest.

WORTH
(MANY OF WHICH HAVE SINCE BE DEVELOPED)

The security firm employed by the organizers to oversee the festival were nowhere to be found, most of the time. When I walked the drunken young man, of whom I wrote above, back to his campsite at Bluestem State Wildlife Area, the security personnel had no clue what was happening; afterwards, when I told them what I'd done, they went looking for him. He had told me he had several beers at the festival, and after the last began to feel dizzy and felt he had to get out. He couldn't find the exit, and nobody showed him. This is why he became disoriented and clambered through the fence and ditch. Another carload of young people ran out of gas on SW 58 St., right outside our property, and were smoking marijuana by the side of the road. They couldn't call for help, because cell-phone signals were overloaded. And no one from the festival was anywhere close.

Noise levels at the wall of my house were consistently 60 - 70 dBa, and peaked at 92 dBa. I have photographs of the meter readings. (I also have photographs of the dozens of discarded beer cans on our road). **In case the Commission forgets, they set maximum nighttime noise levels due to wind farms at 40 dBa.** They should also be aware dBa is a logarithmic scale; 50 dBa is ten times louder than 40 dBa, 60 dBa 100 times, etc.. **92 dBa is almost 200,000 times louder than the wind farm noise limit.** Even if I hadn't been taking home drunken teenagers staggering up my driveway, or trying to help stranded kids without gas, it would have been impossible for me to sleep. By the way; I'm a physical scientist, and entirely qualified to measure and express a professional opinion on noise levels; as safety chair of my department at UNL, I've done similar measurements.

We've now had 3 years experience of FrogFest. At every juncture, local residents have objected. The noise makes sleep impossible (and we rise at 5 a.m.). Crowd control has steadily worsened since the first year, when there were deputies on hand right through the end of the festival. We have had to deal annually with drunk and stoned kids wandering into our property, which is quite isolated. We fear next year there may be a more serious altercation with trespassing, inebriated festival goers. If there is, we have no way to call the police; we don't have a landline. And things are not improving; security and oversight is getting worse. It's time to close this thing down, before somebody's son or daughter gets killed.

I am currently out of town (with my wife, who is on temporary assignment at the National Science Foundation), and so I can't attend the meeting tomorrow. I do, however, have numerous photographs of the 2013 and 2015 festivals; in particular my drunken teenage acquaintance as well as the general disorder afterwards.

I sincerely hope that this year you will listen to our objections and those of my neighbors, for whom the festival is also a nightmare, and reject the application.

Sincerely
Gerard S Harbison

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard S Harbison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Professor of Chemistry at UNL
(I don't represent UNL in this matter.)



Kelly S. Lundgren

From: Cheryl Langfeldt <cheryl.langfeldt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:23 AM
To: County Clerk; mlangfeldt1@yahoo.com
Subject: Frog Fest

2/28/2017

We are writing to show support for the outdoor music concert, Frog Fest, that is planned to be held on Saturday, August 12.

We live in the Kicking Bird development across the road from the event at Blue Stem Tree Farm and have attended the concert every year since the beginning. We greatly look forward to this yearly event and have several friends and family members attend from out of town as well.

For one day a year our community and area can come together to celebrate the end of summer and enjoy some great nationally known entertainment!

Thank you for allowing this event to take place again in 2017. Please email or call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Mike & Cheryl Langfeldt
6000 Kiowa Road
Crete, NE 68333
603-770-9504
402-826-9207*

Cori R. Beattie

From: Tory S. Carkoski on behalf of County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:12 AM
To: Cori R. Beattie; Kelly S. Lundgren
Subject: FW: Amusement License Renewal for Frog Fest

From: Victoria Rethmeier [<mailto:vickiro@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 7:10 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Amusement License Renewal for Frog Fest

Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for the notice regarding this license renewal for this outdoor music concert to be held at Blue Stem Tree Farm (BSTF). Unfortunately, my husband and I are not able to take the time off of work today to be in personal attendance.

We ask you vote against the renewal. There are other locations more conducive to this type of event which has been held in our neighborhood for the last five years. The event appears to grow each year judging by the noise pollution, traffic and litter which invades our quiet neighborhood with the event. Also, the available lots used for parking across West Sprague Road (to the North of BSTF) have decreased.

This event does not disrupt our home for a just few hours. When one includes the time it takes to set up and tear down and all the traffic arriving and then leaving, all of which cause disruption of their own, this is a nuisance for more than a few hours.

We are fortunate in the sense our home sits lower than some of our neighbors, so while we can feel the bass reverberating in our chests in the basement of our home, and typically cannot hear each other speak during the concert, it is much worse for our neighbors. The noise scares our pets. If this event is allowed this year, we will again bring our 11 year old black lab into the house and try to calm his shaking fear from the noise.

We have very spotty cell phone service when thousands of people are at Frog Fest. We do still carry a land line, although, if a true emergency were to occur, we are concerned about emergency vehicles trying to make their way through this congestion.

The majority of years, our internet also goes down. Since part of my job requires me to be online for the classes I teach, this is obviously a concern.

If this event continues in this location, it truly is a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. For example, during 2014's Frog Fest, the headliner's bus was PARKED in the westbound lane of West Sprague Road. While waiting for the bus to pick up my kids, I watched several near miss accidents as traffic tried to go around this large vehicle parked in the road. We likely do not need to mention the risks involved with all the people consuming alcohol at the event who choose to drive home. It is also dangerous to have attendees walk across West Sprague Road to enter the BSTF and then return to their vehicles.

All of us neighboring the location have tried hiring an attorney to help enforce our covenant which specifies our neighbors at BSTF should not be allowed to conduct this type of event. Hundreds of dollars per neighbor later, we realized our pockets would have to be much deeper. It is beyond frustrating to spend our hard-earned money to have neighbors conduct themselves according to zoning and a covenant which are intended to protect us from these types of situations.

Please do not approve this amusement license. We thank you for your time.

Bill and Vicki Rethmeier

5701 W. Sprague Rd.

Hallam NE 68368

home: (402) 794-2109

cells: (402) 989-2023, (402) 826-9596

Kelly S. Lundgren

From: Lori Kreifels <lorikreifels@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:00 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Frog Fest amusement license

Dear Mr. Nolte,

I would like to offer my support for the amusement license for Frog Fest on August 12, 2017. I live just blocks away from the venue in Kicking Bird Estates, and I enjoy having Frog Fest just down the road. It creates a festive atmosphere in the neighborhood and gives an opportunity to socialize with our neighbors at pre-and post-parties in the area. It actually helps foster a sense of community. While there are a sprinkling of beer cans in the area the morning after, and more than the usual amount of cars driving down our dead end road looking for a way out, I understand it is a once a year activity. Blue Stem Farms has been a very courteous neighbor, offering free tickets to the concert to nearby neighbors as a consolation for any inconveniences. My family has enjoyed attending the event in the past, and hope to continue to as long as they care to host the event.

Thank you,

Brad and Lori Kreifels
5901 Kiowa Rd.
Crete, NE 68333

Tory S. Carkoski

From: Brenda Erickson <brenda.ericks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:01 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Blue Stem Renewal Application Frog Fest- PUBLIC FORUM

Date: 3/7/17

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MAR 07 2017

**LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK**

To: County Board

From: Brenda Erickson, Martell, NE

Re: Renewal Application Blue Stem Frog Fest

I'm unable to attend the public forum this morning concerning the renewal of the Blue Stem Frog Fest application. I would like to state that **I am in opposition to their renewal**. Every year I am unable to travel down Sprague Road by Blue Stem due to the back up of traffic and chaos. During one of these festivals I was trying to enter on to Sprague Road from a country road next to this event, I couldn't proceed because a private security vehicle blocked the entire road horizontally parked; I was unable to exit this public roadway. I called the number on the side of the security vehicle and told them to move the vehicle as they were violating laws blocking a public road, and if they didn't move it immediately I would call the sheriff, it took them over 10 minutes to move. I should be able to travel down Sprague Road without being inconvenienced due to a private money making event. When this event started there were not houses located across from the business now there are, the parking is ridiculous for this amount of people, therefore, they park at Blue Stem Lake or wherever they can. Following the event is more chaos but now there are drunks leaving the facility publicly relieving themselves, staggering across the road to their vehicles by dogging traffic, then traveling on the roadways. A news article said that Blue Stem Frog Fest hires off duty Sheriff's this is another concern, as the off duty sheriff I've seen wearing official uniforms, this brings up two issues: if they are off duty they shouldn't be wearing official uniforms I and other tax payers pay for, if they are on duty once again the tax payer is footing the bill for a private money making event on agricultural zoned land. The mere fact that security and law enforcement needs to be present indicates this is an out of control event. This event has no place in the community, and has caused disharmony and aggravation for the people that live around the facility. This is an added blow as the taxes on property have risen this year, so the land owners not only have to pay more money for their land they have to deal with the Blue Stein Frog Fest which was granted by the Lancaster County Board. The frustration in this matter is mounting, if this continues I believe a public demonstration will be the next step that will need to take place during this festival to call attention to this subject. Please consider the tax payers, farmers, retirees, families around the area that never signed on for this event and don't partake in the drunken festivities. It's a danger. Thank you for reading my concerns.

Brenda L. Erickson

Kelly S. Lundgren

From: Tory S. Carkoski on behalf of County Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Kelly S. Lundgren
Subject: FW: FrogFest Outdoor Music Concert

From: Stacy Reynolds [<mailto:stacy.engelmann@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:37 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: FrogFest Outdoor Music Concert

County Board Members,

My fiancé and I are unable to attend the County Board Meeting on March 7th and wanted to provide comments on the event.

We currently reside at 18330 SW 66th Street. We moved to the area in October of 2015. Last year was our first experience residing so close to the event and we loved it! The organization of the event was amazing from law enforcement to clean up after the event. The concert goers were kept out of the neighborhood, which we were in fear of but had no issues. The noise was also not an issue for us, we actually enjoyed a night of live music.

We are in favor of the amusement license to be renewed and we hope to attend the event again this year.

Thanks,
Stacy Reynolds
Cory Wittstruck

Cori R. Beattie

From: Tory S. Carkoski on behalf of County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Kelly S. Lundgren; Cori R. Beattie
Subject: FW: Frog Fest

FYI..

From: Kayla Younker [mailto:kay_marie00@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 2:34 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Frog Fest

March 7, 2017

RE: FrogFest at Blue Stem Nursery

To whom it may concern:

We live in Wendelin Estates, the development to the northeast across Sprague Road from where FrogFest is located. This August will be the fourth FrogFest that has occurred since we have lived in this development. It's an event we look forward to every year. We love having this opportunity and event so close to us. Please allow this event to continue annually as we love having it here and enjoying the entertainment it provides.

Sincerely,

Ted and Kayla Younker
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