

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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 July 7, 2017.*

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, 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, June 27, 2017.**

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

**2) CLAIMS:**

- A. Approval of all claims processed through July 11, 2017.**

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

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Region V Annual Report – Dave Merrill of Region V Services and C. J. Johnson, Region V Systems.**

C.J. Johnson, Regional Administrator, Region V Systems, presented the Lancaster County Annual Report (Exhibit A). He said Region V Systems is responsible for providing behavioral health services to individuals who are under insured or uninsured. Johnson discussed the rental assistance program which focuses on moving individuals with mental illness or substance abuse problems into permanent housing and developing good rental history. This is a highly successful program helping hundreds of people and has also been effective in bringing in federal dollars to help with the homeless population.

Johnson stated the Emergency Protective Custody service has been utilizing Mary Lanning Hospital in

Hastings, Nebraska instead of the Lincoln Regional Center. He noted this has decreased the number of inpatient days and resulted in a cost savings.

Johnson said the Professional Partner Program that began in 1995 helps families with children with serious emotional disturbances. He stated the goal of the program is to keep the children in their homes with their families and in school. Johnson said it has been very successful with an over 95% success rate.

Johnson stated the Governor's budget bill has resulted in approximately \$290,000 reduction in overall allocations. He noted Region V Systems was able to meet that reduction without effecting direct services.

Dave Merrill, Executive Director Region V Services (RVS), presented an overview of the annual report (Exhibit B). He stated RVS supports those individuals with developmental disabilities. Merrill said the agency tracks the number of disabled individuals who own their homes and are employed because the role of taxpayer is an important contribution to the community.

Merrill said it was a very difficult year due to budget cuts. He stated that Lancaster County is the only county in Nebraska that does not contribute to RVS. Merrill said he would like to meet with the Board to discuss the possibility of minimal funding.

Merrill said in 1991 the Region V Foundation was developed because RVS as a public subdivision was not eligible for certain grants, in particular Nebraska Department of Roads van grants. He stated the Foundation has helped RVS provide safe, reliable and affordable vehicles and housing.

Merrill stated the State of Nebraska informed RVS that the federal government would not pay a full rate for weekend coverage. The new contract rate was reduced to 48.15% which in effect is \$200,000 less income. Merrill said the need level was reduced from eleven different categories to four.

#### **4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County, which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. (R-17-0052)**

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

- B. Recommendation from the Personnel Policy Board to revise the classification, title and change the pay grade of the Court Clerk (2310) and to revise the classification and title of the Court Services Supervisor (2305).**

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

- C. Lease agreement between Randy Chevalier and Lancaster County to lease real property owned by the County as described in the agreement. Lessee will pay the County \$250. Term of the lease is from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. (C-17-0474)**

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

- D. Agreement for work/financial plan between Lancaster County and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) for a Wildlife Damage Management program in Lancaster County from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. APHIS-WS will assign one Wildlife Specialist that will respond to nuisance wildlife problems within the County. The cost of the program will not exceed \$7,499.45. (C-17-0475)**

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

- E. "Consent to Assignment of Contract" between Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Building Commission and Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc. The "Consent to Assignment of Contract" accepts the assignment of all of Waste Connections rights, title and interest in the contract under County Contract C-13-0602, to Uribe Refuse Services, Inc. (C-17-0477)**

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

- F. Agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) services at the Mental Health Crisis Center. Region V will enter into separate agreements with referring counties who will send acutely mentally ill individuals to Lancaster County. The County will be paid \$186 per individual per day. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. (C-17-0478)**

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

- G. Agreement with Joseph Higgins, Ph.D., for the provision of up to 320 hours per year of specialized psychological services for the Mental Health Crisis Center at the rate of \$75 per hour. (C-17-0479)**

This item was held.

- H. Recommendation from the Purchasing Department to award a contract for the annual supply of workstations and accessories to AOI Corporation and Office Interiors & Design, Inc. (Bid No. 17-140). The estimated amount is \$5,000. (B-17-0140)**

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

- I. **Interlocal agreement with Educational Service Unit (ESU) No. 18 for educational services to youth detained at the Youth Services Center. The County will reimburse the ESU up to \$892,330 for the services provided. Term of the agreement is August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. (C-17-0480)**

Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center Director, stated this is an ongoing contract with Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) for educational services at the Youth Services Center (YCS). She said the Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS) reimburses for staffing and services.

Brinkman noted a significant reduction in the cost from last year. Schindler said there has been a reduction in YSC population thus LPS reduced the cost for services.

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

- J. **Agreement with TCW Construction, Inc., and Lancaster County on behalf of the Lancaster County Engineer for replacement of Structures H-128, H-130 and J-143. The cost to the County is \$715,937. Work is to be completed on or before December 18, 2017. (C-17-0463)**

**MOTION:** Brinkman moved and Schorr seconded approval of the agreement.

Schorr inquired as to the location of the structures. Ken Schroeder, Chief Deputy County Surveyor, said the box culverts are located in the area of North 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Alvo Road and North 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Holdrege Street. He said construction is to start on the first structure July 31<sup>st</sup> and all structures are to be completed by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Schroeder said each project is to be completed in thirty days. He stated detour routes have been developed.

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

- K. **Interlocal agreements with the following counties for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of preadjudicated juveniles at the Youth Services Center. Lancaster County will be reimbursed at the rate of \$276 per juvenile per day.**

1. **Fillmore County (C-17-0481)**
2. **Hall County (C-17-0482)**
3. **Hamilton County (C-17-0483)**
4. **Harlan County (C-17-0484)**
5. **Hooker County (C-17-0485)**
6. **Kimball County (C-17-0486)**
7. **Morrill County (C-17-0487)**
8. **Pawnee County (C-17-0488)**
9. **Polk County (C-17-0489)**
10. **Saline County (C-17-0490)**

Schindler stated the contracts are renewals with the new rate. She said each county will be responsible for their youth's medical care and medication cost.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the Interlocal agreements.

Wiltgen noted that he will be voting no as he objects to not charging the counties the true cost of detention.

**ROLL CALL:** Avery, Brinkman, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Wiltgen voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

**L. Amendments to the following contracts using the University of Nebraska Contract No. 2135-13-7215 for paint and related products. The amendments renew the contracts from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

- 1. County Contract C-13-0482 with Diamond Vogel in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. (C-17-0465)**
- 2. County Contract C-13-0483 with Sherwin Williams Paint Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. (C-17-0466)**

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

**M. Amendment to County Contract C-15-0380 between National Everything Wholesale using the City of Tucson, Arizona Contract No. 151148 for janitorial and sanitation supplies, equipment and related services. The amendment renews the contract from August 2, 2017 through August 1, 2018. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$210,000. (C-17-0468)**

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

**N. Amendment to County Contract C-14-0377 with Concrete Industries, Inc., for the annual supply of asphaltic joint sealant (Bid No. 14-153). The amendment renews the contract from July 29, 2017 through July 28, 2018. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$15,000. (C-17-0469)**

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

**O. Grant contract with CASA in the amount of \$12,000 for the Volunteer Advocates program. The grant is funded by Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds for a term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (C-17-0467)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, provided an overview of items O thru R.

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

- P. Grant contract with Christian Heritage in the amount of \$3,200 for the Destination...Home program. The grant is funded by Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds for a term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (C-17-0470)**

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

- Q. Grant contract with Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$34,244 for the Formula for Impact program. The grant is funded by Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds for a term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (C-17-0471)**

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

- R. Grant contract with YWCA of Lincoln in the amount of \$55,000 for the Mother-Daughter Circles program. The grant is funded by Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds for a term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (C-17-0472)**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the grant contract. Amundson, Avery, Brinkman, Schorr 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 from June, 2017:**

- 1. Assessor/Register of Deeds**
- 2. Clerk of the District Court**
- 3. County Clerk**

**B. Right-of-way contracts between Lancaster County and the following:**

- 1. Rita Kramer, Northwest 40<sup>th</sup> Street and West McKelvie Road, in the amount of \$1,472.50. (C-17-0491)**
- 2. James Buel, North 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Alvo Road, in the amount of \$2,080. (C-17-0492)**
- 3. Bevans Barns, LLC, North 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Alvo Road, as a donation. (C-17-0493)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the consent items. Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman, Avery, 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.

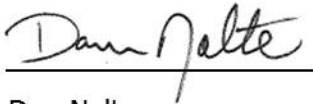
No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization meeting immediately following.
- C. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesdays (1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.), Wednesdays (12:00 a.m. midnight) and Saturdays (3:30 p.m.) on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on the internet at [lancaster.ne.gov](http://lancaster.ne.gov) under 5 City-TV, Video on Demand or 5 City-TV on YouTube.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Avery seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:49 a.m. Schorr, Brinkman, Avery, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

The location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was announced.

**1) MINUTES:**

**A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.**

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

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

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

**3) PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

**1. Union College**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.



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

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

**5) NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGE FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES:**

**A.** Kenneth D. Jensen

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, said this notice reflects a correction of an inadvertent duplication of agricultural land lines on the property.

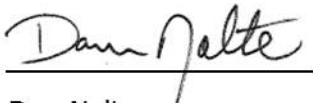
**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the valuation change. Amundson, Avery, Brinkman, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those wishing to speak on items relating to County Board of Equalization business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

No one appeared for public comment.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:53 a.m. Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



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