

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and 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 March 28, 2018.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2018

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded approval of the March 22, 2018 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Brinkman, Schorr, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Joe Kohout, Brennen Miller and Gordon Kissel, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates, LLC (Legislative Consultants)

Joe Kohout, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates, LLC, provided a legislative update, legislative bill summaries and a potential concept amendment to Legislative Bill (LB)1103 (Provide a minimum amount of state aid for each school district) (Exhibits A-D).

Kohout discussed LB841 (Provide duties relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies) and said they have stressed the need for language to clarify that the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) will work to get individuals who are leaving a state correctional facility because they are terminally ill on Medicaid prior to their release. He said Senator Bob Krist indicated that legislation requiring that was passed two years ago but has not been implemented by NDCS. Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, appeared and said she isn't sure they can apply for Medicaid because Nebraska did not adopt Medicaid expansion. She said NDCS is currently sending those individuals to the Lancaster County General Assistance (GA) Office to apply for assistance. Wiltgen asked whether their county of legal residence can be determined. Hoyle said they can determine where the conviction took place but said it can be difficult to determine residency if the individual had a lengthy incarceration. Wiltgen inquired about the length of time it takes an individual to get on Medicaid. Hoyle said it can vary from six months to two years, explaining the individual must first apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

ACTION ITEM

- A. Agreement Between Correct Care Solutions, LLC and Lancaster County, on Behalf of the Department of Corrections, for Correctional Healthcare Services. Term of the Agreement is April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2022 (County Contract No. C-18-0157). The County Shall Pay Up to an Estimated \$9,200,288.00 for the Services Provided Over the Four-Year Term.

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

3 POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Todd Duncan, Chief Deputy Sheriff; David Derbin, Jen Holloway and Dan Zieg, Deputy County Attorneys

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 8:53 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to potential litigation.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter Executive Session.

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

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board entering Executive Session.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:19 a.m. Avery, Amundson, Brinkman Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4 BREAK

No break was taken.

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Item was moved forward on the agenda.

6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Prairie Corridor Tour

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated plans to participate in the tour.

B. Default Investment Change Directive to Prudential

The item was scheduled on the April 3, 2018 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

- C. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) No. 605052 to Candace Meredith, Chief Deputy Treasurer, in the Total Amount of \$104.00 for Tax Sale Lodging. The County Board Has Requested a Review of all Claims for Employee Reimbursement Other than Those Related to Travel for County Business.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to handle the claim as a regular claim. Amundson, Brinkman, Schorr, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) No. 604041 to The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel from the County Treasurer’s Office in the Amount of \$3,533.58. This Claim is Over the Amount Requiring a Contract.

Candace Meredith, Chief Deputy Treasurer, appeared and said the County Treasurer’s Office signed an agreement with The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel for space to hold the tax sale. The invoice the hotel submitted combined the room rental with audio/visual costs for PSAV, a vendor within the hotel, which put it over the County’s contract threshold.

In response to a question from Schorr, Meredith said the Treasurer’s Office has held the tax sale at the Lancaster Event Center in the past but the facility did not have a large enough room available this year. She said the Event Center also does not allow early admission so the Treasurer’s Office did not feel it was the best option.

Eagan explained that only the Board has the authority to sign contracts on behalf of the County.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to handle the claim as a regular claim. Schorr, Avery, Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) No. 605325 to Autumn Crable, Juvenile Probation, in the Amount of \$144.37. The County Board Has Requested a Review of all Claims for Employee Reimbursement Other than Those Related to Travel for County Business.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded to handle the claim as a regular claim. Brinkman, Schorr, Avery, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

7. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Lancaster County Board of Zoning Appeals Applicants

Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, said there are two applicants for the vacancy on the County Board of Zoning Appeals (James Pinkerton and Jeffrey A. Witt Sr.). There was consensus to schedule informal discussion with the candidates on a future Staff Meeting agenda.

Eagan agreed to research whether there are residency requirements.

B. Hickman Public Meeting

Ames said Dr. Brian Maschmann, Assistant Superintendent, Norris School District, has asked Commissioner Schorr, Pam Dingman, County Engineer, and Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, to attend a public meeting at the Hickman Community Center to discuss concerns regarding roads in the Hickman area.

Schorr said she will contact Dr. Maschmann to inquire about who is hosting the meeting and the format. She also felt it would be better to wait until more is known about whether the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will assist with funding for Saltillo Road improvements under their Safety Program.

C. Management Team Meeting

Ames suggested a “refresh” of the Management Team and a survey of members to get input on what they feel would be beneficial. She also suggested that the meetings be held on a more consistent basis.

Eagan noted that meetings have often been issue driven.

There was Board consensus to proceed with a survey. Brinkman suggested the survey be anonymous so that respondents will be more candid about whether they see value in the meetings and what changes they would suggest that would make the meetings more valuable to them.

Discussion also took place on whether directors or elected officials should be expected to be present at a County Board of Commissioners Meeting when they have an item on the agenda to answer questions or provide an overview. There was consensus to have Board members directly communicate to a director or elected official if they would like additional information presented at a meeting. Directors and elected officials should also feel free to take advantage of the opportunity to explain an item or program.

8. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority (EMSOA) – Brinkman

Brinkman said the meeting was cancelled. She noted that EMSOA had been scheduled to discuss the letter the Board submitted, in conjunction with the rural fire districts, requesting funding for a radio upgrade for the nine rural fire districts within Lancaster County. Brinkman said she contacted the Chair to see if he plans to reschedule the meeting but has not received a response.

B. County Board Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with the Planning Department – Wiltgen/Brinkman

Wiltgen said they received an update on the working group that is looking at accessory dwelling unit (ADU) issues and options, noting the Planning Department feels there should be additional

agricultural representation. He said he has reached out to agricultural groups but said there isn't much interest in that issue. Brinkman said there are concerns about how allowing ADU's could impact the preservation of agricultural land. Schorr said Sara Hartzell, a planner and acreage owner, has a firm understanding of the issues and indicated she would be willing to contact Hartzell to see if she would be interested in serving as a member.

Wiltgen said they also discussed the proposed citizenship question on the 2020 Census form and how the County acquires right-of-way. Eagan explained the practice has been to acquire right-of-way by fee simple (the land is owned without limitations or conditions). The Board requested further education on the right-of-way acquisition topic at a future Staff Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wiltgen said he and Schorr met with District Court Judges John Colborn and Susan Strong to discuss the Lancaster County District Court's requirement that an accused person appear before a judge before bonding out. **NOTE:** There are concerns that the requirement keeps individuals in jail extra days and increases transport and attorney costs. Schorr said the Judges indicated a willingness to handle more appearances via video conferencing.

9. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

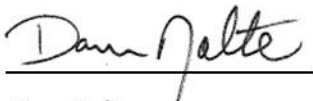
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10. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Amundson, Brinkman, Schorr, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

