

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Jennifer Brinkman, Vice Chair

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and Leslie Brestel, 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 November 7, 2018.*

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

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1) APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the November 1, 2018 Staff Meeting minutes. Avery, Amundson, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**2) COUNTY BRIDGE MATCH PROGRAM – Mark Traynowicz, Nebraska Department of Transportation**

Mark Traynowicz, Nebraska Department of Transportation, reviewed his presentation on the County Bridge Match Program (see agenda packet). He said each bridge must be inspected every two years, more often if necessary.

Schorr exited and returned to the meeting at 8:44 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., respectively.

Schorr asked if ongoing funding is a concern for the program. Traynowicz said the statute says there will be up to \$40,000,000 for the seven-year program. He advised voicing concerns to the State Senators or Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Executive Director.

**3) CREDIBLE CONFERENCE – Scott Etherton, Lancaster County Mental Crisis Center Director**

Scott Etherton, Lancaster County Mental Crisis Center Director, requested permission to attend the Credible conference in Crystal City, Virginia in February 2019 to receive more training on the software program. Directors can attend the conference for free, so the only funds being used would be for travel and lodging. Etherton felt Continuing Education funds would be sufficient.

**MOTION:** Avery moved and Amundson seconded to approve Scott Etherton to attend the Credible training. Avery, Amundson, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**4) ANNUAL REPORT FROM KERIN PETERSON, FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES DIRECTOR**

Kerin Peterson, Facilities and Properties Director, reviewed her report (see agenda packet).

Amundson exited the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Peterson stated applicable employees have attended the Purchase Card (P Card) training and are using the P Cards for transactions.

Amundson returned to the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Peterson said someone from her team will attend the Lancaster County Leadership Program. She also reviewed her role as District Energy Project Coordinator.

**5) DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

**A. Rural Opioid Epidemic Roundtable - Amundson**

Amundson reported Nebraska has fewer opioid overdose deaths than the national average, and higher than national average opioid written prescription rates than the national average. Individuals in rural areas are less likely to be entered in the electronic database of those who have been prescribed opioids. Continuing education opportunities, and Naloxone and Narcan, medications to combat opioid overdoses, are being made available to rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

**6) DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

**A. Justice Council - Wiltgen/Schorr**

Schorr said the Council discussed the upcoming system for court reminders, the Regional Center discharge plans, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) data, the Stepping Up Initiative, and the upcoming Warrant Week in November. Wiltgen added Bruce Prenda, Chief Deputy County Attorney, reviewed the data of individuals currently at the Regional Center to get a better sense if those resources were being used appropriately, to which it was determined they were and that there was discussion on the jail's treatment responsibility for mentally ill individuals.

**B. JDAI Collaborative - Brinkman**

No report was given as Brinkman was absent.

**C. Region V Meetings - Wiltgen**

Wiltgen said the Region V Services gave a presentation on their budget that showed increased cash flow for the past fiscal year. The Region V Systems had presentations on Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) and on the quality assurance program, discussed the shortage of short-term residential programs, reviewed the budget, and approved a contract amendment from the Bridge Behavioral Health back to the Region V behavioral health division.

**D. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development - Brinkman**

No report was given as Brinkman was absent.

**E. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Coffee - Wiltgen**

Wiltgen stated Schorr attended in his place. Schorr reported the outcome of elections and the need to educate the new state senators on pertinent issues to Lancaster County, the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) award for dashboard programming, Medicaid expansion, new school locations, and upcoming calendar events were discussed. There was also discussion on workforce recruitment and development for technical jobs.

**7) SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

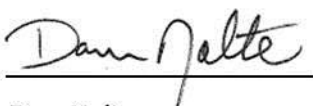
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**16) EMERGENCY ITEMS**

No emergency items.

**17) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Avery, Amundson, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

