

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018
8:30 A.M.**

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

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 January 3, 2018.

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

AGENDA ITEM

1) APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2017

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Schorr seconded approval of the December 12, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Avery, Schorr, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Joe Kohout, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC, presented a legislative update and a memorandum from Jim Scheer, Speaker of the Legislature, regarding 2018 legislative scheduling and floor procedures (Exhibits A and B).

Kohout noted the following:

- Kohout, Miller, Commissioner Wiltgen and Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, met with Senator Matt Hansen and his staff regarding competency legislation and Senator Hansen's office has provided an updated draft for review and comment.

The Chair asked Kohout to forward copies to Joe Kelly, County Attorney; Joe Nigro, Public Defender; and Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director.

- Senator Anna Wishart has requested information on longevity pay for correctional officers. Kohout said Senator Wishart was informed that there are no longevity pay provisions in the County's labor agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 32 (Correctional Officers).

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, appeared and suggested the County monitor Legislative Bill (LB) 672 (provide for medical release for committed offenders) as there could be an impact to County General Assistance (GA).

Brinkman discussed potential legislation regarding the way charges are filed against juveniles for certain infractions.

Candace Meredith, Chief Deputy Treasurer, appeared and said her office is working with state senators on legislation related to Tax Increment Financing (TIF's) and motor vehicle titles.

ACTION ITEM

A. Annual Supply Contract with Rixstine Recognition for Plaques, Trophies and Promotional Items, Bid No. 17-314, Effective January 7, 2018 through January 6, 2019

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Committee Assignments and Officers

The following changes were made to committee assignments:

- Brinkman will be assigned to the Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) instead of Wiltgen
- Amundson will be assigned to the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) instead of Brinkman
- Remove the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board from the list of Committee Assignments

Wiltgen stated he is interested in serving another term as Chair of the County Board.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Schorr seconded to nominate Todd Wiltgen to serve as Chair of the County Board.

No action was taken.

Avery said he plans to step aside as Vice Chair of the County Board and would like to nominate Brinkman to serve in that position.

NOTE: Formal action to approve committee assignments and officers will be scheduled on the January 9, 2018 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

B. Elected Official Chief Deputy Salaries

There was consensus to schedule action on the January 9, 2018 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

C. Enterprise Car Rental

Amundson asked that the Purchasing Department work on development of a contract for car rentals, "piggybacking" on the State's contract with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

D. Modification of Prudential Day One Income Flex Target Funds

Informational only.

3) **DISCUSSION WITH LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY REGARDING THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO (NHSFR) TRIALS VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT** – Amy Dickerson, Lancaster County Event Center Managing Director; Tom Huston, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Counsel; and Kendra Ronnau, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board

Amy Dickerson, Lancaster County Event Center Managing Director, gave an update on the County Visitors Improvement Fund grant for improvements to the Lancaster Event Center related to it hosting the National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) in 2020 and 2021, including the following (see Exhibit C):

- Approximately \$3,000,000 in planned grounds improvements
 - Outdoor covered grandstand
 - East loop driveway
 - South exit driveway for emergency purposes
 - Camping upgrades
- Grant budget and timing
- Construction timeline

Wiltgen asked whether there are additional items that were not included in the budget document. Dickerson explained there will be operational items, such as renting horse stalls, as well as sponsorships and trade agreements.

Tom Huston, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Counsel, said the design process is underway with REGA Engineering Group, Inc. and said they are still negotiating a contract with Hampton Commercial Construction, Inc. to serve as the general contractor. He noted they will not be able to move to the construction phase (Phase 2) until they have agreed on a guaranteed maximum price (GMP). Huston felt the construction contract will be in place within the next 30 days and said they will work with the contractor and the civil engineers over the next 60 to 90 days on the GMP. He said the schedule is aggressive but said it is necessary because of the road improvements that are scheduled for 2019.

Wiltgen asked whether there will be any escalators in the GMP. Huston said no, explaining the general contractor is at risk for any costs in excess of the GMP.

Brinkman noted the estimate is over a year old and that construction costs continue to increase. She asked whether they anticipate being able to stay within the budget or will they be using other funds besides the Visitors Improvement Fund grant. Huston said there will likely be fundraising efforts and said the Event Center staff will have to be prepared to perform some of the work.

Dickerson said they have only spent about \$100,000 of the \$440,000 in grant funds available this year, noting the funds were primarily spent on design. She said they will be bringing forward a proposed amendment to the grant contract. Dickerson said their goal is to get as much of the construction done in 2018 as possible.

In response to a question from Schorr, Dickerson said there is approximately \$190,000 remaining from an existing contract that could be applied towards the new contract. She explained some work was delayed (construction of the outdoor multi-purpose center, a gravel parking lot and the northeast portion of the new loop road) since the contract with NHSFR was not in place until April. Eagan said the grant contract will need to be amended to extend the completion date for Phase 1. Dickerson indicated there may be changes to the scope of work by phase. Eagan said that will need to be specified in the contract.

Huston addressed the funding timing and said the Ag Society is considering a bridge financing structure because of the efficiencies and economies of scale that can be achieved by doing all of the construction in one step. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Lincoln also needs to be updated. He said the Ag Society is also talking to the Planning Department about a change of zone for the majority of the facility.

Wiltgen stressed that the improvements that are being funded through the County Visitors Improvement Fund grant are different than Phase 3 and that Phase 3 was not dependent on securing the NHSFR. Dickerson agreed that neither was dependent on the other. She added it was specified in the grant contract that if Phase 3 came to pass during the grant period, whatever had not been paid for with the grant funds would be covered by the Phase 3 bonds.

NOTE: Also present for the discussion were Ron Dowding and Jim Swanson, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board; Hoyt Kraeger, Business Development, Lancaster Event Center; and Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Planning Department.

4) LOWER PLATTE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent, and David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, expressed concerns that the proposed Interlocal Agreement could expose the County to contractual, tort, and grant liabilities. Derbin said he believes it would be preferable to create a separate entity.

5) TEXT AMENDMENT NUMBERS: A) 17014, COUNTY COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN (CAD)/DRAFTING STANDARDS FOR SUBDIVISION SUBMITTALS; B) 17018, COUNTY AIRPORT ZONING REGULATIONS; AND C) APPEAL OF COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 17043 – Brian Will, Planner II; Rachel Jones, Planner I; and Tom Cajka, Planner I, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department; Pam Dingman, County Engineer

A) County Text Amendment No. 17014, County Computer-Aided Design (CAD)/Drafting Standards for Subdivision Submittals

Brian Will, Planner II, discussed County Text Amendment No. 17014, amend County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for Computer-Aided Design (CAD)/Drafting Standards for subdivision submittals, noting a similar amendment is working its way through the City of Lincoln's process. Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said this will create efficiencies for her department as well as the County Assessor/Register of Deeds' Office. It was noted there was no opposition at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission's public hearing.

B) County Text Amendment No. 17018, County Airport Zoning Regulations

Rachel Jones, Planner I, gave an overview of County Text Amendment 17018, to amend Article 18 of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution for airport zoning. She said this is essentially a "clean-up" amendment which includes corrections to the airport zoning map, corrections to length and appearance of approach zones, and updates of the runway end locations and elevations to match the airport layout plan. Jones said there was no opposition at the Planning Commission's public hearing.

C) Appeal of County Special Permit No. 17043

Tom Cajka, Planner I, said this item relates to an appeal of County Special Permit No. 17043, a soil mining and excavation permit. He said the individual who filed the appeal testified at the Planning Commission's public hearing in a neutral position, expressing concerns regarding dust control and traffic speed on West Van Dorn Street.

Dingman said her department will monitor traffic conditions on West Van Dorn Street.

NOTE: Also present for the discussion were David Cary, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department Director; Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Planning Department; Jeff McReynolds, Geographic Information System (GIS) Program Manager; David Young, Fiber Network and Right-of-Way (ROW) Manager, City Public Works & Utilities; Jon Large, Deputy Director-Engineering, Lincoln Airport Authority.

6) PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

MOTION: Schorr moved and Avery seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending and potential litigation.

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

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

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

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

7) BREAK

The Board took a break before exiting Executive Session (see Item 6).

HIRING COUNTY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR – Joe Kelly, County Attorney; Pat Condon, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, requested authorization to hire a temporary investigator for the County Attorney's Office for a specific criminal case in which a lot of background work is anticipated. He estimated the maximum cost at \$70,872, noting the position will not have benefits.

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

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F. Appointment of Roma Amundson to the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Coalition by Governor Ricketts

Informational only.

8) APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT APPLICATION (ACTION REQUIRED) – Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, gave an overview of the grant.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Avery, Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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G. Re-Nomination of Minette Genuchi to the Commissioners' Award of Excellence Program

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

K. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) No. 595340 from the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners to Deb Schorr in the Amount of \$145.24. The County Board has requested a Review of All Claims from Elected Officials.

Schorr gave an explanation of the claim which was related to attendance at a Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to handle the claim through the regular claims process. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

- J. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) No. 595530 from the Clerk of the District Court to Troy Hawk in the Amount of \$141.24. The County Board has requested a Review of All Claims for Employee Reimbursements Other Than Those Related to Travel for County Business.

It was noted that this claim was also related to attendance at a Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference.

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

- I. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) No. 593956 from Lancaster County Extension to Mary Jane Frogge in the Amount of \$17.24. The County Board has requested a Review of All Claims for Employee Reimbursements Other Than Those Related to Travel for County Business.

Eagan gave an explanation of the claim.

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

- 9) **A) RE-ENTRY GRANT APPLICATION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA); AND B) HIRE CLINICIAN UNDER BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) GRANT** – Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director

A) Re-entry Grant application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, requested authorization to submit an application for re-entry enhancement funding (\$450,000 each year for five years) to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She said the grant would allow her to assist treatment providers who are running out of units and to enhance treatment and wrap-around services for re-entry programming.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to authorize submission of the grant application. Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

B) Hire Clinician Under Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant

Etherton requested authorization to hire a clinician and a behavioral health specialist to be part of the planning process for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to authorize Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, to hire a clinician and a behavioral health specialist. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

10) HIRING COUNTY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR – Joe Kelly, County Attorney; Pat Condon, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

11) ACTION ITEM

- A. Annual Supply Contract with Rixstine Recognition for Plaques, Trophies and Promotional Items, Bid No. 17-314, Effective January 7, 2018 through January 6, 2019

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12) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Committee Assignments and Officers
- B. Elected Official Chief Deputy Salaries
- C. Enterprise Car Rental
- D. Modification of Prudential Day One Income Flex Target Funds

Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

- E. Request from Associated Builders and Contractors to Use County Parcel at 831 Westgate Boulevard for Equipment Demonstration

Item was held until later in the meeting.

- F. Appointment of Roma Amundson to the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Coalition by Governor Ricketts
- G. Re-Nomination of Minette Genuchi to the Commissioners' Award of Excellence Program

Items F and G were moved forward on the agenda.

- H. Claim for Review – Payment Voucher (PV) Nos. 594964-594965 from the Lancaster County Engineer to Logan Contractors Supply Inc., in the amount of \$9,058.30. This Claim will bring the Total Amount of Payments for the Year on Contract No. C-17-0446 to \$25,686.30, Which Exceeds the Contract Amount of \$7,600.00.

Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent, appeared and explained the contract will need to be amended because the contract amount was exceeded. He explained that County Engineering was not aware they had exceeded the contract amount when they placed the order. Walla said he will check how much the department projects it will spend through the rest of the year and will prepare a contract amendment.

Wiltgen questioned why the County is being charged sales tax on the rental of patcher equipment. Walla said he will check.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to handle the claim as a regular claim once the Purchasing Department has brought forward a contract amendment.

Brinkman questioned why the County can't track costs. Walla explained an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System would be required. It was noted the Purchasing Department now has a contract administrator on staff.

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

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Items I-K were moved forward on the agenda.

- E. Request from Associated Builders and Contractors to Use County Parcel at 831 Westgate Boulevard for Equipment Demonstration

Kerin Peterson, Facilities & Properties Director, appeared and gave an overview of the request. She was asked to work with the County Attorney's Office to develop a use agreement.

13) CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

There were no items to report.

14) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. January Management Team Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be held on January 11th. Agenda items will include P-Cards (purchasing cards), revisions to the mileage reimbursement form, and a roundtable discussion. It was suggested the draft P-Card policy be sent out to directors in advance of the meeting.

- B. Mileage Claim Form

Amundson felt claimants should be required to explain why they did not use a rental car and to show the difference in costs between mileage for a personal vehicle and the cost of a rental vehicle. Dan Nolte, County Clerk, said his office could make some revisions to the form for the Board's consideration. He also suggested that claimants be required to attach a Google Map or MapQuest map to corroborate travel distance.

- C. Employee Recognition Breakfast Date – Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 7:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel

Informational only.

15) DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

- A. General Assistance (GA) Monitoring Committee – Wiltgen

Eagan said the meeting was routine in nature. **NOTE:** Wiltgen did not attend the meeting.

- B. Public Building Commission (PBC) – Amundson/Brinkman

Amundson said they received a security update and reports on several renovation projects.

- C. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Board of Health – Avery

Avery said they received a report on Retail Food Program Standards and an update on the Refugee Clinic.

- D. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) – Wiltgen/Amundson

Wiltgen said they approved payment vouchers.

- E. Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board

The meeting was cancelled.

- F. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) – Wiltgen

Wiltgen indicated he did not attend the meeting.

- G. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Schorr

Schorr indicated she did not attend the meeting.

- H. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee – Amundson

No report.

- I. Lancaster County Board Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with Planning Department

The meeting was cancelled.

16) SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

Informational only.

17) EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

18) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Amundson, Avery, Schorr, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

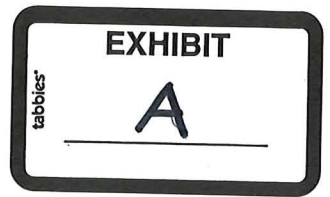

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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout
Brennen L. Miller

DATE: January 4, 2018

RE: Weekly Update

Good morning. Today is day 2 of the 2018 Legislature. Yesterday, the Legislature convened for the 2018 session and elected its new chair of the Committee on Committees – Senator Bob Hilkemann of Omaha. Senator Hilkemann defeated Senator Steve Halloran of Hastings on a 25-24 vote.

The Legislature then proceeded to the introduction of new bills. Approximately 119 bills were introduced in the roughly 1 hour set aside for introduction. We have begun processing these bills for this year and will have an updated list for you next week at our weekly update. Hearings are set to begin on January 16, 2018.

The Speaker has posted the rough listing of all dates of significance on his website. We have captured this and provided it on the following pages. Too, we are providing his memorandum dated November 17, 2018 that details how he will be handling carryover legislation. You will note that there has not been a change from last years' process.

Yesterday, we did have the first declaration of a priority bill – LB 368. This is legislation has the one liner of "Change helmet provisions, change passenger age limits, and require eye protection for operators of motorcycles and mopeds" – the "helmet bill". We can expect this bill to require 33 votes to invoke cloture on a sustained filibuster.

As to the county priorities, we are working with Senator Matt Hansen on the competency legislation and expect that to be introduced in the coming days. Further, we have provided the increase in purchasing thresholds legislation to Senator Hilgers and hope to have him introduce this bill.

This concludes our report for this week.

January 4 and 5

- Convene at 10:00 a.m.
- Bill introduction
- Adjourn around 12:00 p.m. or when introduced bills have been processed by the Clerk's office

January 8 and 9

- Convene at 10:00 a.m.
- Bill Introduction
- Debate motion to adopt permanent rules followed by general file debate of carry-over legislation
- Recess at noon and reconvene at 1:30 p.m.
- Adjourn between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

January 10

- Convene at 9:30 a.m.
- Bill Introduction
- Governor Rickett's State of the State Address – 10:00 a.m.
- General file debate of carry-over legislation
- Recess at noon and reconvene at 1:30 p.m.
- Adjourn between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

January 11

- Convene at 10:00 a.m.
- Bill introduction
- General file debate of carry-over legislation
- Adjourn by noon

January 12

- (Tentative) Last day to submit bill requests to Revisor of Statutes/Bill Drafting Office

January 16

- Convene at 10:00 a.m.
- Bill introduction
- General file debate of carry-over legislation
- Adjourn by noon
- Public Hearings begin at 1:30 p.m.

January 17

- Convene at 9:00 a.m. and each morning thereafter
- Bill introduction
- General file debate of carry-over legislation
- Adjourn by noon

January 18

- Convene at 9:00 a.m.
- Last day of bill introduction
- General file debate of carry-over legislation
- Chief Justice Heavican's State of the Judiciary Address-10:00 a.m.
- Adjourn by noon or when introduced bills have been processed by the Clerk's office

February 14, Prior to Adjournment

- Deadline for senators to submit a letter to the Speaker requesting designation of a bill as a 2018 speaker priority bill

February 20, Prior to Adjournment

- Deadline for designation of committee and senator priority bills

February 21

- Speaker priority bills announced prior to adjournment

February 26

- Last day for Monday and Monday/Tuesday committees to complete committee public hearings on introduced bills

February 27

- Last day for three day committees to complete committee public hearings on introduced bills

February 28

- Full-day floor debate begins

March 12

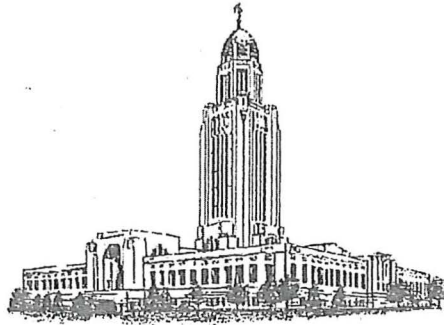
- Prior to March 12 a “late nights” schedule will be announced. Senators are requested to keep their session day evenings open from March 12th until the end of session for extended floor debate

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colleagues, Staff and Interested Persons

FROM: Speaker Jim Scheer 

RE: 2018 Legislative Scheduling and Floor Procedures

DATE: November 17, 2017

As we prepare for the 2018 Session, I want to reacquaint everyone with how I will handle certain procedural motions under our current rules and announce how I will handle the carry-over bills which were designated last year as a 2017 priority bill.

First, I want to let you know I intend to follow the same practices I utilized last year for handling certain procedural motions under our rules.

With respect to cloture motions, it is my intention to rule that a cloture motion is in order after 6 hours of debate on general file, 3 hours of debate on select file, and one and a half hours of debate on final reading unless I discern that full and fair debate has occurred sooner, in which case I will entertain a motion for cloture earlier than the 6-3-1.5 time thresholds. I will make that determination based upon the quality of debate and the number of members participating in the debate.

If a motion for cloture fails, I intend to consider the bill finished for the year, unless the bill is subsequently designated as a 2018 priority bill.

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Additionally I intend to follow my practice of what has been termed "the three hour rule." As speaker, I will be limiting debate to three hours for bills which are on the path to requiring a cloture motion to cease debate. When debate will likely continue after 3 hours of debate on general file (or 1.5 hours of debate on select file) I will be placing a "Speaker's Hold" on the bill. I will not reschedule such a bill until the principal introducer provides me with a vote count indicating a cloture motion would likely be successful.

Additionally, I intend to continue, in general, the practice of our recent speakers to not reschedule any bill that fails to advance from general file or from select file, unless the bill is subsequently designated as a 2018 priority bill.

This same general rule of not rescheduling a bill will apply to any bill bracketed during debate (to a date certain or without a specified date) and bills for which the principal introducer chooses to lay over his or her bill following the filing of a motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 7, Section 3(a) and Section 6. In other words, if a principal introducer chooses to lay over his or her bill during the midst of debate due to the filing of a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, I will not reschedule the bill on the agenda without subsequent designation of the bill as a 2018 priority bill. A bracketed bill heard in worksheet order may also be rescheduled if subsequently designated as a 2018 priority bill.

When scheduling worksheet order bills for debate, I will be passing over all 2017 priority bills. Many of the 2017 priority bills will not be scheduled in 2018 unless designated as a 2018 priority bill. These bills include: priority bills held in committee as of adjournment sine die; priority bills which the body bracketed; priority bills which failed a cloture motion or a motion to advance; and any bill which I rescheduled for additional debate but the principal introducer chose to not offer a motion for cloture.

Some of the 2017 priority bills I consider "still in play" during the 2018 session. These bills will have priority over carry over bills taken up in worksheet order but will only be scheduled when the reason for the hold has been addressed. Please note, however, that these bills will not be rescheduled for use as a vehicle for another measure. The 2017 priority bills which fall within the "still in play" category include: (a) any bill on general file yet to be debated; (b) bills which are being held on a "Speaker's Hold" awaiting my receipt of a favorable vote count for a cloture motion or an amendment for a new funding mechanism; and (c) bills held by the principal introducer. (See attached list beginning on page 4 for specific bills within each category.)

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Any 2017 priority bill may be designated as a 2018 priority bill and will be treated as a new debate. For the 2017 priority bills with a "Speaker's Hold," when designated as a 2018 priority bill, the "Speaker's Hold" will be removed and the clock will be restart with respect to debate time counted towards entertaining a cloture motion.

The order of priority I intend to follow when scheduling bills is: first priority to 2018 priority bills, second priority to 2017 priority bills "still in play," and then worksheet order bills. As usual, at some point in the session we will move to debating only 2018 priority bills and when available, the budget bills. At that time, we will leave the debate of bills in worksheet order and the 2017 priority bills "still in play" until such time as all 2018 priority bills available for debate have been debated. This will occur regardless of what stage of debate the bill sits at the time we turn to only debating 2018 priority bills.

If you have any questions on these practices, please feel free to contact me or Laurie in my office.

The 2017 priority bills which fall within the "still in play" category include:

- 1 bill on general file yet to be debated:

LB611 - Require state agencies to provide a federal funding inventory (Stinner)

- 13 bills which are being held on a "Speaker's Hold" awaiting my receipt of a favorable vote count for a cloture motion or an amendment for a new funding mechanism:

LB68 - Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed and create firearm offenses (Hilgers) (SF)

LB158 - Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles (Pansing Brooks) (GF)

LB173 - Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity (Morfeld) (GF)

✶ LB248 - Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act (Harr) (GF)

LB291 - Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act and change the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act and the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as prescribed (Larson) (SF)

✶ LB595 - Provide for the use of physical force or physical restraint or removal from a class in response to student behavior (Groene) (GF)

LB622 - Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act (Wishart) (GF)

LB628 - Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property (Larson) (GF)

LB640 - Change provisions of the Property Tax Credit Act and provide school district property tax relief (Groene) (GF)

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LB651 - Adopt the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act (Linehan)
(GF)

LB661 - Provide for confidentiality of information relating to
performing a lethal injection (Kuehn) (GF)

LR1CA - Constitutional amendment to require voter identification
(Murante) (GF)

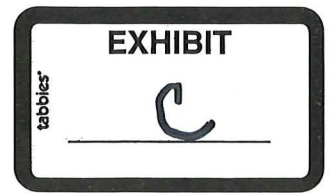
LR6 - Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to
propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution (Ebke) (GF)

•3 bills held by the principal introducer:

LB356 - Create the Civic Engagement Cash Fund and state intent
relating to fund transfers (Bolz) (GF)

LB447 - Change penalty provisions relating to criminal conspiracy
and certain drug-related offenses (Chambers) (SF)

LB632 - Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control
Act and name the Music Licensing Agency Act (Larson) (SF)



Update for County Board
NHSFR VPC Grant Project

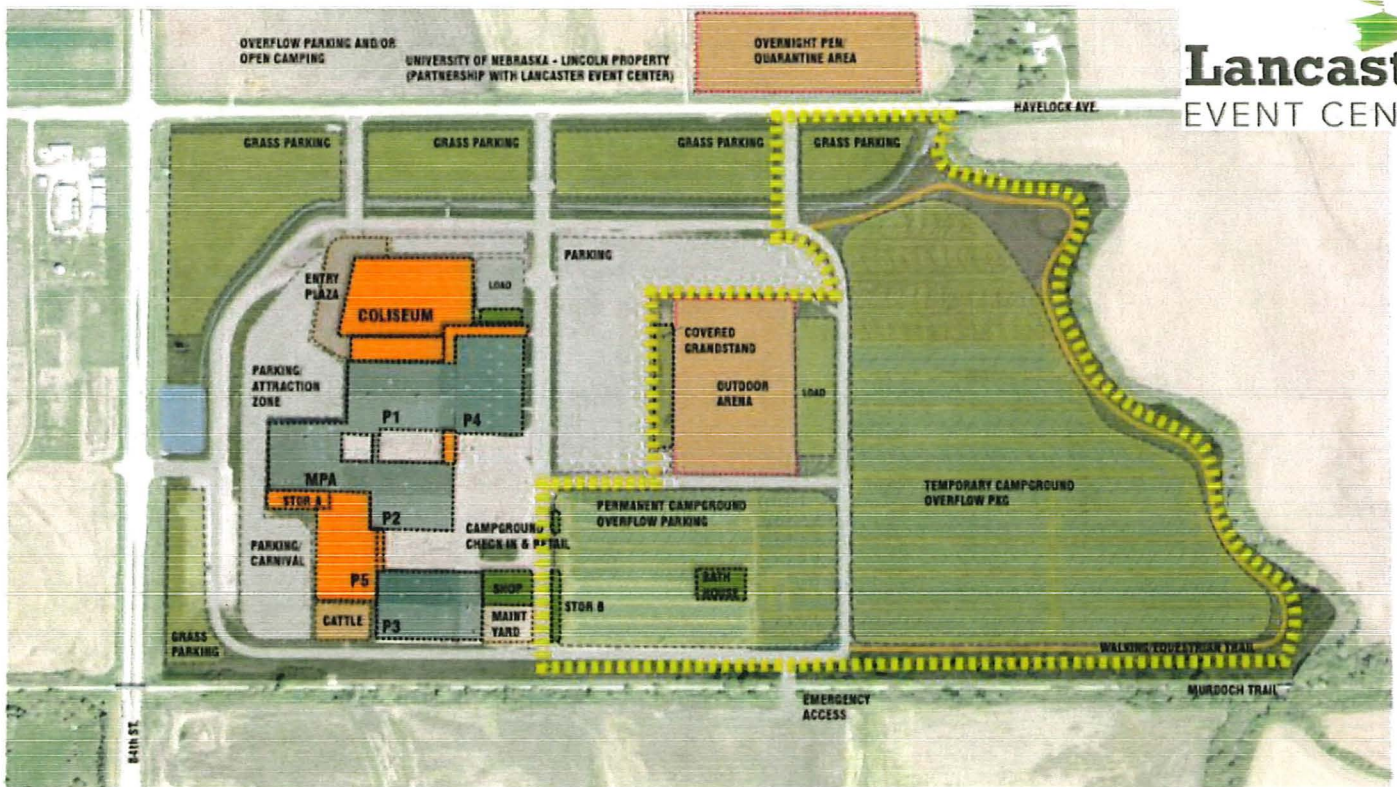
Amy Dickerson, Managing Director
Tom Huston, Legal Counsel
Kendra Ronnau, Ag Society VP

January 4, 2018

Update on VPC grant project

- Grounds improvements planned
- Grant budget & timing
- Construction timeline
- County Board support
- Updated Ag Society contacts





LANCASTER EVENT CENTER: MASTER PLAN UPDATE:
NHSFR VPC Grant Improvements
January 03, 2018



\$3M in grounds improvements funded by lodging tax VPC grant:

- Outdoor covered grandstand
- East loop driveway, South exit driveway
- Camping upgrades: add water to 200 existing, add new 1050 sites w. water/electric

Grant budget



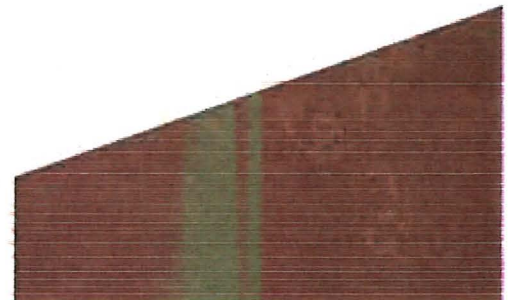
Lancaster Event Center
PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION COST
 Cost Estimate for Camp Ground, Loop Road, Outdoor Arena

6/21/2016

Preliminary Cost Estimate

REGA
 ENGINEERING
 GROUP, INC.

No.	Description	Unit	TOTAL QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Camp Security Lighting	EA	20	\$750.00	\$15,000.00
2	Seeding	ACRE	1.63	\$5,000.00	\$8,150.00
3	Rock Road	SF	104,400	\$1.25	\$130,500.00
4	6" Water Loop	LS	1	\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
5	Campsite- 5' Course Rock	TONS	100	\$20.00	\$2,000.00
6	Campsite-Electricity	LS	500	\$1,000.00	\$500,000.00
7	Parking Lot- Course Rock	TONS	200	\$24.50	\$4,900.00
8	8' Chain Link fence	LF	1,544	\$20.00	\$30,880.00
9	8' Chain Link gates	EA	7	\$250.00	\$1,750.00
10	8' Concrete Wall	LF	600	\$266.67	\$160,000.00
11	Storm Sewer and Arena Drainage	LS	1	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
12	Arena Seating with Canopy	LS	1	\$714,000.00	\$714,000.00
13	Arena Seating Foundation	LS	1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
14	Site Grading- Loop Rd, Camp, Arena	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
15	8' High x 16' Gate	EA	2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
16	4' High chain link fence	LF	600	\$15.00	\$9,000.00
17	6' High Fence	LF	4,000	\$2.50	\$10,000.00
18	Construction Entrance	EA	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
19	Parking Lot Lighting	EA	10	\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
20	Grand Stand Lighting	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
21	Arena Lighting	LS	1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
22	Mobilization	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
23	Gate 4 Concrete Entrance	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
24	Asphalt Parking and Sidewalk	SF	4,000	\$3.50	\$14,000.00
25	8' High chain link fence	LF	2,000	\$22.00	\$44,000.00
26	8'x8' Gate	EA	6	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
27	8'x12' Gate	EA	4	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
28	6% Engineering Costs	LS	1	\$164,613.42	\$164,613.42
29	2.5% Engineering Construction Administration	LS	1	\$68,588.93	\$68,588.93
30	4% Site Supervision, Dumpster, Toilets, Etc.	LS	1	\$137,177.85	\$137,177.85
31	1.5% Construction Staking	LS	1	\$41,153.36	\$41,153.36
32	25% Construction Testing	LS	1	\$8,898.89	\$8,898.89
LEC NHRF IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TOTAL before final bidding process					\$3,161,948.44



VPC grant timing & high level plan

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Events:		Fair to 4-day format	Havelock Rd construction	Rodeo July 19-25	Rodeo July 18-24
VPC grant:	\$450K	\$250K	\$770K	\$770K	\$770K
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 1—signed event contract Design contract signed & design started City/other plan approvals—update MOU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM pre-construction contract Final budget Upgrade/add to existing campground Sponsors & Naming opportunities (campground, outdoor arena) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish new campground Operational plans & staffing Recruit volunteers, vendors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install new grandstand Finish loop road Train volunteers & staff Taking reservations 	

NHSFR Construction Timeline

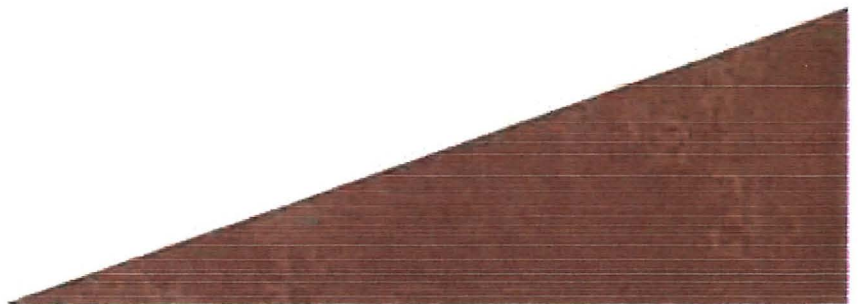


- January 24, 2018 65% Design Review Meeting
- February 23, 2018 90% Design Review Meeting
- March 1, 2018 HEC-RAS (hydrology) model to City for review
- March 1, 2018 Preliminary Bid Set out to Contractors
- March 16, 2018 100% Plans signed
- April 2, 2018 Contractor to begin construction--
 Could be completed in 1 year
 if had funding in place up front
- June 4, 2018 LES could set transformers
- March-Nov 2019 Havelock Road construction
- July 1, 2020: Ready for NHSFR move-in in mid-July



County Board support

- City MOU
- Timing of funding



Ag Society web page update

The Lancaster County Super Fair celebrated its 147th year in 2017.

Lancaster County Agricultural Society Monthly Meeting Agendas & Minutes

The Lancaster County Ag Society conducts monthly public meetings, usually on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm (7 pm November to March) in the Lancaster Event Center office (in building closest to 84th Street on west side). Agendas and Minutes are now posted online as of 2017. If you need access to older agendas and minutes, please contact the Lancaster Event Center office at 402.441.6545.

Agendas	Minutes
December 2017	November 2017
November 2017	October 2017
October 2017	September 2017
September 2017	August 2017
August 2017	July 2017
July 2017	June 2017
June 2017	May 2017
May 2017	April 2017
April 2017	March 2017
March 2017	February 2017
February 2017	January 2017
January 2017	

[Contact the Lancaster County Agricultural Society!](#)

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