

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
9:30 A.M.

Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Ray Stevens, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 13, 2009. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Heier abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 20, 2009.**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of all claims processed through January 20, 2009. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. County Special Permit No. 07043A, requested by the Farmers Cooperative, for an amendment to County Special Permit No. 07043, to expand the area for agricultural chemical storage from five-acres to seven-acres, on property generally located at S.W. 14th Street and West Hallam Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (See New Business Item 4A for correlating documentation.)**

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to testify.

The oath was administered to Mike DeKalb, Planning Department.

DeKalb stated the special permit is a request for a two-acre expansion. He stated both Planning Staff and Planning Commission have recommended approval.

Hudkins asked if there will be sufficient room for future expansion.

DeKalb stated the current request should accommodate their plan, however, if they do find they need additional space, they would apply for another amendment.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to testify.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A resolution in the matter of County Special Permit No. 07043A, requested by Farmers Cooperative in Dorchester, Nebraska, to amend County Special Permit No. 07043 to expand the area for agricultural chemical storage from a five-acre to a seven-acre tract, more or less, on a 154.76-acre parcel, generally located at S.W. 14th Street and West Hallam Road, Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-09-0004)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of Resolution No. R-09-0004 in the matter of County Special Permit No. 07043A, requested by Farmers Cooperative in Dorchester, Nebraska, to amend County Special Permit No. 07043 to expand the area for agricultural chemical storage from a five-acre to a seven-acre tract, more or less, on a 154.76-acre parcel, generally located at S.W. 14th Street and West Hallam Road, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- B. A resolution in the matter of annual salary increases for directors, assistant directors, psychiatrists, sheriff captains, bailiffs, the child support referee and attorneys. (R-09-0005)**

MOTION: Schorr moved Stevens seconded approval of Resolution No. R-09-0005 in the matter of annual salary increases for directors, assistant directors, psychiatrists, sheriff captains, bailiffs, the child support referee and attorneys. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. An application for a Special Events Permit from 2009 Animal Run to hold a fund raiser for a local charity on Saturday, February 7, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m..**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an application for a Special Events Permit from 2009 Animal Run to hold a fund raiser for a local charity on Saturday, February 7, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m.. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. An interlocal agreement between the City of Waverly and Lancaster County to equally divide routine road maintenance responsibilities and implement a balance of services to better coordinate equipment routing for snow removal, mowing, grading, signage and paint striping along specific roads as show in Attachment A. The agreement supercedes and replaces the interlocal agreement, found under County Contract No. 98-2270, approved September 22, 1998. (C-09-0028)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of Waverly and Lancaster County to equally divide routine road maintenance responsibilities and implement a balance of services to better coordinate equipment routing for snow removal, mowing, grading, signage and paint striping along specific roads as shown in Attachment A. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- E. An amendment to a grant contract, under County Contract No. C-07-0043, between Lancaster County and El Centro de Las Americas for funding the community-driven initiatives to address violence against women among diverse and traditionally under-served populations. The amendment changes the ending date of the grant contract from August 31, 2008 to January 31, 2009. The extension is within the federal grant ending date. (C-09-0029)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of an amendment to a grant contract, under County Contract No. C-07-0043, between Lancaster County and El Centro de Las Americas for funding the community-driven initiatives to address violence against women among diverse and traditionally under-served populations. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. An amendment to a unit price construction contract between Lancaster County and Schmader Electric Construction, found at County Contract Number C-08-0042, for the repair and maintenance of emergency management sirens in the County. The amendment renews the contract for an additional one-year term beginning February 10, 2009 and ending February 9, 2010. (C-09-0030)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an amendment to a unit price construction contract between Lancaster County and Schmader Electric Construction, found at County Contract Number C-08-0042, for the repair and maintenance of emergency management sirens in the County. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. A third amendment to an agreement with Evercom Systems, Inc. under County Contract No. C-03-0161, for telephone services for Lancaster County Corrections, the Lancaster Correctional Facility (Airpark), and the Youth Services Center. The amendment extends the agreement for an additional 60-day term beginning January 1, 2009 and ending March 1, 2009. (C-09-0031)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a third amendment to an agreement with Evercom Systems, Inc. under County Contract No. C-03-0161, for telephone services for Lancaster County Corrections, the Lancaster Correctional Facility (Airpark), and the Youth Services Center. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

H. A maintenance agreement with Microfilm Imaging Systems, in the amount of \$895, for a Canon scanner located in the Clerk of the District Court's Office. Term of the agreement is February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010. (C-09-0032)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a maintenance agreement with Microfilm Imaging Systems, in the amount of \$895, for a Canon scanner located in the Clerk of the District Court's Office. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

I. A master group application for an administrative service agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska for the provision of claim administration services on behalf of Lancaster County's self-funded group health care program. (C-09-0033)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of a master group application for an administrative service agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska for the provision of claim administration services on behalf of Lancaster County's self-funded group health care program. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

J. An administrative services agreement between Lancaster County and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska for the provision of claim administration services for Lancaster County's self-funded group health care program, effective January 1, 2009. (C-09-0034)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of an administrative services agreement between Lancaster County and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska for the provision of claim administration services for Lancaster County's self-funded group health care program, effective January 1, 2009. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

K. A grant contract with the Lincoln Children's Museum, as the grantee, and Lancaster County, as the grantor, in the amount of \$10,000. The grant will be expended from the County Visitors Improvement Fund and will be used by the grantee to expand and improve the Children's Museum. The grant term is December 2, 2008 through December 1, 2009. (C-09-0040)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of a grant contract with the Lincoln Children's Museum, as the grantee, and Lancaster County, as the grantor, in the amount of \$10,000. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

L. A Medicare enrollment application reassignment of Medicare benefits regarding Jose Gary Nadala, M.D. for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. (C-09-0041)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of a Medicare enrollment application reassignment of Medicare benefits regarding Jose Gary Nadala, M.D. for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Approval of the Lancaster County Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2009 to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the Lancaster County Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2009 to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Stevens thanked the Weed Control Superintendent, Russ Shultz, for compiling the weed control plan for 2009.

Hudkins said Lancaster County is fortunate to have Shultz as the weed control superintendent and added that he also coordinates the City mowing projects. It was reported that the mowing projects now take up more than 50 percent of Shultz's time.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

N. Appointment of Annette Thompson as the Lancaster County Youth Services Deputy Director at a salary of \$68,000, effective January 22, 2009, with a salary review in six months.

Michelle Schindler, Director of the Youth Services Center, introduced Annette Thompson and thanked the County Board for supporting her request.

Thompson stated she appreciates the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Deputy Director and looks forward to her new position.

The County Board thanked Thompson for taking the position and her commitment to youth.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the appointment of Annette Thompson as the Lancaster County Youth Services Deputy Director at a salary of \$68,000, effective January 22, 2009, with a salary review in six months. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **CONSENT ITEMS:** *These are items of business that are routine which 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:

- 1. Records & Information Management's Monthly Report for December, 2008.**
- 2. Sheriff's Report of Fees for December, 2008.**

5) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

B. Right-of-way contracts relating to road improvements between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and the following:

- * **Aginvest, in the amount of \$550, at N.W. 84th Street and Highway 34; Project No. CP-E-108. (C-09-0035)**
- * **Myron and Barbara Smith, in the amount of \$166, on S.W. 112th Street south of W. Van Dorn Street; Project No. CP-N-154. (C-09-0036)**
- * **Marilyn Strahm, in the amount of \$211, south of Firth Road on 110th Street; Project No. CP-Y-256. (C-09-0037)**
- * **David and Becky Grimes, in the total amount of \$365, west of North 27th Street on West Agnew Road; Project No. CP-C-284. (2 contracts) (C-09-0038) (C-09-0039)**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Items. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:49 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Ray Stevens, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney
Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on January 13, 2009. Hudkins, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Heier abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 3 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Attachment "A".

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS:**

**Blessed Sacrament Church & School
BryanLGH Medical Center (2 exemption applications)
Cathedral of the Risen Christ
Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church
Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
Salvation Army
Sheridan Lutheran Church
Southeast Nebraska Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions for Blessed Sacrament Church & School, BryanLGH Medical Center (2 exemption applications), Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Salvation Army, Sheridan Lutheran Church and Southeast Nebraska Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:50 a.m.. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk