

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022, AT 9:00 AM

**COMMISSIONERS: Deb Schorr, Chair; Christa Yoakum, Vice Chair;
Roma Amundson, Sean Flowerday; and Rick Vest**

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County Nebraska website, emailed to the media and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on December 30, 2021.

Commissioners present: Deb Schorr, Chair; Christa Yoakum, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Sean Flowerday and Rick Vest

Others present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jen Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of 2022 Officers of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to nominate Deb Schorr as Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2022. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest and voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded to nominate Christa Yoakum as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2022. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2) MINUTES:

A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Vest seconded approval of the minutes. Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners special meeting on Special Permit 21042 held on December 16, 2021

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the minutes. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3) CLAIMS:

A. Approval of all claims processed through January 4, 2022

The Deputy Clerk stated the claims need to be amended to include payroll disbursements for the pay period ending December 29, 2021 (Exhibit 1) and a payment to Merit Medical in the amount of \$2,250. (Exhibit 2).

Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, stated a claim is pending in the Nebraska Worker's Compensation Court with a trial set for early February. The Merit Medical invoice is for a review of medical records for the pending claim. Eckley said Merit Medical would not accept a purchasing card (P-Card) for payment. She felt it was critical to pay the claim as soon as possible.

Eric Synowicki, Deputy County Attorney, was also present for the discussion.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the claims as amended. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4) 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. Change Order #4 to County Contract C-21-0396 with Midwest Infrastructure to extend the contract to May 14, 2022 (Bid 21-102; Project 21-21; Culvert Maintenance 2021 (Phase II). (C-22-0001)

B. Amendments to the following contracts:

1. C-21-0601 with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice to add federal language to allow use of ARPA funds in place of Lancaster County general funds (balance of contract is \$46,839.25). (C-22-0003)
2. C-19-0223 with Advanced Auto Parts Corporate Headquarters for auto parts and accessories (using the City of Charlotte, NC/US Communities Contract No. 2017000280, State of Nebraska Participating Addendum No. 15020 OC MOU049. The amendment renews the contract from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The estimated cost for products/services is not to exceed \$5,000). (C-22-0007)
3. C-16-0241 with Acuity Special Products, dba Zep Inc., for comprehensive operational and janitorial supplies (using the Region 14 ESC/NCPA Master Agreement No. 02-28. The total expenditure will remain the same as approved on Contract No. C-21-0299 for the remainder of the current term.) (C-22-0008)
4. C-18-0756 with Galls, LLC for the annual supply of corrections uniforms. (Bid No. 18-262. The amendment renews for an additional term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The cost shall not exceed \$25,000). (C-22-0010)
5. C-19-0027 with Fort Brands – The Fort Inc., for the annual supply of work clothing. (Bid No. 18-266. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase for the term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The cost shall not exceed \$5,000). (C-22-0013)
6. C-18-0757 with Galls, LLC for the annual supply of work clothing. (Bid No. 18-266. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase for the term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The cost shall not exceed \$20,000). (C-22-0012)
7. C-17-0220 with 3M Company for the annual supply of reflective sign sheeting (using State of Nebraska Contract No. 14698 OC for the term beginning February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$13,000). (C-22-0014)
8. C-18-0764 with SHI International Corp. for strategic budgeting and planning. (MOU039. The amendment renews the contract from December 18, 2021 through December 17, 2022. The cost shall not exceed \$110,000.). (C-22-0017)
9. C-18-0017 with Otte Oil & Propane for the annual supply of propane, (Bid No. 17-285. The amendment extends the contract with a price increase for an additional two (2) month-term beginning January 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022. The cost shall not exceed \$2,000.) (C-22-0018)

10. C-20-0132 with Haworth, Inc., for a price increase on furniture, installation and related products and services (City of Charlotte, North Carolina, Master Agreement No. 2020000606, MOU068. There will be no increase to the total expenditure.). (C-22-0019)
11. C-20-0695 with Jones Automotive, Inc., for the annual supply and installation of emergency equipment on law enforcement vehicles (Bid No 20-206. The amendment adds additional products and services. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$215,000). (C-22-0020)
12. C-19-0508 with Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., to extend the term of the agreement for an additional six (6) months. (This contract is for structural consultation related to bridges in Lancaster County.) (C-22-0023)
13. C-21-0234 with WatchGuard Video for public safety video equipment (MOU095. The amendment reflects an estimated increase of \$51,561 for additional product for the remainder of the MOU term with a revised total amount of \$333,258.) (C-22-0024)
14. C-21-0659 with Sherri Eggleston Photography to provide for additional dates for make-up individual headshots for the County Sheriff's Office sworn employees and on an as-needed basis for new employees. (C-22-0026)

C. Right-of-way contracts with the following:

1. Mildred Hansen Living Trust Life Estate, North 40th Street and Branched Oak Road, in the total amount of \$1,297 (two contracts) (Tract 1, Project 22-20, B-268 and Tract 2, Project 22-20, B-354). (C-22-0004) (C-22-0005)
2. Shelly S. Waldo, N. 148th Street and Agnew Road, in the amount of \$1,470 (Project 22-20, A-131). (C-22-0011)
3. James G. and Tonda A. Aschoff, North 70th Street and Little Salt Road, in the amount of \$1,590 (Project 22-20, B-314). (C-22-0022)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Amundson seconded approval of the consent items. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request for Exceptional Circumstance Awards, under Personnel Rule 17.9(b), in the amount of \$500 each for the following employees of the Mental Health Crisis Center:

1. Marc Johnson
2. Kristi Kasson
3. Ana Guerrero

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the awards.

Yoakum stated the Mental Health Crisis Center has experienced a staffing shortage and all employees have had to step up. The Board agreed the awards are well deserved.

ROLL CALL: Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Authorizing and directing Jenifer Holloway to correct nunc pro tunc a clerical error in County Resolution R-21-0091 by removing "David Levy" as the applicant and making "Salt Creek Solar, LLC" the applicant throughout the resolution to conform the resolution to the original special permit application. (Larson v. Bedke, 211 Neb. 247, 318 N.W.2d 253, supplemented, 212 Neb. 134, 322 N.W.2d 367 (1982).)

Jen Holloway, Deputy County Attorney, stated Resolution R-21-0091 was not correct in that David Levy was not the applicant as indicated. Holloway presented a document of the nunc pro tunc authorization (Exhibit 3).

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the correction. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County which have remained unclaimed for six months or more (R-22-0001)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the resolution. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Contract with ADANI Systems, Inc., to provide a whole-body security scanner system. The cost is not to exceed \$240,000. (Bid No. 21-202. The contract shall be effective upon execution. Supply, delivery, installation and training shall be no later than January 7, 2022.) (C-22-0002)

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded approval of the contract. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Agreement with Joseph Higgins, Ph.D. to perform professional mental health services at the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center. (Price for services is \$100 per hour, not to exceed 320 hours.) (C-22-0006).

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the agreement. Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Contract with Rixstine Recognition to provide the annual supply of plaques, trophies and promotional items. The cost is not to exceed \$6,000. (Bid No. 21-229. The contract shall be effective January 7, 2022 through January 6, 2023). (C-22-0009)

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the contract. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. Contract with Ramoncito Ocampo, MD for professional psychiatry services at the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center. (Cost is \$1,000 per 24-hour period of coverage for psychiatry services.) (C-22-0021)

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the contract. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- H. Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations – Kansas City, Lancaster County on behalf of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Lincoln on behalf of the Lincoln Police Department to participate in a Criminal Interdiction Task Force. (The Memorandum of Understanding will become effective for one year upon execution by the Special Agent in Charge.) (C-22-0025)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the memorandum of understanding. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. Acceptance of Discretionary Grant Program funds from the United States Department of Justice for Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Programs in the amount of \$550,000 (DOJ Justice Grants System award number 15PBJA-21-GG-04199-DGCT). (C-22-0015)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the grant.

Pat Condon, County Attorney, introduced Jeff Curry, Chief Probation Officer, Dean Rohwer, DUI/Veterans Court Coordinator and Ryan Decker, Deputy County Attorney. Condon said the grant is for the Driving Under

the Influence (DUI) Court. Twenty individuals are currently participating in this program. The grant will assist with remote testing capabilities, sober living facilities ride shares and program staff training.

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, stated the County will be administering the grant and assisting Adult Probation with budgeting and invoices

ROLL CALL: Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- J. Legal engagement agreement with Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather LLP to provide professional legal services to Lancaster County. (C-22-0016)

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- K. Termination of County Contract C-20-0779 (Information Exchange Agreement between the Social Security Administration and Lancaster County General Assistance of NE).

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the termination. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr 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.

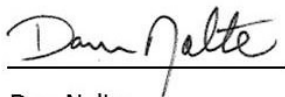
No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioner will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday January 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- C. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTv City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTv). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTv, YouTube, Roku and Apple TV.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 9:21 a.m. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

