

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**ZOOM MEETING**  
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**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site, emailed to the media and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on February 19, 2021.*

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

**Others present:** David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

**1) MINUTES:**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.**

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

- B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Thursday, February 18, 2021.**

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

**2) CLAIMS:**

- A. Amendment to the payroll claims report previously approved on February 16, 2021.**

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

- B. Approval of all claims processed through February 23, 2021.**

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

3) **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. Utility Permits at no cost to the County for the following:

1. No. 2077 allowing Windstream Nebraska to replace a communication line due to the removal of County Culvert Q-70. (Install located 1000 feet west of South 148<sup>th</sup> Street on Pioneers Boulevard.) (C-21-0106)
2. No. 2075 allowing Windstream Nebraska to replace a communication line due to the removal and replacement of County Culvert J-174. (Install located approximately 1,875 feet South of A Street on the west side of South 134<sup>th</sup> Street.) (C-21-0107)

B. Right-of-way contract with the following:

1. Norma L. Sherman Living Trust, North 162nd Street and Ashland Road, in the amount of \$1,311. (C-21-0108)
2. Philip and Kari Lenz Family Revocable Living Trust, Northwest 56th Street and Ashland Road, in the amount of \$1,763. (C-21-0109)

C. Amendment to County Contract C-21-0047 with NMC for the trade-in value of a 2002 Cat Motor Grader. (The amendment is due to transmission failure. The County will pay an additional \$17,500.) (C-21-0105)

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Recommendation from the Personnel Policy Board to create the Use of County Motor Vehicles for Commuting Human Resources Policy Bulletin.

Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director, said this policy was developed to codify the use of County vehicles and the resultant fringe benefits tax that must take place as a result, in part, with the implementation of Oracle.

Amundson asked about the two dollar amounts listed in the policy. McDaniel said the dollar amount was previously in place. Now employees will be required to track their mileage and the initial recommendation was to use a flat amount for administrative and operational purposes.

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

B. Contracts to provide Unit Price – Pavement/Concrete Services (Bid No. 21-003). The term of the contracts is from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 with the option to renew for one additional one-year term. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$55,000 for all contracts with the following:

1. A&J Donner Construction Inc. (C-21-0116)
2. Bauer Underground, Inc. (C-21-0117)

3. **Dickey – Hinds – Muir Incorporated (C-21-0118)**
4. **K2 Construction (C-21-0119)**
5. **MTZ Construction LLC (C-21-0120)**

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

**C. Recommendations from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award and execute purchase orders for Supplying and Hauling of Gravel Surface Coarse Material (Bid No. 21-013) to the following:**

1. **Gana Trucking & Excavating (lines 2, 5, 8 and 10) in the amount of \$263,425. (C-21-0110)**
2. **Buel Trucking Inc., (lines 1 and 6) in the amount of \$288,250. (C-21-0111)**
3. **R L Tiemann Construction (lines 4 and 7) in the amount of \$165,880. (C-21-0112)**
4. **Westover Rock & Sand, Inc., (lines 3 and 9) in the amount of \$132,480. (C-21-0113)**

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said these contracts are for the Spring gravel purchase. There are ten rock piles located throughout the County in order to deliver gravel efficiently (Exhibit 1).

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

**D. Recommendations from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award and execute purchase orders for Supplying and Hauling of Crushed Rock Surface Coarse Material (Bid No. 21-014) to the following:**

1. **Westover Rock & Sand, Inc. (lines 1 and 6) in the amount of \$266,568. (C-21-0114)**
2. **R L Tiemann Construction (lines 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10) in the amount of \$488,892. (C-21-0115)**

Dingman said these are for the Spring rock purchase for the County. This is bid by pile to get the best opportunity for small businesses to participate.

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

**E. Agreement with Discovery Benefits, LLC to administer certain elements of the County's obligations under Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) related to County health plans. The term of the agreement is one year from the effective date of the agreement. (C-21-0121)**

McDaniel said this agreement is with an outsourced firm to handle all COBRA administration and retiree health insurance. Human Resources had been using a software since the 1990's that was on the server. The company no longer wanted to upgrade that software. The cost to the County will be around \$3,000 per year.

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

**F. Space rental agreement with the Lancaster County Agricultural Society (Lancaster Event Center) for the Lancaster County Tax Lien Sale on March 1, 2021. (C-21-0122)**

Rachel Garver, County Treasurer, said the sale on Monday, March 1, 2021 was moved to the Lancaster County Event center in an effort to remain safe due to COVID-19.

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

**5) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE:**

Flowerday said correctional officers have begun to receive vaccinations. Between Thursday and Friday of last week, 8,200 vaccinations had been given.

**6) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, said LB679 is scheduled to have a hearing on March 4<sup>th</sup>. This initially was an item of concern and it was recommended to take a position of opposition as this was related to the collection of lodging taxes receipts received by the tax commissioner with a 3% administration fee. When the bill was further reviewed it became apparent that this would have no effect on the County as it was targeted more towards cities and villages who currently do their own enforcement and collections. The new recommendation is for the Board to revise its current position and take no position on this bill.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded to revise the County's position on LB679 from opposed to neutral. Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Derbin said LB424 is related to state level zoning requirements for wind energy. Lancaster County testified in opposition to a similar bill during the last legislative session. The reason for the opposition is to eliminate the County's loss of control over its own zoning authority.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded to oppose LB424. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**7) 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.

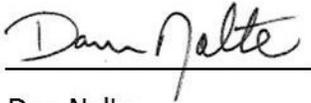
**8) ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meetings will also be broadcast in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln.) It will also be broadcast live on LNKTv City and streamed live on LNKTv and on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/lnktvcity>).**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., with the Board of Equalization immediately following.**
- C. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).**

- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTVCity. For the rebroadcast schedule visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: LNKTVCity). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTVCity and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVCity).

9) ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:23 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

