

MINUTES
MEETING OF PUBLIC GROUP (COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY
TREASURER) TO FILL THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #2 VACANCY
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019
10:00 A.M.
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
555 S. 10th STREET, ROOM 303

Advance public notice of the Public Group meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on June 5, 2019.

Group Members present: Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk; Rachel Garver, Lancaster County Treasurer; Pat Condon, Lancaster County Attorney

Others present: Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's office

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

Other Business

Nolte announced Larry Scherer withdrew from consideration on June 6, 2019.

1) Approval of May 31, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Garver moved and Condon seconded to approve the May 31, 2019 meeting minutes. Condon, Garver and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

2) Interviews

Each candidate gave a 15-minute presentation on the following questions: "Why do you want to be a County Commissioner?" and "What do you hope to accomplish?"

a) David Boeckner

Nolte asked how to address the County's infrastructure needs. Boeckner answered by prioritizing the infrastructure needs and exploring other funding means.

Regarding Condon's question regarding improvements that can be made to the court system, Boeckner stated addressing the mental health needs of individuals in the judicial system is key.

Condon asked Boeckner how he would address funding for mental health and infrastructure. Boeckner answered by cooperating with other government and outside agencies.

b) James Herrold

Nolte asked what funds will be used to fix the road infrastructure. Herrold answered looking at quality technology and materials, and best practices for contracts.

Regarding county priorities, Herrold stated his priorities would be in line with those of the constituents and not any other affiliations.

Garver inquired as to Herrold's thoughts on the increasing jail population. Herrold suggested looking at sentences and prosecutions of non-violent crimes and the privatization of other county assets.

When asked about failed post-release supervision detainees, Herrold stated he would like to partner with County officials to develop a good solution.

When asked about reducing property tax, Herrold said other sources of revenue such as gambling should be explored with funds to be divided between the state and local governments. He also felt selling unused county property could be another revenue source.

c) Shane Jensen

Nolte asked Jensen to address funding and maintenance of rural roads. Jensen said the County needs to look at the infrastructure needs and identify resources to accommodate them while remaining committed to already allocated resources.

Regarding balancing windfarms and Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) with acreages, Jensen stated he would work on additional development in both wind and solar energy. He would better define zoning for CAFOs and increase farm-to-table relationships.

Condon asked how the County can help working-class citizens. Jensen answered he would make sure those who need services can get them and would explore funding the services with public and private partnerships

When asked how to address community safety versus mental and behavioral health services, Jensen said the County should invest in alternative community programs.

When asked how mental health, public safety, and infrastructure funding needs would be balanced, Jensen suggested identifying the needs first and funding second.

d) Cristy Joy

Joy distributed her presentation (Exhibit A).

When asked about infrastructure funding, Joy stated creative solutions such as a County wheel tax, grant funding and national funding should be explored. She added the County needs to know which roads are most valuable to the constituents.

Garver asked for Joy's perception on mental health services. Joy suggested using the existing County and City skill sets including community programs to benefit the services provided.

Condon asked what is "smart on crime?" Joy said a system that analyzes types of crimes committed and, using the safety of the public as priority, develops different levels of programs to allow individuals to be successful.

BREAK

Nolte recessed the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

e) Gregory Osborn

Osborn distributed his presentation (Exhibit B).

When asked about infrastructure issues, Osborn stated the County needs to work in collaboration with all stakeholders to shorten the longevity of the issues.

Regarding current community safety and mental health issues, Osborn suggested working collaboratively to give individuals the opportunity to have a positive relationship within the community.

Garver asked how Osborn would deal with the lack of funding to cover all the County's needs. Osborn responded by prioritizing needs.

f) Larry Scherer

The candidate withdrew from consideration.

g) **BREAK**

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. and resumed at 12:31 p.m.

h) Tami Soper

Soper distributed her presentation (Exhibit C).

When asked how to balance the community and infrastructure needs with the budget realities, Soper stated she would identify the priorities, streamline resources, make responsible investments and foster public and private partnerships to meet the needs of the people.

Condon asked Soper for specifics on merging City and County entities and for funding requirements relating to the court system. Soper said better communication between government agencies could streamline processes. Regarding unfunded County mandates, she suggested including funding requirements on the County's legislative agenda. Soper also stressed the importance of strengthening partnerships to address the mental and behavioral health needs of individual waiting in correctional facilities.

i) Brodey Weber

When asked about funding for infrastructure, Weber said additional funding is needed through wheel tax and sales tax. Additionally, a master plan for facilities and a capital improvement program are needed.

In response to Condon's inquiry, Weber stated the County should work with state officials to help reform the justice system.

Garver asked Weber about the County's responsibility of helping individuals with mental health needs. Weber felt the County needs to serve individuals before the privatization of the County's mental health facilities. He added incremental funding to improved services would be needed.

j) Michael Wilson

Nolte asked where roads and bridges fall as a priority in the budget and how one balances renewable energy and acreages. Wilson answered he would prioritize roads and bridges. Regarding renewable energy, he said he would make sure constituents understand the full impact of renewable energy.

When asked about the Board's responsibility on mental health services, Wilson felt the County should invest in public and private partnerships.

Condon questioned Wilson's statistic from the American Civil Liberties Union-Nebraska regarding the number of individuals in jail who have not been charged with a crime. Wilson clarified he is looking at issues within the criminal justice system to see what can be improved upon.

When asked how to fund mental health partnerships, Wilson responded by prioritization and raising revenue.

k) Christa Yoakum

When asked how to balance infrastructure with public safety, Yoakum answered the community needs to come together to make decisions. Additionally, revenue will need to be raised.

Regarding the County's responsibility with mental health assistance, Yoakum stated more local community services, partnerships and funding are needed.

When asked about funding community safety programs, Yoakum said the County should look to both long-term and immediate results along with proven successes and guide funding solutions accordingly.

3) Public Comment (*Note: Public comment will be limited to three minutes per person*).

W. Don Nelson, 2430 South Canterbury Lane, spoke in support of Christa Yoakum.

Don Mayhew, 5041 South 30th Street, spoke in support of Christa Yoakum. (Exhibit D).

Robert Way, 801 El Avado Avenue, spoke in support of a female candidate.

James Michael Bowers, 4206 Touzalin Avenue spoke in support of Christa Yoakum.

Margaret L. Higgins, 2560 Arlene Avenue, spoke in support of Greg Osborn.

Nolte noted letters of support from the following were also received: Tammy Ward, MaryAnne Loos, Jennifer Rokeby-Mayeux, Jane Raybould in support of Christa Yoakum; Gerry Finnegan, Julie Mueller, Thomas Green, Monica Siebrandt and Jennifer Schultz in support of Shane Jensen; Deane Finnegan, Chris Funk, Jim Cada, Inonge Kasaji and Don Wesely in support of Cristy Joy; Inonge Kasaji in support of Brodey Weber; and Glenn Johnson in support of Greg Osborn (Exhibits E-T).

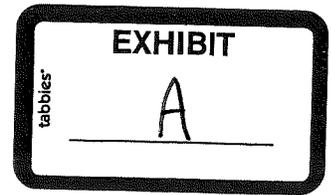
4) Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 303

5) Adjournment

MOTION: Condon moved and Garver seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,

Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office



**Candidate Interviews
County Board District 2 Vacancy**

Friday, June 7th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
Room 303 (third floor) of the County-City Building.

Cristy K. Joy, AIA LEED AP NCARB

Good Morning!

Members of the Selection Committee, Thank you for having me here today!

I am a registered Architect and my career is dedicated to my passionate in public service. I am deeply committed to smart growth, safety of the public and the balance of urbanization with agricultural interest. My style brings energy and personal responsiveness as I manage challenges into acceptable solutions.

1. Why do you want to be a county commissioner?

It is time for me to publicly serve. I enjoy the opportunity to be involved in government and to apply the skills I have acquired in my 32-year business career. I understand customer service, strategic planning and the nuts and bolts of managing a budget and workforce. I believe these skills will be a great asset working with the elected officials as I serve on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

I am a lifelong Nebraska. I was raised in a small community in Southeast Nebraska. I love where I live! I enjoy people and believe in being active in our community. I am a Professional Architect and have been a business owner for over 20 years. As I have managed businesses, I raised 6 great kids. I have been very active in my profession as the Past President of the AIA and recently I was the Chairperson of the Nebraska AIA State Convention. In my professional career, I have been a creative problem solver, an advocate for my industry, my employees and a strong business leader/manager as well.

I live on an acreage northeast of Raymond. You can see the Raymond Central Middle-High School from my home. I am a country girl at heart. I am presently on the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission as the rural representative. My committee work includes developing policy for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in the County and working with experts in Lancaster County to create rules for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)

2. What do you want to accomplish if appointed to this position?

My goals include the following:

- Work to continue to promote safety within the County (my top priority)
I will continue to support being “Smart on Crime” and help our County Justice System be successful.
- Assist the County to promote positive growth.
I will work on Committees lending my expertise.
- Assist in supporting a proactive plan to fund the infrastructure needs including Roads and Bridges.
I want to dig into the challenges and work toward County goals.
- Be fiscally responsible.
I will embrace the expertise of the knowledgeable elected officials, administration and staff.
- Promote the values that I have learned as a parent, volunteer coach, and successful business owner.
- Be a thoughtful public servant.
I want to give people the opportunity to be heard!
- I will be completely involved at meetings, committee work and community engagement.

Thank you, for your time and effort.

My goal was to show that I have the desire, work ethic, compassion, skills, and abilities to serve as the Commissioner for the District 2 appointment on the Lancaster Board. My education, training, and experience has prepared me for this position. Something I believe that sets me apart from the other well qualified candidates is my work ethic! You will see my motivation, dedication, desire, and most of all, enthusiasm for Lancaster County in the position.

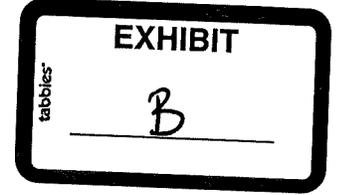
I have prepared myself to hit the ground running. I will provide the best possible service to the needs of Lancaster County and the citizens that are served by our Board.

Thank you very much!

Cristy K. Joy, AIA LEED AP NCARB
402-429-7150
cjoy@archi-etc.com

Gregory L Osborn

1144 Manchester Dr. | Lincoln, NE 68528 | 402-432-8121 | glo@extras.net



Good Morning, my name is Greg Osborn.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to interview with you today.

“Why I would like to be chosen to fill the vacancy on the County Board.”

For the last 8 to 10 years I have wanted to be on the Lancaster County Board. I feel it is a perfect fit for me.

I am dedicated and always willing to serve the public and our community in any way possible. I feel it is my duty to serve.

As you can see in your review of my resume. I am very capable of providing the Lancaster County Board a solid set of skills and experiences that will be valuable to the Board.

My wife and I have been blessed to have two successful small businesses one for 28 years the other for 25 years. We moved to Lincoln in 1987 from Norfolk. Lincoln is our home.

I am in my 11th year as an elected Director on the Lower Platte South NRD and served as Chair for 3 consecutive years, I have also been elected by our 21 member board to server on the Nebraska Association of Resources District’s Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Coalition, this committee consists of municipalities, power companies and other NRDs in the Lower Platte River area. I have also served on the State Records Board, the Judicial Nominating Commission for Juvenile Court, the Peoples City Mission Foundation Board and numerous other boards.

I have experience in working with employees, public and private staffs, clients and contractors. I also have been involved with the preparation and review of public and private budgets, contracts, inter-local agreements and setting tax levy. My experience and being part of the Lower Platte South NRD has given me tools that fill a great portion of the requirements of the County Board.

“What I would like to accomplish if appointed to this position.”

I believe accomplishments only come with a team effort. There is usually a Champion, but success only comes with the ability of all parties to listen and work well with each other to resolve the challenge.

Recently, because of two serious floods, Lancaster County’s infrastructure has been degraded even more. It is very important that all Lancaster County be economically sound and prosper. We need to develop a plan to deal with the current and future infrastructure needs of our County.

Youth Services, public safety, corrections and many other issues are no less important. Every challenge that comes before the board should be pursued with passion and commitment.

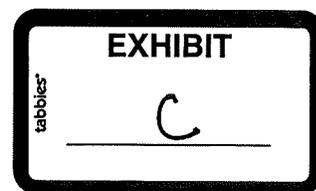
I can tell you with absolute certainty. If I am chosen to fill this vacancy. I will play a dedicated role in dealing with the diverse challenges the board faces today and into the future.

As I said at the beginning. It is important to me to give back and a duty to serve. Please give me the opportunity to serve on the Lancaster County Board.

Thank you for your time and service to our county

Do you have any additional questions of me?

Again, thank you



1. Why do you want to be a county commissioner?

The short answer is: Mathew 10:8 - **FREELY ye Have Received, FREELY Give.**

The longer answer is that I was raised in a family of servant leaders: teachers, military members, civil service members, elected officials; early in life, though their words and their deeds, they instilled in me that it is the obligation of each citizen to leave the people and places they encounter better than they found them.

And District 2 has been my place (my community), and it's constituents my people, for most of my years of life. As I indicated in my letter of application, I have witnessed and been impacted by the district's extensive growth and development. I would like to continue to actively participate in the vision of our community.

2. What do you want to accomplish if you are appointed to this position?

There are three things that I can immediately commit to as a Lancaster County Commissioner.

1. To be a responsible steward of the public's dollars;
2. To ensure attention to the maintenance of existing infrastructure while taking advantage of opportunities for growth and expansion; and
3. Put the best interest of the people in Lancaster County District 2 before politics.

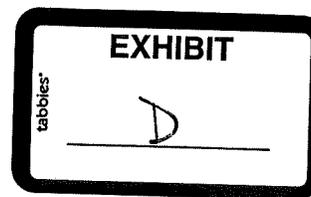
ONE: To be responsible steward of the public's dollars

- Seek opportunities to streamline county functions and reduce expenditures or create other resource/revenue opportunities;
- Seek continued public private partnership initiatives to secure revenue;
- Maintain strong advocacy relationships with state and local partners;

TWO: To ensure attention to the maintenance of existing infrastructure while taking advantage of opportunities for growth and expansion

- Facilitate more of the strong growth of public and private investments in our County.
- Keep existing transportation (and facilities) infrastructure safe and well-functioning, address other infrastructure challenges.

THREE: Put the best interest of the people before politics. Working with my colleagues and our internal and external partners to keep the safety, well-being, and prosperity of constituents of Lancaster County, specifically, district 2, at the forefront of my decision-making lens.



June 7, 2019

Good afternoon,

My name is Don Mayhew, spelled D-O-N M-A-Y-H-E-W. As you know, I'm a member of the Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education, but I'm not here in that capacity. I'm speaking today as a private citizen in support of Christa Yoakum as a candidate for County Commissioner.

I'd like to start by offering you my gratitude and congratulations for your work to craft an interview process that is fair and transparent. I know from experience how hard it can be to navigate all the challenges, and I appreciate this chance to speak with you.

You have a very important duty in front of you – selecting somebody to serve on an elected body without the benefit of having been chosen by election. As you all know from your own service, nobody really understands the intricacies of the budget, or the challenges of certain issues until they have spent some time working with them. Right now, you have a pretty unique opportunity to perhaps concentrate less on specific issues and to focus more on qualifications and experience. You have the opportunity to choose the person who you feel has the skillset to become the most effective policy maker and problem solver.

Having 18 years of experience working with an elected team, there are characteristics I've come to observe and value in my colleagues who are the most effective in their service. Team members who are willing to do their homework on issues and show up to meetings prepared; having the integrity to keep their word once it's given; having excellent communication skills; having past board service to draw from; having many connections with the community, so as to facilitate communication and garner meaningful feedback from stakeholders; having the ability to talk respectfully and intelligently with people from all political leanings.

I know several of your candidates and many of them could be successful commissioners. But I believe that Christa is an especially strong candidate who would be a particularly effective team member.

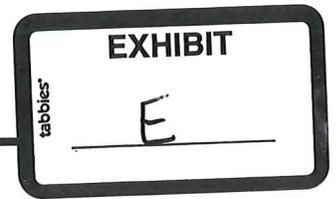
On top of her employment and her job as a mother, Christa also serves (and has served) on many boards including the Community Health Endowment, the West Lincoln Community Resource Center Board, and the YWCA Board. In addition, Christa has co-chaired the New Americans Task Force and has served the school district by participating on the LPS Strategic Planning Task Force, our High School Task Force, and by going through our Citizen's Academy. Her service speaks to a wealth of experience, connections with our community, and her incredible work ethic.

I think that Christa's work on the Strategic Planning Task Force is an excellent example of her talent and ability. LPS staff gathered a mountain of data and feedback from community members about their concerns and hopes for the school district. As part of the team, Christa's job was to sort through all that data, summarize it into cogent themes, and then turn that into specific and actionable recommendations for the school board. The result of that work was the LPS Strategic Plan, a document that will guide our most important decisions for the next several years. I think that this experience is one of many that gives Christa the experience and perspective to be especially effective as a Commissioner.

The last point I'll make would be to point out that the City Council is also going through a process to select a new team member. One of the dynamics they are considering is to choose somebody similar to the person they are replacing. As Christa is a like-minded woman, I think that choosing her would be perceived by many people as being incredibly respectful of the electorate that originally chose Jennifer Brinkman. I would also note Christa's recent campaign for the Public Service Commission. Christa's bid fell short, but inside the county she earned the majority of the votes. Of all your candidates, I believe she already has enormous support in the community that she would serve as a Commissioner.

I offer my best wishes for your process. Thank you for your time.

Dan F. Nolte



From: Tammy Ward <tammyjoward@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Christa Yoakum

RECEIVED

JUN 06 2019

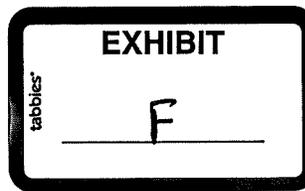
LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Hi, Dan.

I am writing in support of Christa Yoakum's application for the vacancy on the Lancaster County Board. I have known Christa for over 30 years and have known her to be hard working, dependable and knowledgeable of government issues on the local, state and federal levels.

Your consideration for Christa's application would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much, Dan.
Tammy Ward
402.430.4985



RECEIVED

JUN 06 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

June 6, 2019

Lancaster County Clerk's Office
555 S. 10th St. room 108
Lincoln NE 68508

Members of the Selection Committee:

I want to send you this letter to express my support for Shane Jensen for the vacant position on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Our friendship has spanned nearly two decades and I have grown to value his sound judgement and decision-making processes.

Shane has deep roots in the northwest district including family that has farmed in Lancaster County for generations. As a consequence, he is well-acquainted with both the urban and rural aspects of this office. He has a longstanding interest in public policy and issue resolution starting with his coursework as a student at UNL.

On a personal level, you will find him to be a thoughtful colleague with an engaging intellect. Professionally, his reputation in the financial services community is that of the highest integrity. He has enjoyed success in this field yet he has forgone career advancing opportunities elsewhere in order to remain in Nebraska to raise his children.

His decision-making is characterized by thoughtful deliberation once all facts are determined.

He regularly seeks outside guidance and he is blessed with that rare ability to shut up and listen when input is offered. His deliberations are systematic and he is able to assess divergent views on a particular issues and synthesize solutions where common ground exists.

It is with pleasure that I give Shane Jensen my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Finnegan". The signature is stylized with long, sweeping strokes.

Gerry Finnegan
1936 Ryons St.
Lincoln NE 68502



Dan F. Nolte

From: Deane Finnegan <dfeinnegan38@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 3:40 PM
To: Patrick Condon; Rachel M. Garver; Dan F. Nolte
Subject: From Deane Finnegan

RECEIVED

JUN 06 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Pat, Rachael and Dan,

I am still recovering from spine surgery and will not be able to attend the interviews tomorrow so am sending this to you instead.

I know many of the candidates who have chosen to apply for the open County Commissioner position. All are highly qualified but I am writing today to strongly support Cristy Joy.

I do so for many reasons, including the following:

I have served with Cristy on the Planning Commission and have found her to be open minded, fair, thoughtful, respectful, engaged and engaging, and, most importantly, a very good listener.

She comes to meetings well prepared, weighs the information, asks excellent questions and explains her decision making process so that all understand how she makes her decisions.

She works well with Democrats, Republicans and Independents and seeks consensus when possible. I sat next to her for over a year before I knew her party affiliation.

She carries no political baggage and her concern is for the community as a whole.

In this time of division we need more Cristy's guiding us through complex issues. She is a true gem who I greatly admire. You absolutely could not go wrong by selecting her.

Please enter this into the record if you like. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 402-475-2146.

Deane Finnegan

Sent from my iPhone



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

To the County Board Selection Committee,

My name is Inonge Kasaji and I am an international student studying at Southeast Community College. It is with great pleasure that I write to you this evening to recommend Brodey Weber for the open seat on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

As a fellow student and organizer, I've had the privilege to work closely with Brodey on three campaigns. Not only was he a key member on all three teams, he became a close personal friend. Brodey's wide range of skills, immense policy knowledge, and leadership qualities would be a valuable addition to the County Board of Commissioners.

While Brodey has largely worked as a campaign staffer and party officer, I know that his passion truly lies in public service. He hopes to be able to use the skills he has learned during his time on numerous local projects, boards, and campaigns to help craft policy that will benefit the community and people that he cares deeply about.

Brodey has the unique ability to approach a problem with a clear analytical strategy and critical thinking. It is this skill that makes him so incredibly valuable to professional teams. Within a short period of time, Brodey was able to take an almost insurmountable problem and break it down into achievable goals that led to victory.

In addition to all his professional qualifications, Brodey has personal qualities that make him well-suited for a seat on the County Board. His ability to listen to and work with conflicting viewpoints and bring about resolution is a trait that I will always admire in him. His patience in tense situations will serve him well in this position. He is committed to quality, growth, and progress and inspires his friends and colleagues to strive for the same. In short, Brodey is a person with a big vision. His friendly personality is just icing on the cake compared to his many other qualifications.

Brodey has my highest recommendation for the open seat on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. I am excited to see how the board will grow with Brodey on board. If you would like to discuss this referral further, I encourage you to contact me at (909)809-9346. I am happy to address any additional questions regarding this candidate.

Thank you very much for your time,

Inonge Kasaji

EXHIBIT
I

Dan F. Nolte

From: Chris Funk <cfunk@centerforpeopleinneed.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 10:06 PM
To: Rachel M. Garver; Patrick Condon; Dan F. Nolte
Cc: Joy, Cristy
Subject: Christy Joy

RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dear County Board Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my high regard for Christy Joy who is being considered for an appointment to the County Board.

In 2013 I was working with Cleaner Greener Lincoln on a project that involved energy efficiency support for the buildings of 10 non-profits. Until I met Christy I could not find a single buildings management company that would share their building maintenance check list with the nonprofits because of "proprietary protection". Christy not only was willing to share Ayars and Ayars maintenance list but she hosted a training at their facility for the nonprofit building managers.

I've since gotten to know Christy in my current role with Center for People in Need. Ayars and Ayars has provided a wide variety of services related to our building for the past 16 years, including countless hours of donated time.

Christy is terrific to work with. She's a great listener, understands details, and follows through on commitments. Her professional knowledge, her high ethics and her genuine concern for the community would make her an excellent selection for County Board. I urge you to give her your strongest consideration.

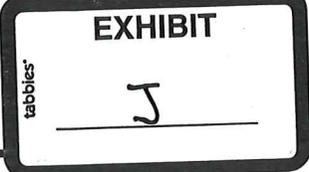
Sincerely,

Chris Funk
Executive Director
Center For People In Need
402-473-3010 (Direct)
402-476-4357 Ext. 210
www.cfpin.org



TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME PEOPLE
THAT ADDRESS THEIR BASIC NEEDS AND HELP
THEM ACHIEVE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

This e-mail message and any documents attached to it are confidential and may contain information that is protected from disclosure by various federal and state laws, including the HIPAA privacy rule (45 C.F.R., Part 164). This information is intended to be used solely by the entity or individual to whom this message is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient, be advised that any use, dissemination, forwarding, printing, or copying of this message without the sender's written permission is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. Accordingly, if you have received this message in error, please notify the sender immediately by return e-mail or call 402-476-4357, and then delete this message.



Dan F. Nolte

RECEIVED

From: Mary Anne Loos <loosmaryanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 8:56 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Christa Yoakum

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

I want to send you this email to let you know how much I would LOVE to see Christa be appointed to the open seat as County Commissioner. I have know Christa for over 35 years. I was the school nurse at West Lincoln Elementary School when her boys went there. She was always so an advocate for her boys and was very active in school activities with them. She was a frequent volunteer as well as PTO president. Years later we worked together on many politically important projects such as health care for uninsured Nebraskans and garnering votes for the Pinnacle Bank Arena which is such an important asset to Lincoln!

Now we live in the same neighborhood in County Commission District 2. I have never know Christa to not be passionate about her goals to grow Lincoln or Lancaster County. She is a proud resident – and I am so proud to be considered her friend. She has always “been there” for me and I know she will be in this position. That’s who Christ is.

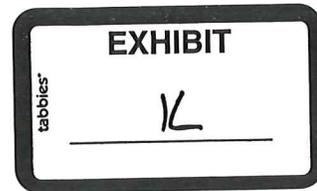
Please share this email with the selection committee. Thank you for your time to consider Christa Yoakum for County Commissioner for District 2.

MaryAnne H. Loos

Sent from for Windows 10



RECEIVED
JUN 07 2019
LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK



June 6, 2019

Dear Mr. Nolte,

I am submitting this letter of recommendation for Christa Yoakum, and I am in support of her application for the open Lancaster County Board of Commissioners seat.

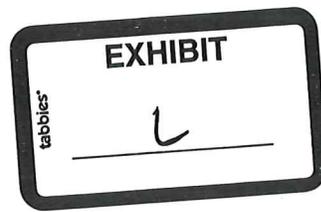
Christa and I became acquainted several years ago, while serving on the board of the YWCA of Lincoln. Shortly after I joined the board the organization would be enter one of its most turbulent times in its history.

Christa and I worked together closely during this time to stabilize the YWCA of Lincoln. With her unwavering support she led us through building the board, collaborating with community leaders to re-focus on the mission of the organization, and worked with supporters to establish an endowment to sustain the YWCA well into the future.

Christa worked tirelessly during this time of rebuilding, and the current success of the YWCA would would not have been possible without Christa's insight, guidance and dedication. I have no doubt that Christa will bring the same qualities to the Lancaster County Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rokeby-Mayeux, CMSW, LMHP, PLADC



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

To the County Board Selection Committee,

My name is Inonge Kasaji and I am an international student studying at Southeast Community College. I am writing to you today to recommend Christa Yoakum for the open seat on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Over the last four years, I have had the pleasure of working with Christa Yoakum in a variety of roles; as an intern (and later an employee) at Nebraska Appleseed and to my delight, as a Campaign Coordinator in her race for Public Service Commission-District 1. Working with Christa was an absolute joy as I benefited both professionally and personally from her experience, creativity, and knowledge. Christa brought tremendous value to our team with her organization and willingness to work until the job was done.

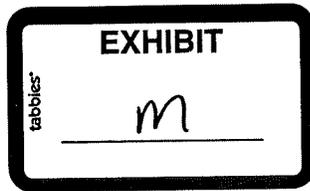
During my time working with Christa, she brought a wealth of experience and a zeal for collaborating with young people while giving them opportunities to grow and develop their skills. Christa was consistently an asset to our team and she brought with her new ideas and provided fresh perspective when we were stuck in our habits. Christa worked well with our team of young idealists and fostered positive relations that sustained and continue to sustain our lasting bond.

I cannot say enough positive things about Christa, who, during the last four years, has become more than just a colleague and has become a mentor that I look up to. Due to her work ethic and her exceptional character, it is without hesitation that I enthusiastically recommend Christa Yoakum for the open seat on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

If you would like to discuss this recommendation further, I encourage you to contact me at (909)809-9346. I am happy to address any additional questions regarding this candidate.

Sincerely,

Inonge Kasaji



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

June 7, 2019

Personal Note to Lancaster County Clerk, Dan Nolte, to Lancaster County Attorney Patrick Condon, and to Lancaster County Treasurer, Rachael Garver.

I understand that today you are completing the interviews to fill the vacant seat on the Lancaster County Board of Commisioners, and that you have a number of qualified applicants.

I would like to offer a personal observation and recommendation for Greg Osborn. Greg has been an elected member on the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for many years and I had the opportunity to work closely with him as the General Manager before my retirement. He served in a number of capacities on the Board, including subcommittee chair, and Chair of the Board.

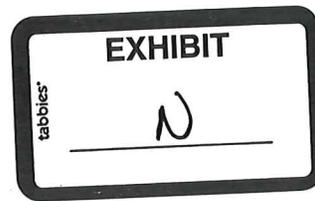
Greg had the ability to work with all of the 21 members on the Board, to help bridge differences and reach consensus. He informed himself well on the issues, was thoughtful and open in discussion, and was fair in his decisions.

Greg would make a positive contribution for Lancaster County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn D. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Glenn D. Johnson
7224 South 94th Court
Lincoln, Nebraska 68526
402-840-3623
Glennjohnson39@gmail.com



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

June 5th, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Shane Jensen for the past three years in various capacities. He has coached my son in multiple sports and I have seen him and his work with the Raymond Central Youth Sports Association and the Raymond Central Board of Education. In all my interactions with Shane, his positive attitude, problem solving abilities and work ethic consistently exceeds expectations.

I came to know Shane when our sons started Kindergarten and began to play sports together. I knew he was well respected in the community and got to see why soon after meeting him. Coaching 6-8 year olds is no easy feat and he has managed to do this with grace and constant enthusiasm. He teaches a love for the sport to all the kids and doesn't get caught up in the competitiveness. He understands that it's just a game, not a reflection of one's value or potential, I've learned that's a rare trait. He constantly has assistant coaches who want to volunteer their time to work with him and his positive philosophies on coaching. He is a fantastic role model for all the kids and adults as well.

In addition, I have seen his work with two fantastic organizations, the Raymond Central Youth Sports Association (RCYSA) and the Raymond Central Board of Education. With the RCYSA he has helped organize and plan athletic events and camps for all of the elementary school team sports as well as helping to coordinate the volunteer coaches and the schedules. Shane actively participates with the Raymond Central Board of Education by assisting them in a fundraising event that provides additional financial support to classrooms and student scholarships.

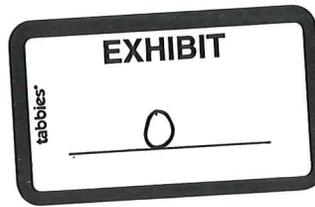
Shane is a self-motivated person who will do his work to the absolute best of his ability and I honestly believe he will provide a unique perspective to the board. He cares about his community and volunteers his time to make a difference. I highly recommend Shane Jensen for a position on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, as I know he will be a great asset to you and to Lancaster County.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 402.432.9033 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Mueller".

Julie Mueller



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

6/6/2019

Dan Nolte
Rachel Garver
Patrick Condon
555 S 10th St, Room 108
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Nolte, Ms. Garver, and Mr. Condon,

I am writing to recommend Shane Jensen for the position of Lancaster County Commissioner District 2.

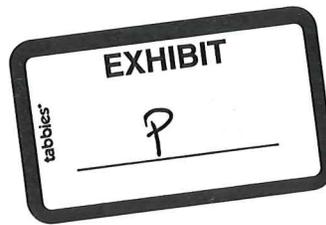
Shane and I first met over twenty years ago in college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. We were both interested in Politics and Philosophy and worked together on political activities. Shane has always had a strong interest in public policy and public service. I remember discussing and debating a variety of issues with Shane during our college years.

Shane and I have reconnected recently after seeing each other at a basketball camp for our sons. I am excited that his passion for public service has continued. I believe Shane would make an excellent County Commissioner. As a Director of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District I know he shares my conviction that the various political subdivisions work closely together for the benefit of the citizens of Lancaster County.

It is my honor to recommend you appoint Shane Jensen to the Lancaster County Board. His knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the people of Lancaster County.

Very Truly Yours,

Thomas A Green



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

June 6, 2019

County Board Hiring Committee:

I'm submitting this letter of recommendation for Shane Jensen, for Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. I've known Shane for the past three years. In this time I've observed him coach my son in several different sports activities and I've been able to see his character first hand.

In coaching and mentoring youth, Shane has been a positive influence in encouraging each kid to do his/her best, not only in athletics, but also in being a good teammate and a positive competitor. He also has a high level of professionalism in dealing with players, coaches, parents and officials.

I've also witnessed Shane's involvement in our local community and schools. He's taken on leadership positions with the Valparaiso Area Ball Association, Raymond Central Education Foundation and Raymond Central Youth Sports Association. It is obvious to all those around him that he is invested in our local community, schools, etc. Not only does Shane put in a lot of time and effort to contribute to all of these organizations, he also encourages others to be involved to help take these organizations to the next level.

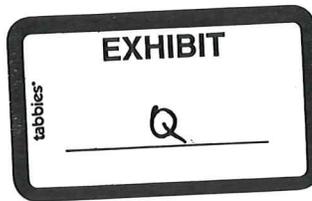
As someone who is living, working, and raising a family in northwest Lancaster County, I feel it is important to have individuals on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners who are focused on the future. Shane's involvement and experience demonstrates he is invested in the future. I think Shane would make an excellent addition to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Shane has a passion for service. His character and professionalism will be a benefit in this roll.

If you would like additional information or have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached by email, monica-siebrandt@piedmontese.com or by phone, 402-304-2582.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Siebrandt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Monica Siebrandt
Human Resource Manager
Lone Creek Cattle Company & Great Plains Beef



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

JENNIFER SCHULTZ

PO Box 244 | Raymond, NE 68428 | 402-783-2052

June 6, 2019

To whom it may concern:

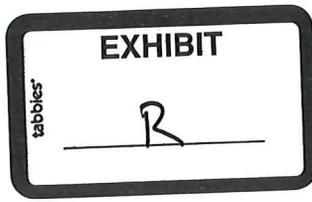
I am writing to recommend Shane Jensen for the position of Lancaster County Commissioner, District #2.

I have known Shane since for several years and our children attend the same school. Over that time, I have been very impressed with his sincere interest and involvement in and commitment to our school and community. Our paths have crossed many times through school and community organizations, including the Raymond Central Education Foundation and the Raymond Central Youth Sports Association (RCYSA). As a member of RCYSA, I have seen him demonstrate an objective and impartial perspective on how to approach some situations that involved many interpersonal relationships and strong personalities. One of the things I have most admired about Shane's contributions to this particular organization has been his ability to step outside the norm and bring fresh, new ideas to the table.

I believe he would be an excellent addition to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Please feel free to contact me at 402-783-2052 or Jennifer.r.schultz@gmail.com if you have any further questions or requests.

Best regards,

Jennifer Schultz



RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Christa Yoakum

I'm writing in support of Christa Yoakum candidacy for Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. We are so very fortunate to have so many qualified candidates apply for both the City Council vacancy and for the vacancy on the County Board. I can't think of anyone more qualified to serve on the County Board than Christa. Her years of community engagement and leadership on numerous non-profit organizations speaks volumes of her dedication to her city and county. Her advocacy for smart growth and development and her willingness to run for political office is further testimony to her ability to work hard on behalf of those she represents.

I have known and worked with Christa on efforts to promote and encourage women to run for office for more than 10 years. It is her selfless behind the scenes work that has impressed me the most. We need more folks like Christa who are fair minded, understand the issues and their community, and who do their research and homework. Most importantly, she will listen and work with her colleagues in finding solutions that are in the best interest of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane Raybould

tabbies®
EXHIBIT
S

Dan F. Nolte

RECEIVED

From: Jim Cada <jim@cadalaw.com>
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Cristy Joy

JUN 07 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Hi Dan,

Please consider this as a recommendation for Cristy for the District 2 County Commissioner's open seat.

With her excellent background, education and proven skills I am sure she is extremely qualified and would honorably serve out county.

Thank you.



1024 K Street / Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 477-2233 / jim@cadalaw.com



Dan F. Nolte

From: Don Wesely <dwesely@oharalindsay.com>
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Patrick Condon; Rachel M. Garver; Dan F. Nolte
Cc: Cristy Joy
Subject: Support for Cristy Joy

RECEIVED

JUN 07 2019

**LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK**

Pat, Rachel and Dan,
Please excuse the informality of this e-mail and my salutation. I had wanted to publicly testify this afternoon in support of appointing Cristy Joy to fill the current vacancy on the Lancaster County Board. Unfortunately, I have previously scheduled appointments in Omaha this afternoon that I am unable to reschedule. Nevertheless I hope you will recognize that I strongly support Cristy's appointment. That is not to diminish any of the other applicants. In fact I know many of them and hold them in high regard. You have a very difficult job in making this decision with so many qualified applicants who would do a good job on the County Board.

I support Cristy because of her unique qualifications as a professional and a business woman. There are not many female architects. Not only is Cristy a successful female architect in a male dominated profession but she has been chosen as President of AIA Nebraska. That is a great honor and a sign of respect among her peers.

In addition Cristy owns and manages her own company ARCHI+ETC.LLC. As a woman business owner Cristy has shown her management ability and enjoyed years of success.

I also support Cristy because she is one of the nicest people I know. Kind and caring she is what her name tells us, a joy. To know her is to like her. It will be a joy for you and her constituents to work with her.

I know Cristy had not been active politically. Politics is not her priority. Good public policy is. If she is appointed Cristy would work hard for her district and work hard to be elected to the County Board.

Thank you for your consideration of my strong support for Cristy Joy to be appointed to the Lancaster County Board.

Don Wesely
O'Hara Lindsay Government Relations
1320 K St. Lincoln, NE 68508
402-474-6200