

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
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 November 13, 2020.

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

Commissioner absent: Roma Amundson

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 9:03 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, November 10, 2020.**

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of all claims processed through November 17, 2020.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the claims. Vest, Schorr, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- 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. Subaward with the City of Lincoln (Lincoln Police Department) for the Take Pause 2.0 program (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community-based Supplemental Enhancement Aid Grant. The term of the subaward is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$10,523). (C-20-0726)**

- B. **Grant contract with City of Lincoln (Lincoln Police Department) for the Take Pause 2.0 program (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community-based Supplemental Enhancement Aid Grant. The term of the grant contract is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$10,523). (C-20-0727)**
- C. **Utility Permits with no cost to the County for the following:**
 - 1. **No. 2046 allowing Windstream to install new communication lines due to the removal and replacement of County structure F-88 on North 14th Street. (C-20-0729)**
 - 2. **No. 2049 allowing Allo to install communication service to the new LES Rokeby Facility located at 9445 Rokeby Road. (C-20-0730)**
- D. **Amendment to County Contract C-20-0695 with Jones Automotive, Inc., for Supply and Installation of Emergency Equipment for City and County Law Enforcement Vehicles (Bid No. 20-206. The amendment includes the equipment list and pricing for upfitting two previously purchased vehicles. The completion date for upfitting those vehicles is December 31, 2020. There is no additional cost to the County.) (C-20-0731)**
- E. **Received and placed on file the following reports for October, 2020:**
 - 1. **Lancaster County Clerk.**
 - 2. **Records and Information Management.**

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the consent items. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday votes yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution in the Matter of amending the Open Meetings Policy for the Lancaster County Board of County Commissioners, the Lancaster County Board of Equalization, the Lancaster County Board of Corrections, and all Lancaster County task forces and advisory committees. (R-20-0077)**

David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, said this is intended to reflect changes to the Open Meetings Act adopted by LB148 that will now require some additional publication notices of all meetings. All department heads have been advised of this change.

MOTION: Vest moved and Schorr seconded approval of the resolution. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Agreement with Public Health Management Corporation for RANT Plus Software for the Lancaster County Adult Drug Court to match offenders with appropriate services for improved public safety and public health. The cost to the County is \$10,000 per year. (C-20-0733)**

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said this software will be used for all programs within Community Corrections. The goal is to place individuals into the correct level of programming. The first year of the agreement will be covered by the County Attorney's office using grant funds.

MOTION: Vest moved and Schorr seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Agreement with No Wait Inside for a queuing software for the public to use while getting services at the County Treasurer’s Office. The agreement is in effect for one year. The cost to the County shall not exceed \$9,348. (C-20-0734)**

Rachel Garver, Lancaster County Treasurer, said this software will enable the motor vehicle office on North 46th Street to begin taking appointments online. Walk in service will still be available at this location.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded approval of the agreement. Vest, Schorr, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Grant contract with John Goodwin to provide a juvenile justice training session at the Nebraska Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference on November 5, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,300. (C-20-0728)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said this contract was to allow John Goodwin, Malone Center Director, to provide a preliminary session on racial equality.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the grant contract. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Grant contract with Rabble Mill to provide video assets for the Nebraska Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference on November 13, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. (C-20-0732)**

Hoyle said this contract was used for the children at Rabble Mill and the digital programming to learn more about recording and 3D mapping.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the grant contract.

Schorr asked over the course of six days how many participants attended the conferences. Hoyle said there were roughly 500 attendees.

ROLL CALL: Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Subaward Grant with the Asian Community and Cultural Center for the ACCC Serving Immigrant and Refugee Youth (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Juvenile Services Program Grant. The term of the grant is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$79,335). (C-20-0735)**

Hoyle said this was for additional funding to allow the Asian Center to expand to high schools with their “Life After High School” program to help individuals prepare for college. There is also the “Untold Migrant Stories” program and a Sudanese Club for immigrants.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the subaward grant. Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Designation of official Lancaster County newspapers for 2021 publications of transportation projects as follows: Lincoln Journal Star, The News (Waverly), The Voice News (Hickman), The Crete News (Crete) and Seward County Independent (Seward).**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the designation of official newspapers for 2021. Vest, Schorr, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Derbin said he wanted to gauge the Board's interest as the Governor could potentially allow public bodies to conduct remote meetings. The Board all agreed they would prefer this approach if the Governor moved in that direction.

Pat Lopez, Health Department Director, provided various COVID-related statistics. She noted she is working to obtain more rapid testing for Corrections employees. The Test Nebraska website will be available the weekend of November 21, 2020. The Health Department continues to meet with nursing homes, hospitals, bars, restaurants, sport activity centers, school administrators, the university and local physicians.

In response to Schorr's question, Lopez said a plan is in place currently for Lancaster County regarding vaccines, but it is still unclear what the federal guidelines will be. A vaccines committee has been created which consists of physicians from a variety of practices, Aging Partners and a number of others. The discussions focus on how to distribute the vaccine efficiently and to which priority groups.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

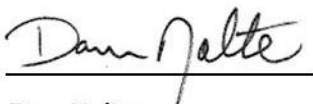
No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 immediately following the Board of Equalization meeting in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners has cancelled the Lancaster County 101 meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., in the NACO Conference Room at 1335 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the staff meeting immediately following.
- D. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTVCity. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTVCity). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTVCity and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVCity).

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:28 a.m. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

