

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM MEETING
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COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 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 January 1, 2021.

Commissioners present: Sean Flowerday, Chair; Rick Vest, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson; Deb Schorr; 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; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 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, December 22, 2020.**

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

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of all claims processed through January 5, 2021.**

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on December 30, 2020 (Exhibit 1).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded approval of the claims as amended. Vest, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Flowerday 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. Right-of-way contracts with the following:**

- 1. Leone Spencer Harlan, Trustee; Farmer's National, Southwest 25th Street and Olive Creek Road, in the amount of \$631. (C-21-0001)**

2. **Wayne Harlan and Norma Noree Hagaman Revocable Family Trust, South 148th Street and Pioneers Blvd, in the total amount of \$6,413. (2 contracts) (C-21-0002, C-21-0003)**
3. **Chris and Mitch Gaston, North 162nd Street and Agnew Road, in the amount of \$825. (C-21-0004)**
4. **Robert E. Black, Revocable Trust, North 56th Street and Rock Creek Road, in the amount of \$1,717. (C-21-0005)**

B. Amendments to the following County contracts:

1. **C-18-0757 with Galls, LLC for Annual Supply – Work Clothing. (Bid No. 18-266. The amendment renews the contract with discontinued Items for an additional one-year term beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$25,000.) (C-21-0006)**
2. **C-19-0027 with Fort Brands – The Fort Inc., for Annual Supply – Work Clothing. (Bid No. 18-266. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase for an additional one-year term beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500.) (C-21-0007)**
3. **C-18-0756 with Galls, LLC for Annual Supply – County Corrections Uniforms. (Bid No. 18-262. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase for an additional one-year term beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$24,000.) (C-21-0008)**
4. **C-18-0004 with Rixstine Recognition for Annual Supply - Plaques, Trophies and Promotional Items. (Bid No. 17-314. The amendment renews the contract for an additional one-year term beginning January 7, 2021 through January 6, 2022. The cost to County is not to exceed \$6,000 without approval by the Lancaster County Board.) (C-21-0009)**
5. **C-18-0086 with A 1st Rate Pumping Service, Inc., for Annual Service Pumping, Hauling and Disposal Services for Liquid Waste Products (Bid No. 18-002. The amendment changes the name from A 1st Rate Pumping Service, to Waste to Energy Lincoln dba A 1st Rate Pumping Services, Inc.) (C-21-0010)**
6. **C-18-0074 with Voss Electric Company, dba Voss Lighting for Light Bulbs, Ballasts and Retrofit Kits (using the State of Nebraska Contract No. 14931 OC, MOU016. The amendment renews the contract from January 26, 2021 through January 25, 2022. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$1,000). (C-21-0011)**

C. Grant contract with Berniklau Education Solutions Team for the BEST Alternative School program (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community-based Aid Grant. The term of the grant contract is September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$3,239.70). (C-21-0012)

D. Setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., regarding Text Amendment 20007 to amend Article 4.005H of the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations relating to Farm Wineries, by allowing craft breweries as an accessory to a farm winery.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the consent items with the exception of right-of-way contract C-21-0003. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. **NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) President's Award - Larry Dix, Executive Director, Nebraska Association of County Officials, and Pat Lopez, Health Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.**

Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials Executive Director, read a prepared statement (Exhibit 2).

Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director, thanked Mr. Dix and expressed her appreciation to be able to work with him. She thanked the staff at the Health Department and the County Commissioners for their continued support.

Schorr said Director Lopez is a leader across the State of Nebraska and a great resource for all surrounding health departments and County officials.

Amundson noted this has been a stressful year, but Director Lopez has always displayed a calm demeanor, remains straight forward and the concerns she shows for the citizens is very apparent.

Flowerday thanked Director Lopez for all she has done for the community.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution in the matter of an annual salary increase for appointed directors, assistant directors, bailiffs and child support referee. All salary increases are effective December 17, 2020. (R-21-0001)**

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

- B. **Resolution in the matter of authorizing the County Board Chair or Vice Chair to sign the Agreement with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for Environmental Services/Public Information meeting (Project 16-17; HSIP-5280(2) CN 13391; Saltillo Road from 27th Street to 68th Street). (R-21-0002)**

Larry Legg, Assistant County Engineer, said this resolution authorizes the County Board Chair to sign item 5C.

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

- C. **On-Call Professional Services Task Order Agreement with Felsburg, Holt & Ullegiv for Environmental Services/Public Information meeting (Project 16-17; HSIP-5280(2) CN 13391; Saltillo Road – 27th Street to 68th Street) in the amount of \$29,914.82. (C-21-0013)**

Legg said this agreement allows for federal funding to be used for a public information meeting on Saltillo Road which was placed on hold during the South Beltway project.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded approval of the On-Call Professional Services Task Order Agreement. Vest, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. **Contract with JJK Construction, LLC for Replacement of County Bridge F-88 (Project 18-15; Bid 20-203). The work will be completed on or before October 8, 2021. The cost to the County is \$1,666,284.27. (C-21-0014)**

Legg provided a map of the location of Bridge F-88 (Exhibit 3). He noted this is located on North 14th Street between Waverly Road and Mill Road. This is the last major structure on the transportation corridor.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Amundson seconded approval of the contract.

Amundson asked when the construction is scheduled to begin. Legg said the contract start date is March 8, 2021. The contractor has requested to start earlier but there are currently some utility conflicts that are being worked on. The Engineering Department will monitor winter weather over the next four to six weeks to evaluate if an early start is possible.

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

- E. Engineering Agreement with Lamp Rynearson for professional engineering services (Project 21-42: Replacement of County Bridge Q-119). The work will commence upon notice to proceed by the County and shall be completed on or before December 30, 2021. The cost is not to exceed \$114,855. (C-21-0015)**

Legg said this bridge is located on Pine Lake Road, west of 134th Street. He noted a correction stating this is for Bridge Q-110 not Q-119 (Exhibit 4).

Amundson asked when the work was scheduled to begin. Legg said the agreement is only for the design, which should take about a year. The notice to proceed will be given once the contract is received. The replacement will also be subject to funding.

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

Schorr shared Bridge S-179 on Roca Road was opened last week and had been closed for 20 months.

- F. Cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey for joint funding of water resources investigations. The agreement is for the operation and computation of records for four stream flow gaging stations, which are Salt Creek, Little Salt Creek near Lincoln, Stevens Creek near Lincoln and Rock Creek near Ceresco. The County will pay \$13,090 for the services. The term of the agreement is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (C-21-0016)**

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

- G. Approval of Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Grant Guidelines.**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said the guidelines were recently revised to ensure the County is in compliance with federal mandates, especially in regard to passing federal funds to other entities. This year, the federal government is also interested in how Human Services is deciding who are the sub-recipients and contractors. They also want to see the level of risk that is being assigned to each agency.

In response to Schorr's question, Hoyle explained when assigning the risk, that is usually based on past performance. There currently have not been many agencies that would be considered high risk.

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

H. Notice of termination effective January 31, 2021 due to Medicaid Expansion for the following County contracts:

1. C-17-0756 with Nebraska Foot and Ankle.
2. C-17-0547 with Omega Surgery Centers.
3. C-17-0607 with Plastic Surgical Arts.
4. C-18-0317 with Anchor Chiropractic & Wellness.
5. C-18-0198 with Doctors of Women.
6. C-07-0436 with Exstrom Physical Therapy.
7. C-17-0741 with Heibel Dermatology.
8. C-18-0116 with Lincoln Aesthetic & Reconstructive Surgery.

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

I. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and Lancaster County Sheriff to award and execute a purchase order to AFL, LLC DBA Anderson Ford for six 2020 or current production year Police Mid-Size Utility Vehicles AWD, 5-Passenger (using the State of Nebraska contract 150965 OC0. The total amount of the order is \$215,766. (C-21-0017)

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, said this is part of the normal vehicle purchases that occur every year and the expense is included in the budget. Once the order is placed, the vehicles might not be received until June, 2021.

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

6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE:

David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, said Director Lopez had to exit the meeting but wanted the Board to know there would be an update on COVID-19 vaccinations when the City of Lincoln provides an update on the virus later today.

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.

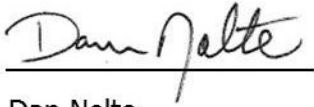
8) ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meetings will also be broadcast in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln.) It will also be broadcast live on LNKTv City and streamed live on LNKTv and on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/lnktvcity>).

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, January 7, 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, January 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- 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 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).

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:37 a.m. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

