

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 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 January 7, 2022.*

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

Commissioners absent: Roma Amundson

Others present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Candace Berens and John Ward, Deputy County Attorneys; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; Leslie Brestel and 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) MINUTES:**

A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022

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

**2) CLAIMS:**

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

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Vest seconded approval of the claims. Flowerday, Vest, Yoakum and Schorr 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. Amendments to the following contracts:

1. 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, 2022 through January 25, 2023. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$1,000.) (C-22-0031)
2. C-17-0934 with Midwest Office Automations of Nebraska for annual supply cost per copy services (Bid No. 17-199. The amendment renews the contract from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2026. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$569,274 for the four-year term.) (C-22-0041)
3. C-20-0649 with JEO to add additional services which include providing additional wetland delineation, permitting and related tasks for construction sites in the County at the request of the

County Engineer. (The expenditure for these additional services shall not exceed \$28,000. The amended contract total with the additional services is estimated to be \$138,000.) (C-22-0042)

**B.** Right-of-way contracts with the following:

1. Oak Prairie LLC, Northwest 140th Street and West Holdrege Street, in the amount of \$505. (Project 22-20, M-119) (C-22-0028)
2. Melvin A. Peterson Revocable Trust, North 176th Street & Greenwood Road, in the amount of \$872. (Project 22-20, A-168) (C-22-0034)
3. K & G Hartshorn Trust, Northwest 140th Street and West Waverly Road, in the amount of \$2,652. (Project 22-20, E-189) (C-22-0037)
4. Long Shadow Farms LLC, Southwest 58th Street and West Hallam Road, in the total amount of \$1,482. (Project 22-21, W-200 (Tract 1) and Project 22-21, W-201 (Tract 1) (two contracts)). (C-22-0039) (C-22-0040)

**C.** Utility permit #2184 allowing Black Hills Energy to perform utility construction beginning on the east side of County Road 2500, north of Highway 33, and continuing across Roca Road and West Wittstruck Road. (There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0027)

**D.** Utility permit #2187 allowing Unite Private Networks to relocate utilities for a project east of South 98th Street on the north side of Van Dorn Street (There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0036)

**E.** Utility Permit #2185 allowing Lancaster Rural Water #1 to install a new main line at South 70th Street and Saltillo Road. (Location will be on the north side of Saltillo Road and the east side of South 70th Street. There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0029)

**F.** Received and placed on file the following reports for December 2021:

1. County Clerk
2. Clerk of the District Court
3. Assessor/Register of Deeds
4. County Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report for October 2021 to December 2021

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

#### **4) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**A.** Recognition of Jenni Ryan, Ryan Dvorak, Traci Dragoo and Kevin Nelson for completing the 2021 NACO Institute of Excellence.

Schorr stated that NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) and The Extension Office helped provide leadership and personal development training through the NACO Institute of Excellence. The four graduates spoke about their experience during the training program.

**B.** Commissioners' Award of Excellence for October 2021 to Tom Shirey, Corrections, in the category of Safety.

Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, thanked the Board for taking the time to recognize well deserved staff.

The Clerk read the nomination into the record. (Exhibit 1)

The Board presented Officer Shirey with a plaque and thanked him for his life-saving measures and service.

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Resolution in the matter of fixing salaries for Elected Officers' Chief Deputies for the 2022 calendar year, effective for the pay period ending December 29, 2021. (R-22-0002)

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

- B.** Resolution in the matter of annual salary increases for appointed directors, assistant directors, bailiffs and child support referee. All salary increases are effective December 16, 2021. (R-22-0004)

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

- C.** Resolution in the matter of directing the County Engineer to conduct a study regarding the matter of vacating the right of way and any other interest retained by the County when it vacated the portion of S.W. 86th Street between West Saltillo Road and West Bennet Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska in Resolution No. R-08-0102. (R-22-0003)

John Berry, Chief Deputy Surveyor, stated the resolution is related to a proposed vacation of a portion of S.W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street between West Saltillo Road and West Bennet Road. This issue was brought up a few years ago and the Board decided not to pursue a road vacation at that time.

Candace Berens, Deputy County Attorney, clarified that the Board previously vacated this portion of S.W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street but the County maintained an interest in the right-of-way. The resolution presented today is to conduct a study regarding the potential vacation of the right-of-way.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to approve the vacation.

Berens confirmed the resolution is to direct the County Engineer to conduct a study.

Vest clarified that the motion is to approve the resolution. Yoakum concurred.

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

- D.** Authorizing and directing Meggan F. Reppert-Funke to correct nunc pro tunc a clerical error in County Resolution R-21-0029 by correcting the spelling of "Bennett Circle" in Paragraph 1.c. to "Bennet Circle."

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

- E.** Subaward contract with Blue Valley Behavioral Health for the Youth Mental Health Diversion Program (funded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Award Number 20-MO-BX-0015. The term of the grant contract is January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$10,000.) (C-22-0030)

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

- F.** Contract with Test for Virus Inc. to provide the annual supply of Covid-19 Rapid Tests (Quote No. 6479. The cost is not to exceed \$49,000.) (C-22-0035)

Johnson stated this contract will help Corrections pre-plan for the supply of Covid-19 tests in case the Health Department would not be able to provide them.

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

- G. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs to allow the Lancaster County Veterans Service Office to view and add information to a database to assist veterans and/or their eligible dependents to access benefits. (There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0038)

Lisa Helms, Veterans Service Officer, stated there is no cost to the County, however, Lancaster County Veterans Service has four accounts with the database company. The annual cost for these accounts is \$1,796 and that expense is already allocated in the budget.

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

- H. Recommendation from the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) to award a contract through the Lancaster County Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Housing Program (20-HO-001-LCRF) for Project #003 to Welch Masonry in the amount of \$21,200 to remove and replace 53' of foundation walls.

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

- I. Quitclaim deed from Lancaster County to Klaus Hartmann for right-of-way located in the Southwest ¼ of Section 2, Township 8 North, Range 5 East, of the 6th Principal Meridian, Lancaster County, Nebraska more particularly described as follows: The West 33.00' of the SW ¼, except the South 40.00 thereof, containing 1.97 acres

The Clerk noted the item is to be held.

- J. Legal 2022 Commissioner Committee Assignments

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

- 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.

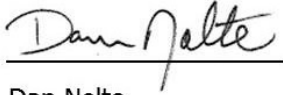
## 7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 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. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln).
- 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 LNKTV City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV, YouTube, Roku and Apple TV.

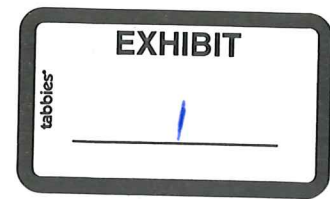
8) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. Flowerday, Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





**Tom Shirey**  
**Commissioners' Award of Excellence**  
**October 2021**

Tom Shirey has been selected as the Commissioners' Award of Excellence winner for October 2021. Tom works as a Correctional Officer for the Lancaster County Department of Corrections and began working for the County on November 17, 2016. He was nominated by Courtney McCoy, Correctional Sergeant, in the category of Safety.

In her nomination, Ms. McCoy states: "Correctional Officer Shirey was assigned roving duties in the minimum custody housing dorms at the Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility on August 13, 2021. During lunch service on this day, Officer Shirey was completing a safety and security check of a housing unit when he observed an inmate in distress move across the unit and attempt to clear his throat." After initially clearing food from his mouth, Officer Shirey observed the inmate to be choking, unable to cough or breathe. Officer Shirey was able to call for additional staff and medical assistance before performing the Heimlich maneuver several times on the individual. His quick action and skilled response enabled him to clear the inmate's airway and prevent further injury to the inmate that could have resulted in loss of life."