

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on January 10, 2020.

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

Others present: Kerry Eagan, 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 9:00 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, January 7, 2020.

MOTION: Vest 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 14, 2020.

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Introduction of Susan Tatum, nominee for appointment to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Keno Prevention Fund Advisory Committee – Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director. (See correlating item 5A)

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, introduced Susan Tatum. Hoyle noted all appointments are for a three-year term. This Committee reviews Keno grants and makes recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee which are then forwarded to the County Board for approval.

Susan Tatum gave a brief overview of her professional background and noted she was excited for the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

The Board voted on correlating item 5A.

- 4) **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 contract with US Bank National Association - Trust Department; Clarence & Elizabeth Weaver Trust, South 134th Street and Princeton Road, in the amount of \$757. (C-20-0002)
 - B. Utility Permits with no cost to the County for the following:
 - 1. No. 1917 allowing Windstream Nebraska to install aerial overlash and underground fiber adjacent to Northwest 48th Street from West Superior to West Fletcher Street then bore westerly along the south right-of-way of West Fletcher Street. (C-20-0021)
 - 2. No. 1914 allowing Unite Private Networks to install aerial and underground fiber optic cable along South 148th Street right-of-way from Hwy 2 to the Village of Bennet. (C-20-0030)
 - C. Amendment to Grant Contract C-17-0172 with St. Monica's for the Family Treatment Drug Court Track program (funded by U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, for an increase of \$25,075.) (C-20-0027)
 - D. Third Amendment to County Contract C-19-0346 with Zelle, LLC for additional professional services to be provided to the Department of Community Corrections. (The cost to the County for the additional services is not to exceed \$6,600.) (C-20-0029)
 - E. Received and placed on file the following reports:
 - 1. Assessor/Register of Deeds for December, 2019.
 - 2. Records and Information Management for December, 2019.
 - 3. County Sheriff report for October, 2019 - December, 2019.
 - F. Setting the public hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska) regarding County Text Amendment No. 19010, related to Animal Feeding Operations, also known as Commercial Feedlots, to amend Article 2, Definitions, Article 4 AG-District, Article 13 Special Permits, and Article 22, General Provisions.

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

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Appointment of Susan Tatum to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Keno Prevention Fund Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Amundson seconded to approve the appointment of Susan Tatum. Amundson, Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Keno Prevention Fund recommendations for 2020.

Hoyle said Keno Prevention Funds are 5% of the overall revenue generated from Keno in the City and the County. The funds go to families and children to prevent crisis situations such as gambling prevention, family violence preventions, behavioral health initiatives, early childhood and youth development, etc.

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

Flowerday asked if any agencies were providing family support with these programs. Hoyle said the Asian Center, El Centro de las Americas, Family Service Association and Legal Aid of Nebraska all provide family support services.

Schorr noted there are also Joint Budget Committee (JBC) and Juvenile Justice funds available and both have similar, but distinct, focuses.

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

C. Special Designated License application from National Audubon Society – Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center for an event at 11700 Southwest 100th Street, Denton, Nebraska on February 16, 2020.

Jason “The Bird Nerd” St. Sauver, Education Director, gave a brief description of the Birds and Brews event.

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

D. Request for an exceptional circumstances award under Personnel Rule 17.9(b) for Sadie Jensen, Community Corrections Coordinator, for a one-step pay increase.

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said she would like to recognize Ms. Jensen for the tremendous amount of time and effort she puts forth regarding drug testing. Etherton added there is a lot of staff turnover in this area and Ms. Jensen often works seven days a week to assure there is no gap in testing.

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

E. Resolution authorizing the installation of traffic control devices in Lancaster County. (R-20-0004)

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

F. Resolution in the matter of Elected Official Chief Deputy salary increases for the 2020 calendar year; with an effective date of December 19, 2019. (R-20-0005)

Joe Nigro, Lancaster County Public Defender, asked the Board to amend the proposed salary for Jennifer Houlden to \$147,806 to align with Chris Turner as the positions (Chief Deputy of the Juvenile Division) have been at the same salary level for a number of years.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to approve the resolution with the amendment to raise Jennifer Houlden’s salary to \$147,806.

Schorr clarified that the positions held by Ms. Houlden and Mr. Turner have been paid equally. Nigro thought the positions have been paid the same for the last three years. It was also noted that Houlden replaced Margene Timm who recently retired.

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

- G. Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide licenses for software and hosting for the Lancaster County Assessor's Office's appraiser field tablets. The term of the agreement is for one (1) year beginning on the Project Initiation Date. The cost to the County is \$13,560. (C-20-0031)**

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

- 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.

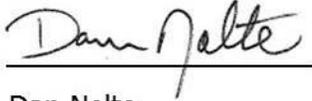
7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will attend the Tri-County Senate Breakfast on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) office located at 1335 H Street.**
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will conduct interviews for the Chief Administrative Officer position on January 14, 2020 at 12:30 p.m., in the Human Services Conference Room (Room 302) of the City-County Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold two public hearings on January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) for the following:**
 - 1. Text Amendment 19009, to amend the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations by adding conditions to Article 13.014 for campgrounds and amending Article 16.003 for signs.**
 - 2. Special Permit 19051, to allow for a campground and related accessory uses on property legally described as Lot 28, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 28-12-7, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at the SE corner of Hwy 77 and Davey Road.**
- F. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.**

- G. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTV City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVcity).

8) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

