



**MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 2024, AT 9:00 AM  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**

**COMMISSIONERS: Sean Flowerday, Chair; Rick Vest, Vice Chair;  
Roma Amundson, Matt Schulte, and Christa Yoakum**

*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 19, 2024.*

Commissioners present: Sean Flowerday, Chair  
Rick Vest, Vice Chair  
Roma Amundson  
Matt Schulte  
Christa Yoakum

Others present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
John Ward, Deputy County Attorney  
Matt Hansen, County Clerk  
Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

Flowerday called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk announced the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

**1) MINUTES**

**A.** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on January 16, 2024.

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

**B.** Approval of the minutes of the Tri-County Legislative Breakfast held on January 19, 2024.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the minutes. Yoakum, Vest, Amundson, and Flowerday voted yes. Schulte abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

**2) CLAIMS: Approval of the claims processed through January 23, 2024.**

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

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Commissioners' Award of Excellence for November 2023 to Laura Suhr, Human Services, in the category of Customer Relations.

The Clerk read the nomination letter into the record (see agenda packet). Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, commended Suhr for her work and described factors that qualified her for the award.

Yoakum presented Suhr with a plaque and congratulated her on the award.

- 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.** Amendments to the following County contracts:

1. C-09-0091 with the Capital Humane Society for the performance of animal control-related services in Lancaster County. (The amendment provides rates of reimbursement from July 1, 2024, through July 1, 2033, as provided therein.) (C-24-0049)
2. C-22-0077 with Total Tool Supply Inc for power and hand tools. (Bid 22-012. The amendment renews the contract from February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$6,000.) (C-24-0055)
3. C-22-0377 with J & A Traffic Products and C-22-0376 with All Road Barricades Inc for the annual supply of traffic channelizing and barricade devices. (Bid 21-237. The amendment renews the contract from February 4, 2024, through February 3, 2025. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$30,000 for both contracts.) (C-24-0053) (C-24-0054)
4. C-21-0050 with TooFast Supply Company for the annual supply of snowplow nuts, bolts, and washers. (Quote 6327. The amendment renews the contract from January 30, 2024, through January 29, 2025. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500.) (C-24-0057)
5. C-20-0132 with Haworth Inc for furniture, installation, and related products and services. (Master Agreement 2020000606, MOU068. The amendment renews the contract from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$20,000.) (C-24-0058)

**B.** Right-of-way contracts with Dale Pomajzl, West Hallam Road and Southwest 114th Street, in the amount of \$2,035. (Project 22-31, V-237) (C-24-0050)

**C.** Change Order 1 to County contract C-23-0914 with JMN Construction LLC for the replacement of County Bridge N-114. (This change order allows additional steel piling at a cost not to exceed \$1,992.30. Bid 23-247, Project 18-02) (C-24-0051)

**D.** Change Order 2 to County contract C-23-0552 with Pavers Inc for paving on North 98th Street. (This change order will increase costs for asphalt placement in an amount not to exceed \$77,102.80. Bid 23-150, Project 23-01.) (C-24-0056)

**E.** Received and placed on file the following reports (October – December 2023):

1. Mileage Reimbursement
2. County Engineer

**F.** Setting a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S.10th Street, Lincoln) regarding an appeal on Resolution PC-01896 Special Permit 23048 for the West Pioneers Cedar View Community Unit Plan.

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

**5) NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Appointment of Denise Alkali to the Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council for a term beginning effective upon appointment and ending June 30, 2025.

The item was held until a later meeting.

- B. Special events permit application for Jason Strohbehn with Gravel Adventures LLC for the Winter Endurance run and bike event to be held on February 17, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Strohbehn thanked the Engineer's Office for their assistance with past events. He described details of the upcoming Winter Endurance event. Past events have raised over \$40,000 for nonprofits. He thanked Commissioners for their support.

**MOTION:** Yoakum moved and Amundson seconded approval of the special events permit application.

Commissioners commended Strohbehn for planning the event and following County regulations. Strohbehn answered questions about the race routes. John Berry, Chief Deputy County Surveyor, described road and bridge work being completed that could affect the event. He and Strohbehn will communicate to see if routes need to be changed.

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

- C. Adoption of bargaining agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Local 1536 Engineering for a two-year contract (2023-2025). (C-24-0052)

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the contract.

Rick DeBoer, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Local 1536 (IBEW) Vice President, described components of the new contract (see agenda packet). Paid parental leave and changes to promotional language will help with hiring and retention. Desired changes to disciplinary language and benefits offered are not reflected in the contract. Most employees are looking forward to the change to four ten-hour days, although those with children in daycare may struggle with the change.

Commissioners thanked DeBoer and the Engineer's Office for their work over the last two weeks of inclement weather.

Barb McIntyre, Human Resources Director, reviewed components of the contract, including planned pay raises and plans to retroactively implement them according to the effective date.

**ROLL CALL:** Yoakum, Vest, Amundson, Schulte, 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 hold a staff meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024, 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 on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th 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 ([LNKTv.lincoln.ne.gov](http://LNKTv.lincoln.ne.gov)). LNKTv is available on Allo channel 2 and Spectrum channel 1300. For the rebroadcast schedule visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: LNKTv). Meetings are also streamed live on YouTube and Facebook ([YouTube.com/LNKTvcity](https://www.youtube.com/LNKTvcity) and [Facebook.com/lancasterne](https://www.facebook.com/lancasterne)). LNKTv apps are also available on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Schulte, Yoakum, Vest, Amundson, and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Matt Hansen  
Lancaster County Clerk

