

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM MEETING
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COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 22, 2021.

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

Others present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 19, 2021.**

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

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Amendment to the payroll claims report previously approved on January 19, 2021.**

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

- B. Approval of all claims processed through January 26, 2021**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the claims. Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday, Amundson and Vest 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. **Utility Permits with no cost to the County for the following:**
1. **No. 2060 allowing Windstream Nebraska to install new service to 600 South 120th Street. (C-21-0048)**
 2. **No. 2062 allowing Windstream Nebraska LLC to replace communication cables in conjunction with County Culvert Replacement Project 20-14. (C-21-0049)**
- B. **Amendment to the following County contracts:**
1. **C-18-0642 with AV Associates of Nebraska for Annual Supply – Household Miscellaneous Batteries. (Quote No. 5909. The amendment changes the company name from AV Associates of Nebraska to Striv AV LLC.) [\(C-21-0051\)](#)**
 2. **C-14-0606 with Sarpy County to provide microfilming and scanning services. (The amendment extends the term of the agreement from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.) (C-21-0057)**
- C. **Right-of-way contracts with the following:**
1. **Wolfe Farms LLC, North 56th Street and Bluff Road, in the amount of \$962. (C-21-0053)**
 2. **Richard and Patricia Tonar Joint Revocable Trust, Northwest 112th Street and West Agnew Road, in the amount of \$1,336. (C-21-0054)**
- D. **Right-of-way contracts at North 148th Street and Agnew Road with the following:**
1. **Duane K. Vinson in the amount of \$1,422. (C-21-0055)**
 2. **Gary L. and Erica M. White in the amount of \$334. (C-21-0056)**
- E. **Received and placed on file the Lancaster County Attorney’s semi-annual report from July to December, 2020.**

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution in the matter of federal assistance from the Department of Transportation through the Emergency Relief Program of the Federal Highway Administration for emergency channel repairs at County Bridge K080 (Project ER-55(184)). (R-21-0006)**

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said this an emergency project on a federal aid route from 2019 that the County is seeking reimbursement from the federal highway administration.

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

In response to Schorr's question, Dingman said the County will be reimbursed 80% and noted this is just for a pipe culvert.

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

- B. Setting the salary for Carolyn Bosn as a temporary full-time Attorney II in the County Attorney's Office at \$41.63 per hour or \$3,330.64 bi-weekly for an 80 hour pay period, effective February 1, 2021.**

Jen Holloway, Deputy Lancaster County Attorney, said Ms. Bosn will be hired on temporarily to cover an upcoming maternity leave.

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

- C. Special Designated License application from Pac N Save for an event on June 19, 2021 at Hillside Events, 12400 W. Denton Road, Denton, Nebraska.**

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

- D. Contract with Dunbar Security Products, Inc., for Annual Supply – Tamper Evident Security Bags. (Quote No. 6329). The contract is for one-year with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,900. (C-21-0052)**

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

- E. Contract with TooFast Supply Company to provide Annual Supply - Snowplow Nuts, Bolts and Washers (Quote No. 6327). The contract shall be effective January 30, 2021 through January 29, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,000. (C-21-0050)**

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

- F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and Lancaster County Engineer to award and execute a purchase order to NMC – Lincoln for two 2021 Cat Motor Graders (Model 140-15) with trade-ins (using the Sourcewell Contract 032119-CAT). The total amount of the order is \$484,470. (C-21-0047)**

Dingman said the machine to be replaced is close to 20 years old and provided a photo of the new machine and noted this has been included in the budget (Exhibit 1).

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the recommendation.

In response to Vest's question, Dingman said the goal is to get 10 years of life out of the new machines as the resale value is higher. Five years ago, the County Engineering Department conducted a study and determined when a machine is kept for 20 years the maintenance costs are close to \$180,000 as opposed to keeping a machine 10 years, the maintenance costs are around \$20,000.

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

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

No discussion was held.

6) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, said the reason for the legislative update is due to tight timelines and upcoming hearings regarding bills of interest. LR22CA (Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions) is a companion to LB408 (Adopt the Property Tax Request Act). This will cap property tax revenue at 3% annually except for construction-related improvements.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded to oppose LR22CA and LB408.

Vest said a lot of ramification would follow these bills and they should be examined further before implementing this type of legislation.

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

Derbin discussed bill LB112 (Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act). This legislation would extend to advisory committees.

Schorr said currently the Board provides the public an opportunity to speak at every Tuesday meeting.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded to oppose LB112. Flowerday, Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Dingman provided an update regarding County snow removal.

Rachel Garver, County Treasurer, expressed her concern regarding the County not having a policy for employees during inclement weather. Schorr asked Garver to draft a policy for the Board to review.

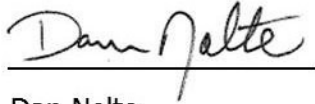
8) ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meetings will also be broadcast in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln.) It will also be broadcast live on LNKTv City and streamed live on LNKTv and on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/lnktvcity>).

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will attend the Tri-County Legislative Breakfast via Zoom on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting via Zoom on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., with the Board of Equalization immediately following.
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 immediately following the Board of Equalization.
- E. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.

- F. 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).

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:34 a.m. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



