

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 9:00 AM
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112

COMMISSIONERS: Christa Yoakum, Chair; Sean Flowerday, Vice Chair;
Roma Amundson, Matt Schulte 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 February 24, 2023.

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

Others present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; John Ward, Deputy County Attorney; Courtney Lyons, Deputy County Clerk; and Leslie Brestel and Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 February 21, 2023.

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

2) CLAIMS

A. Approval to the claims processed through February 28, 2023.

The Deputy Clerk noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending February 22, 2023 (Exhibit 1).

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Schulte seconded approval of the claims as amended. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Schulte and Yoakum 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. Amendments to the following County Contracts:

1. C-20-0095 with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to evaluate the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court. (The amendment extends the term of the contract to December 31, 2023, and updates the name of the Principal Investigator and UNL's contact information. There is no additional cost to the County.) (C-23-0113)
2. C-22-0689 with the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for the Mental Health Crisis Center's Region V Network Provider Contract. (The amendment provides that the Network Provider will work with Region V Systems to implement Zero Suicide transformational framework designed for behavioral health systems for safer care for those at risk for suicide.) (C-23-0120)

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

1. Gerald N and Judy L Behrends Revocable Trust, South 25th Street and West Princeton Road, in the amount of \$1,784. (Project No. 23-21 / X-274) (C-23-0116)
2. Nathan J and Jessica M Landauer, North 1st Street and West Davey Road, in the amount of \$23. (Project No. 22-28 / C-236) (C-23-0117)
3. James R and Meghan D King, South 162nd Street and Roca Road, in the total amount of \$2,417. (Project 22-40 / R-184) (two contract) (C-23-0118) (C-23-0119)

The Deputy Clerk noted item 3A-1 is to be held per the County Attorney's Office.

Yoakum requested clarification if the motion needed to include item 3A-1 being held. John Ward, Deputy County Attorney, stated item 3A-1 was read into the record and does not need to be stated in the motion. Schulte inquired if the item was permanently held or brought back later. Ward stated the item could be brought back later.

MOTION: Schulte moved and Vest seconded approval of the consent items.

Samuel Lyon, Lancaster resident, stated regarding item 3A-2 that mental health is an issue and appreciates what the County is doing to help prevent and provide treatment.

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

4) NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Commissioners' Award of Excellence for January 2023 to Erika Pecina, County Clerk's Office, in the category of customer relations.

The Deputy Clerk read the nomination letter into the record (Exhibit 2).

Kevin Nelson, Accounting Operations Manager, stated everyone in the County Clerk's Office had a part in writing the nomination letter that was read. It shows the respect Pecina's co-workers have for her and that she is a valued member of the office. Nelson asked the Board to review the human resource package to add compensation to employees that provided interpretation services.

The Board thanked Pecina for her positive, welcoming approach to her work and Schulte presented her with a plaque.

Pecina stated she was humbled to receive the award and proud to be part of the County Clerk's Office. She thanked friends, family and co-workers for their support.

- B.** Special Events Permit application from Randall Gordon, Lincoln Parks Foundation, for a Prairie to Prairie Run-Bike-Run event to be held May 21, 2023.

Sara Hartzell, City Parks & Recreation Park Planning Assistant, provided information about the event and stated the event created awareness and aided fundraising for the Prairie Corridor project. Hartzell stated the application was reviewed by the County staff and provided a document in response to the recommendations (Exhibit 3).

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

The Board thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for sponsoring the event.

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

- C. Agreement with Whova for mobile platform and event services for the 2023 Nebraska Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,299. (Funding is from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Enhancement Grant.) (C-23-0111)

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Administrator, stated Whova will provide a platform used during the Nebraska Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference, which is funded by a state grant and will take place June 14 – 16.

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

- D. Contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to evaluate the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court to expand access to evidence-based supervision services for its participants. The cost to the County is \$45,000. (UNL Fixed Price Service Agreement No. 148511. The term of the contract is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.) (C-23-0114)

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

- E. Contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to evaluate the Lancaster County DUI Court to assess program adherence to best practices, program effectiveness and disparities in access and progress. The cost to the County is \$135,000. (UNL Fixed Price Service Agreement No. 139032. The term of the contract is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025.) (C-23-0115)

Vest stated the program provided help for the Lancaster community to help produce better outcomes in their life.

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

Lyon stated the DUI Court is important but expressed concerns about the cost to the County for a program that evaluates but does not produce a product.

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

- F. Contract with Galls, LLC to provide the annual supply of County Corrections uniforms. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$26,639.40. (Bid No. 23-017. This contract shall be effective for one (1) year upon execution.) (C-23-0112)

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

- G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a bid to Straight-Line Striping, Inc. for pavement markings 2023. The cost to the County is \$149,925.73. (Project No. 23-86; Bid No. 23-040. The final completion date shall be July 30, 2023.) (B-23-040)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, presented a map of the areas scheduled for pavement marking (Exhibit 4).

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

- H. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a bid to Tim Sisco Construction LLC, for replacement of Box Culvert F-72 and Phase I Concrete Box Culverts. The

estimated total cost to the County is \$595,693.50. (Projects No. 22-24 and No. 22-25; Bid No. 23-030.) (B-23-030)

Dingman presented a map of the areas scheduled for replacements of box culverts (Exhibit 5). She added some of the smaller box culverts will be replaced with culvert pipe to provide a more efficient water flow.

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

5) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No update was given.

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

Dan Buhrdorf, Lancaster resident, expressed concerns about free speech and the need to end the emergency declaration.

Tracy Aksamit, Lancaster resident, expressed concerns about the emergency declaration.

Samuel Lyon, Lancaster resident, expressed concerns about COVID-19 and the need to end the emergency declaration.

Kristi Egger, Lancaster County Public Defender, expressed concerns about COVID-19 and its effects.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023, 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, March 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., with the Board of Equalization immediately following 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.
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTv (LNKTv.lincoln.ne.gov). LNKTv is available on Allo channel 2 and Spectrum channel 1300. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTv). Meetings are also streamed live on YouTube and Facebook (YouTube.com/LNKTvcity and 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 9:47 a.m. Amundson, Schulte, Flowerday, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Matt Hansen
Lancaster County Clerk

