

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 1 2022 AT 9:00 AM
COUNTY- CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112

**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 February 25, 2022.

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

Others present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; John Ward, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; 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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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

2) CLAIMS:

A. Approval of all claims processed through March 1, 2022

The Clerk noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on February 23, 2022 (Exhibit 1).

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the claims as amended. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr 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 approved of:

A. Amendments to the following County contracts:

1. C-21-0657 with R.W. Engineering & Surveying for additional engineering services for sanitary sewer improvements at the existing Lancaster County Maintenance Building located at 13959 Oldfield Street, Waverly, Nebraska. (The contract price increase shall not exceed \$2,500, for a total contract price not to exceed \$20,630.) (C-22-0152)
2. C-17-0709 with the City of Lincoln for improvement of Pinewood Bowl. (The amendment extends the conclusion of the grant term to June 30, 2022.) (C-22-0147)
3. C-19-0090 with Audio Marketing Solutions, dba Americom Communications Corporation, for unit price security, surveillance, installation, maintenance, service and repair. (Bid No. 19-022. The

amendment increases the County's maximum expenditure for combined contracts by \$200,000. The cost to the County shall not exceed \$240,000.) (C-22-0150)

4. C-19-0091 with Inteconnect Inc., dba Inteconnex, for unit price security, surveillance, installation, maintenance, service and repair. (Bid No. 19-022. The amendment increases the County's maximum expenditure for combined contracts by \$200,000. The cost to the County shall not exceed \$240,000.) (C-22-0151)

- B. Right-of-way contract with Mavis A. Reller Revocable Trust Life Estate, Southwest 29th Street and West Panama Road in the amount of \$559. (Project 21-45 / W-50 (C-22-0148)
- C. Utility permit #2206 allowing Unite Private Networks to run new communication lines along North 134th Street Between Havelock Avenue and Adams Street (The lines will run on the west side of the road to the south fifty feet from the centerline within the County's right-of-way. There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0142)
- D. Utility permit #2212 allowing Windstream Nebraska, LLC to replace a 900' section of deteriorated cable on Pella Road, west of the South 82nd Street intersection. (Placement will begin from an existing cross box located on the Northwest corner of South 82nd Street and Pella Road. There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0146)

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

4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Amending the appropriations for the Bridge and Special Road Fund (See correlating item 5A)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Dennis Meyer, County Budget and Fiscal Officer, was administered the oath. He explained that the appropriation to the Bridge and Special Road Fund needs to be amended to provide special spending authority for additional expenditures for two contracts related to Bridges D-88 and W-50, engineering design costs for three bridges and design cost for Saltillo Road. This amendment will have no effect on County property tax.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, was administered the oath and added the funds will cover engineering design for Bridges R-184, S-180 and C-253.

No one appeared to testify in support, opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Clerk read New Business item 5A.

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

- B. Amusement license application from Anthony Hillhouse to hold a memorial service and music performance on April 16-17, 2022 at 6600 South 148th Street, Walton, NE

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Anthony Hillhouse was administered the oath and provided an overview of the two-day event. He said the first day a music performance will be performed ending at 9:30 pm and the second day will include a memorial service for Bill Wimmer who was a local jazz musician.

Schorr asked Hillhouse if he was aware of the County Engineering recommendations. Hillhouse stated he was not. Schorr stated the Board could approve the amusement license contingent on excepting the County Engineer's traffic control recommendations.

No one appeared to testify in support, opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Resolution in the matter of supplementing appropriations for the previously adopted budget for the Bridge and Special Road Fund in the amount of \$3,128,000. (R-22-0015)

Item moved forward on agenda.

- B.** Amusement license application from Anthony Hillhouse to hold a memorial service and music performance on April 16-17, 2022 at 6600 South 148th Street, Walton, NE

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the amusement license contingent on the County Engineer's recommendations.

Schorr informed Hillhouse a copy of the recommendations can be obtained at the County Clerk's Office.

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

- C.** Resolution in the matter of closing County Bridge X-9, located on South 25th Street between Pella Road and Princeton Road, to mitigate a clear and present danger to the traveling public. (R-22-0016)

Dingman presented pictures of damage found during an inspection of Bridge X-9 and a map showing the bridge's location (Exhibit 2). Dingman's recommendation is to close the bridge to prevent a collapse. Vest inquired if something hit the underside of the bridge. Dingman said someone drove over the posted weight limit and caused the damage. Vest inquired about traffic the count. Dingman stated she did not have the exact traffic numbers for Bridge X-9 but estimated 100 to 150 vehicles cross the bridge daily. Amundson asked about detours for the people living in the area. Dingman stated the public would be rerouted 4 miles to cross the creek.

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

Schorr inquired about notification to emergency responders, schools and the public about the bridge closure. Dingman informed the Board of a special notification system that the County Engineer's Office utilizes. The information will also be posted on the County Engineer website. Notifications are also sent to Google and Waze Map.

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

- D.** Request for an Exceptional Circumstance Award under Personnel Rule 17.9 (b) for Monet McCullen, Engineering Technician-Project Coordinator, for a one-step pay increase.

Dingman said Monet McCullen joined the Engineering team over six months ago and exceeded expectations by updating essential databases. She led a team in creating a Microsoft Project scheduling system and created a standard specification system for projects to improve the accuracy and efficiency of engineering and construction documents.

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

- E. Agreement with the County and Speece Lewis Engineers to provide structural consultation services to the County Engineer related to bridges in the County, on an "on-call" basis. (The cost to the County is not to exceed \$10,000.) (C-22-0145)

Dingman stated the agreement will provide consultation services for special structural engineering projects.

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

- F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a bid to Constructors Inc. for Southwest 42nd Street Paving (West Hallam Road to West Pella Road Project No. 21-09. Bid No. 22-047. The estimated total cost to the County is \$1,329,398.81.) (Bid 22-047)

Dingman stated the County has created an intergovernmental and public/private partnership to pave this portion of Southwest 42nd Street.

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

- G. Agreement with the County and Andrew Neujahr for the lease of 57.69 acres of agricultural land located in Lancaster County. (Lessee agrees to pay the County \$85.37 per acre for a one-year term, for a total of \$4,925.) (C-22-0149)

Kerin Peterson, Facilities and Properties Director, stated Andrew Neujahr farmed and leased the 57.69 acres in 2021. This agreement is for 2022.

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

Vest asked if Neujahr was offered fair market value. Peterson stated an average comparison with surrounding agricultural land was used to create a fair market value.

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

- H. Contract with Engineering Technologies Inc. for Professional Design Services – Youth Service Center HVAC, RFP No. 21-203. (The cost to the County is not to exceed \$54,580.) (C-22-0143)

Peterson confirmed that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be used for the project. Engineering Technologies Inc. has done prior projects and is familiar with the building.

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

Schorr asked for clarification that the project would cover the entire Youth Services Center building including the Emergency Management and Department of Health and Human Services area. Peterson stated yes. The

plan is to move the HVAC unit from the basement where the building was built around it to the first floor in an area set aside for property management as to not displace any organization.

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

6) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

No update was given.

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

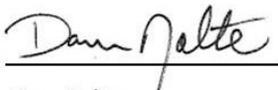
No one appeared for public comment.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, March 3, 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 Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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.
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTU City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTU). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTU, YouTube, Roku and Apple TV.

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

