

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM MEETING
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COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 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 March 12, 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; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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, March 9, 2021.**

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

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of all claims processed through March 16, 2021.**

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on March 10, 2021 (Exhibit 1).

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the claims as amended. Flowerday, Schorr Amundson and Vest voted yes. Yoakum was unable to vote due to technical difficulties. Motion carried 4-0.

- 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 allowing Windstream Nebraska to replace communication lines at no cost to the County for the following:**

- 1. No. 2087 due to the removal and replacement of County Culvert G-140 (located roughly 1,730 feet east of Highway 77 on the south side of Bluff Road). (C-21-0222)**

2. No. 2076 due to a road grading project on West Holdrege Street (located west of Northwest 56th Street in conjunction with a new LPS school). (C-21-0224)
- B. Right-of-way contracts with the following:
1. City of Lincoln, North 56th Street and Bluff Road, in the amount of \$823. (C-21-0228)
 2. Ron S. and Susan K. Walker, Northwest 105th Street and Highway 34, in the amount of \$404. (C-21-0229)
- C. Amendments to the following County contracts:
1. C-20-0749 with Envirotech Services, Inc., for Corrosion Inhabited Liquid Magnesium Chloride (MOU090. Using the State of Nebraska Contract No. 15366 OC. The estimated expenditures will be increased by \$15,000 for the remainder of the contract term with a revised total amount of \$25,000.) (C-21-0225)
 2. C-19-0225 with Production Creek Specialty Advertising (Production Creek, LLC) for Annual Supply – Clothing, Screen Printed and/or Embroidered Apparel. (Bid No. 19-067. The amendment renews the contract from March 27, 2021 through March 26, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$1,500.) (C-21-0231)
 3. C-15-0062 with Summit Food Service, LLC for Annual Service – Food Services for Correctional Facilities (Bid No. 14-285. The amendment reflects a price increase of 3.1% for the remainder of the contract). (C-21-0232)
- D. Amendments to County contracts for Unit Price – Security and Surveillance, Installation, Maintenance, Service and Repair (Bid No. 19-022. The amendments renew the contracts from March 27, 2021 through March 26, 2023. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$40,000 for all contracts.) with the following:
1. C-19-0090 with Audio Marketing Solutions, dba Americom Communications Corporation (C-21-0226)
 2. C-19-0091 with Inteconnect Inc., dba Inteconnex (C-21-0227)
- E. Change Order No. 1 to County Contract C-21-0014 with JJK Construction, LLC to revise the contract end date to October 16, 2021 due to environmental permitting delays. (Bid 20-203; Project 18-15; Replacement of County Bridge F-88.) (C-21-0233)

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

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Resolution in the matter of recognizing March 22-26, 2021 as Severe Weather Awareness Week and April 3, 2021 as Storm Spotter Appreciation Day. (R-21-0016)

Jim Davidsaver, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Director, appeared with Mark Hosking, Emergency Management Deputy Director and introduced Brooke Siefker, Emergency Management Specialist. Davidsaver said during Severe Weather Awareness Week the statewide tornado drill will occur. He noted although the severe weather symposium was cancelled this year, he still wanted to give recognition to the storm spotters.

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

The Clerk read the resolution into the record.

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

- B. Resolution in the matter of an application for an addition to a Class I liquor license for VFW 3606 located at 3340 West A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. (R-21-0017)**

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

- C. Resolution authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to function as the Authorized Organization Representative for purposes of securing and administering grant funding through the State of Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. (R-21-0018)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said this will simplify the grant process by allowing the Chief Administrative Officer to function as the authorized representative. This change will eliminate having to submit a subgrant adjustment for every grant that is administered through the Crime Commission every year when a new County Board Chair is selected.

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

- D. Subaward contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska on behalf of the University of Nebraska at Omaha for the Development of a Statewide Plan and to bring the state back into compliance under the Title II program (funded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant #2020-JX-FX-K006). The term of the grant contract is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. The total cost is not to exceed \$368,225. (C-21-0223)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the subaward contract.

Hoyle said this contract is a grant that was written to the Department of Justice. Roughly five years ago the Crime Commission became out of compliance with Title II. Lancaster County is a recipient of funding available through Title II. This contract will assist with bringing the State of Nebraska back in compliance whereby the State and counties will be eligible for these funds again.

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

- E. Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska on behalf of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Center on Children, Families and the Law and Nebraska Children and Families Foundation to act as a disbursing agent for a rent and utility assistance program for families and individuals during the pandemic. The County has access to \$1,255,695.84 in additional funding to help homeless families and individuals. (C-21-0235)**

Hoyle said this agreement will allow Lincoln’s Center on Children, Families and the Law to assist the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation in distributing funds to landlords whereby eliminating Lancaster County from having to process these payments. Hoyle discussed the efforts and the current success of this initiative.

The Commissioners thanked Hoyle for her effort on this project.

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

- F. Agricultural lease agreement with Andrew Neujahr for use of up to 57.69 acres of agricultural land located in Lancaster County as legally described in the agreement. The term of the agreement is March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. Mr. Neujahr will pay the County \$85.37 per acre. (C-21-0236)**

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

- G. Interlocal agreements for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of preadjudicated juveniles at the Youth Services Center. Lancaster County will be reimbursed at the rate of \$300 per juvenile per day with the following:**

- 1. Arthur County (C-21-0237)**
- 2. Dixon County (C-21-0238)**
- 3. Polk County (C-21-0239)**
- 4. Saline County (C-21-0240)**

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

- H. Memorandum of Understanding with WatchGuard for Public Safety Video System (MOU095. Using the NASPO ValuePoint Contract No. OK-MA-145-010). The term of the contract is upon execution through January 31, 2022. The pricing will be pursuant to the NASPO contract. The cost to County is not to exceed \$224,465. (C-21-0234)**

Jen Holloway, Deputy Lancaster County Attorney, said the NASPO contract documents received were corrupt and the Purchasing Department is awaiting corrected documents. The corrupt items are not material that would affect the Board's approval as it is background material on the original contract. Once the items are received, they will be available for anyone to review.

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

- I. Space rental agreements with American Lutheran Church in conjunction with the following:**

- 1. Primary election on April 6, 2021. The cost to the County is \$500. (C-21-0241)**
- 2. General election on May 4, 2021. The cost to the County is \$500. (C-21-0242)**

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

- J. Contract with Your Next Tire for Annual Service – Inspection and Repair of Vehicle Lifts (Quote No. 6352). 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 \$1,000. (C-21-0230)**

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

K. Closing Certificate for the District Energy Corporation (DEC) Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021A and B) for the County Adult Detention Facility DEC Plant.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the closing certificate.

Schorr thanked the DEC financial team. This refunding was part of a larger bond issue. The bond rate was at 1.31% and that saved Lancaster County \$1,500,000 over the life of the bond, which was a 14.9% reduction.

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

L. Engagement letter from Baylor Evnen to provide professional legal services to Lancaster County. (C-21-0243)

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

A copy of the letter is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

5) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE

Vest said on Friday, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director, Pat Lopez, provided an update on the vaccination efforts. He noted he received his vaccination at Speedway Motors and the process was very efficient.

6) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No discussion was held.

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: 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 LNKTVCity and streamed live on LNKTVCity and on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/lnktvcity>).

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 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 via Zoom on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**
- 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 LNKTVCity. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTVCity). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTVCity and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVCity).**

By order of the Chair, the meeting was recessed at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Flowerday exited the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

9) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A. **Potential and pending litigation and legal advice.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to enter executive session for potential and pending litigation and legal advice and to protect the public interest at 9:35 a.m. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Flowerday was absent for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

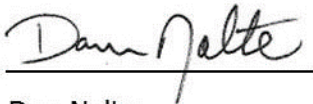
The Chair reinstated the motion.

Flowerday returned to the meeting.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to exit executive session at 9:50 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:51 a.m. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



LANCASTER COUNTY PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS
For the Pay Period February 25, 2021 thru March 10, 2021
Pay Date: March 18, 2021

Gross Pay	\$	2,228,650.93
Employer FICA	\$	161,910.72
Pension Contribution	\$	160,458.32
PEHP Contribution	\$	11,300.00
PEHP Payout	\$	-
Workers Compensation	\$	2,428.01
Group Insurance	\$	557,599.92

