

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 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 26, 2021.

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

Commissioner absent: Roma Amundson

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 9:01 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 23, 2021.**

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) **CLAIMS:**

- A. **Approval of all claims processed through March 30, 2021.**

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on March 24, 2021 (Exhibit 1).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the claims as amended. Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Yoakum abstained and Amundson was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

- 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-19-0276 with Blue Valley Public Safety Inc., for Unit Price – Maintenance and Repair of Emergency Management Sirens. (Bid No. 19-043. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase from April 14, 2021 through April 13, 2023. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$44,000.) (C-21-0254)**

2. **C-20-0341 with Whitehead Oil Company for Annual Supply – Motor Fuels. (Bid No. 20-137. The amendment renews the contract from June 21, 2021 through June 20, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$500,000.) (C-21-0257)**
 3. **C-20-0204 with Pioneer Overhead Door 3G, LLC for Unit Price – Residential and Commercial Overhead Door Repair and Replacement. (Bid No. 20-030. The amendment renews the contract with a company name change from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$3,000.) (C-21-0258)**
 4. **C-18-0168 with All Needs Computer & Mailing Services Inc., for Annual Services – Pre-Sort Mailing Services. (Quote No. 5802. The amendment renews the contract from April 15, 2021 through April 14, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$6,500.) (C-21-0259)**
 5. **C-20-0697 with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the personal service costs of deputy county attorneys associated with the termination of parental rights actions. (The amendment renews the agreement from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for a reimbursement amount of \$118,432). (C-21-0261)**
- B. Utility Permit No. 2085 allowing Black Hills Energy to install new gas lines for several services along South 75th Street, north of Martell Road at no cost to the County. (C-21-0260)**
- C. Right-of-way contracts with the following:**
1. **Carl W. Siefert and Marvin R. Siefert, South 148th Street and Roca Road, in the amount of \$1,558. (C-21-0262)**
 2. **Gary L. and David G. Cheney, South 148th Street and Roca Road, in the amount of \$265. (C-21-0263)**
 3. **George S. and Marcia L. Stewart Family Trust, Southwest 84th Street and West Pioneers Boulevard, in the amount of \$2,838. (C-21-0264)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the consent items. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

4) PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Lancaster County Rural Transit project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to the Federal Transit Act (FTA). (See correlating item 5A)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

No one appeared in favor, opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution instructing Lancaster County Public Rural Transit to apply for federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and to use said funds to provide public transportation in Lancaster County and the bordering communities of Adams, Cortland, Ceresco, Eagle and Greenwood. (R-21-0019)**

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

Vest noted a presentation was provided on March 23, 2021, and this service is being used for residents in rural areas and the County looks forward to providing continued services to the community.

ROLL CALL: Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Appointment of Melissa Hood as the interim Lancaster County Youth Services Center Director at an annual salary of \$94,149.12, effective March 25, 2021.

Melissa Hood, Lancaster County Youth Services Center, said she looks forward to serving in this capacity while the County searches for a permanent director. She noted she has been a County employee for 15 years.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the appointment. Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Legal Engagement Agreement with Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P., to provide professional legal services to Lancaster County. (C-21-0265)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the legal engagement agreement. Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Agreement with JEO for professional engineering services for the inspection of eight fracture critical bridges in Lancaster County (Project 21-86). The cost of the services is not to exceed \$13,600. (C-21-0266)

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said these eight bridges were purchased used and the age of each one is unknown. The inspections are important as fracture critical bridges can fail suddenly and dramatically.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the agreement. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Right of Entry and Maintenance Agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for Branched Oak Lake State Recreational Area (SRA) and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (Project 21-20; D-24) at no cost to the County. (C-21-0267)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Schorr seconded approval of the right of entry and maintenance agreement. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and Lancaster County Sheriff to award and execute a purchase order to Husker Auto Group for two 2021 or current production year Chevrolet 1500 WT 4 x 4 Crew Cab Pickups (using the University of Nebraska Contract No. 3124-20-2510). The total amount of the order is \$51,598. (C-21-0255)

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, appeared to answer any questions. He said this purchase was previously discussed at a staff meeting.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the recommendation. Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc., to provide Toxicology Laboratory Services and Related Supplies (MOU088. Using the Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA) RFP 032118-RTL contract). The term of the MOU will be effective upon execution through May 24, 2022. The pricing will be pursuant to the Sourcewell contract. The cost to County is not to exceed \$90,000. (C-21-0256)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the memorandum of understanding. Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Authorization for Patrick F. Condon, County Attorney, to sign a Joint Defense Agreement with the City of Lincoln's City Attorney's Office.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the authorization. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE

Vest said vaccinations continue to be distributed. He noted the intent is to have Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, attend the upcoming Thursday staff meeting.

7) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No discussion was held.

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

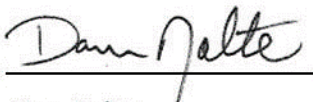
No one appeared for public comment.

9) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, April 1, 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 on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 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 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).

10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:15 a.m. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



LANCASTER COUNTY PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS
For the Pay Period March 11, 2021 thru March 24, 2021
Pay Date: April 1, 2021

Gross Pay	\$	2,249,552.31
Employer FICA	\$	164,251.79
Pension Contribution	\$	160,563.20
PEHP Contribution	\$	11,300.00
PEHP Payout	\$	63,042.11
Workers Compensation	\$	2,698.04
Group Insurance	\$	509,673.92

