

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 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 April 2, 2021.*

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

**Others present:** David Derbin, 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 9:03 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 30, 2021.**

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Amundson abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

**2) CLAIMS:**

- A. Approval of all claims processed through April 6, 2021.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the claims. Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Yoakum abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

**3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence for June, 2020, awarded to Jenni Ryan, Human Services, in the category of Productivity.**

Sara Hoyle, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services Director, said during the pandemic, Ms. Ryan assisted in continuing to operate two separate locations and providing two separate services. Ms. Ryan created all applications into fillable online versions and provided the public with remote access. She also facilitated grant reviews via Zoom and coordinated the Statewide conference with over 400 participants.

The Clerk read the nomination into the record (see agenda packet).

Commissioner Yoakum presented Ms. Ryan with a plaque.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Ryan for her efforts.

- 4) **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. Addendum to C-12-0586 with Journal Technologies, Inc., to cease support and hosting services and to have the hosted database transferred to the County to be utilized by a different software provider. The transfer shall be completed by July 30, 2021. (C-21-0268)
  - B. Utility Permit No. 2095 allowing Windstream Nebraska to replace a communication line due to the removal and replacement of County Culverts E-133 & E-306 at no cost to the County. (Install located North of West Fletcher Avenue on Northwest 105<sup>th</sup> Street) (C-21-0279)
  - C. Amendments to the following County contracts:
    - 1. C-19-0236 with Cellebrite Inc. for Universal Forensic Extraction Device. (The amendment renews the contract from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$380,000.) (C-21-0269)
    - 2. C-18-0228 with J & A Traffic Products for Annual Supply – Square Steel Sign Post System Hardware and Accessories. (Bid No. 18-045. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase from March 28, 2021 through March 27, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$50,000.) (C-21-0271)
  - D. Right-of-way contracts with the following:
    - 1. Dianne Louise Smith (c/o United Farm & Ranch Management), Southwest 84<sup>th</sup> Street and West Pioneers Boulevard, in the amount of \$1,832. (C-21-0273)
    - 2. James C. Block, Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Pella Road, in the amount of \$2,053. (C-21-0274)
    - 3. Kenneth R. Stewart, Southwest 98<sup>th</sup> Street and West Van Dorn Road, in the amount of \$959. (C-21-0275)
    - 4. Leon Jr., and Rojean Bowman, South 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Pella Road, in the amount of \$474. (C-21-0276)
    - 5. Phyllis E. Kuster Revocable Trust, South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Wagon Trail Road, in the amount of \$2,039. (C-21-0277)
    - 6. Todd A. and Megan A. Ehrke, South 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Stagecoach Road, in the amount of \$1,629. (C-21-0278)
    - 7. Douglas D. and Cindy L. Holden, South 176<sup>th</sup> Street and Princeton Road, in the total amount of \$3,737. (2 contracts) (C-21-0281, C-21-0282)
  - E. Received and placed on file the independent auditor's report for Lancaster County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

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

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Lancaster County, which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. (R-21-0022)**

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

- B. **Resolution in the matter of authorizing the installation of traffic control devices in Lancaster County. (R-21-0023)**

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said Hickman annexed a portion of South 54<sup>th</sup> Street and they reduced their speed limit to 35 miles per hour. Lancaster County's speed is set, by default, to 50 miles per hour, which makes the speed transition not legal per the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices. The speed needs to be reduced to 45 miles per hour and signs will need to be placed in the area to correct the transition (Exhibit 1).

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

- C. **Permanent easement for the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District in connection with the construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair and inspection of stream bank stability measures designed to stabilize Salt Creek near Old Cheney Road at no cost to the County. (C-21-0280)**

Dingman said this is a proposed easement to the NRD (Natural Resources District) for channel improvements near Bridge O-37 (Exhibit 2).

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

- D. **Contract with Kubert Appraisal Group for the appraisal of the easement area on the south side of County structures D-140 and D-232 (Project 21-20) located on West Branched Oak Road in the amount of \$3,200. (C-21-0284)**

Dingman said the two pipes are in need of replacement and this contract is for appraisal services associated with the ground on the south side of the pipes (Exhibit 3).

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

- E. **Engineering agreement with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for professional engineering services for survey, environmental, H&H analysis, design, plan preparation, and permitting services for the replacement of County Bridge W-50 (Project 21-45). The cost of the services is not to exceed \$73,040. (C-21-0285)**

Dingman said Bridge W-50 is located on Southwest 29<sup>th</sup> Street north of Panama Road and was built in 1962 (Exhibit 4). The bridge might be too big for a box culvert conversion and that will be determined when the design phase begins.

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

- F. **Setting the salary for Cheryl Waples, bailiff for Referee Jennifer Kulwicki, in the amount of \$68,912, effective April 15, 2021.**

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

- G. **Contract with Butherus-Maser & Love Funeral Home for cremation/burial services as outlined in Lancaster County's General Assistance Program from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026. (C-21-0270)**

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

- H. **Renewal of the Computer Matching Agreement with the Social Security Administration for the time period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (C-21-0283)**

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

- I. **Contract with Capital City Transfer Service, Inc., for Annual Service – Coroner Transport (Bid No. 21-027). The contract is for four years with the option to renew for one additional four-year term. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$200,000. (C-21-0272)**

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

## **6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE**

Vest said Governor Ricketts received his vaccination and he encourages all citizens to receive vaccinations when the opportunity presents itself.

## **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.

Vest added today is an important day for Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln as citizens have the opportunity to vote for members of the City Council, School Board and the Airport Authority and he encouraged everyone to take advantage of this opportunity and vote.

## **9) ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**

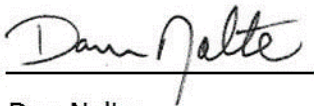
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- C. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTV City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVcity).

## 10) ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Vest added this meeting was not broadcasted live due a power surge outage but would still be available to view at a later time.

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



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

