

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 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 and emailed to the media on April 23, 2021, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on April 24, 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; 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, April 20, 2021.**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum 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 April 27, 2021.**

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on April 21, 2021 (Exhibit 1).

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence for July, 2020 awarded to Sarah Knudsen, Community Corrections in the category of Productivity.**

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said Shawn Stanczyk is Ms. Knudsen's supervisor who nominated her for this award. Etherton said Diversion Services has been a welcomed division within Community Corrections to continue to allow for more services within the criminal justice system and Ms. Knudsen has taken on a lot of the responsibility.

Stanczyk said Ms. Knudsen is a casework with a difficult case load. He noted Ms. Knudsen is required to interact with a number of individuals who have either been convicted of a crime or who are receiving restitution and she works with each client in a positive manner.

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

Commissioner Flowerday presented Ms. Knudsen with a plaque and thanked her for her services.

Knudsen thanked Kim Etherton, Shawn Stanczyk and her peers for their support.

- 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. Amendments to the following County contracts:

1. C-19-0274 with Sapp Bros. Inc. for Annual Supply – Anti-Freeze/Coolants/Windshield Washer Fluid. (Bid No. 19-069. The amendment renews the contract from April 10, 2021 through April 9, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000.) (C-21-0315)
2. C-19-0275 with Thermo King Christensen Inc., for Annual Supply – Anti-Freeze/Coolants/Windshield Washer Fluid. (Bid No. 19-069. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase from April 10, 2021 through April 9, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$1,100.) (C-21-0316)
3. C-21-0234 with WatchGuard Video to provide additional Public Safety Video Equipment (MOU095. Using NASPO ValuePoint Contract No. OK-MA-145-101. The purchase of additional equipment is \$42,175. The revised total is not to exceed \$266,640.) (C-21-0317)
4. C-19-0352 with General Fire & Safety Equipment Company, Inc., for Annual Service – Fire Extinguisher Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance. (Bid No. 19-120. The amendment renews the contract from May 13, 2021 through May 12, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$6,000.) (C-21-0319)
5. C-20-0341 with Whitehead Oil Company for Annual Supply – Motor Fuel. (Bid No. 20-137. The amendment hedges the supply of Motor Fuel at the costs and amounts listed per the Attachments, effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.) (C-21-0320)
6. C-18-0260 with TruGreen L.P. (TruGreen) for Annual Service – Weed Control and Fertilization Services, County Corrections. (Quote No. 5866. The amendment renews the contract from June 5, 2021 through June 4, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$7,200.) (C-21-0322)

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

1. Kay F. Vorheis Revocable Separate Property Trust, South 12th street and Pella Road, in the amount of \$892. (C-21-0324)
2. Jeffery E. and Trisha Kubik, South 38th Street and Stagecoach Road, in the amount of \$124. (C-21-0325)

C. Setting public hearings on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 regarding the following:

- 1. Amendment of the Lancaster County General Assistance guidelines.**
- 2. Street Name Change 21001 for proposed street names related to the South Beltway.**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum 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 authorizing the temporary installation of traffic control devices in Lancaster County. (R-21-0028)

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said this is located on South 82nd Street, south of Saltillo Road where the speed will need to be reduced to 35 miles per hour as the traffic transitions from pavement to gravel. She noted this change is necessary for the safety of the community (Exhibit 2).

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

B. Contract with Midwest Coatings Company, Inc., for Crack Sealing Bituminous Surfacing 2021 (Bid 21-019; Project No. 21-07). The work shall commence on May 3, 2021 (or upon notice to proceed by the County) and shall be completed on or before July 2, 2021. This project will be considered a 61-calendar day project. The cost to the County is \$139,300. (C-21-0314)

Dingman said this is for the annual crack sealing contract. The goal is to seal the cracks to prevent moisture from entering which causes additional disintegration to the slab (Exhibit 3).

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

C. Contract with Constructors Inc., to provide Waverly Road Pavement Repair (Bid No. 21-083; Project No. 21-10). The cost to the County is not to exceed \$259,070.20. The work is to be completed within 12 working days from the Notice to Proceed. (C-21-0311)

Dingman said this is regarding a section of Waverly Road that was transitioned from pavement to gravel. This is located east of 112th Street and is a complex intersection with a bridge on the section line. The work is scheduled to begin on April 28, 2021 (Exhibit 4). Dingman also provide a map of the detour during the 12-working day closure (Exhibit 5).

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

D. Recommendation by the Purchasing Agent and County Engineering to award a contract to Pavers Inc., for Pavement Resurfacing 2021 (Bid No. 21-084; Project No. 21-01) for a total amount of \$1,197,764.56. (B-21-0084)

Dingman said two inches will be milled and another two inches will be filled, which allows for less grading adjacent to the side of the road. These sections are in need of the repair, but not in need of a three-inch asphalt lift which will save the County money. In addition, there is a stretch of Saltillo Road that will also require mill work (Exhibit 6). She noted some sections will only require patching and some sections will require mill work and then be refilled, which is all a result of the construction for the South Beltway.

In response to Vest's question, Dingman said due to the vehicle traffic on Saltillo, this work will be a current solution but will not be a long-term solution.

In response to Flowrday's question, Dingman said the State has not followed through with their commitments to reimburse the County for work in this corridor.

Schorr asked if this area would be worked on in segments or if the intent is to close the entire section at one time. Dingman said this area is very challenging, but the Engineering Department will do the work in the most expeditious way possible. She noted she is not sure if the work will be done in sections or all at once and all road closures will be coordinated with NDOT (Nebraska Department of Transportation).

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

- E. Contract with Metzger's Auto Service & Lincoln Lube for Annual Service – Preventative Maintenance for Autos and Light Trucks (Quote No. 6362). 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 \$7,000 for all contracts. (C-21-0321)**

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

- F. Authorize the payment of \$20,500 from the Inmate Benefit Fund to Good News Jail and Prison Ministries of Fairfax, Virginia for providing one full-time and one part-time chaplain for Lancaster County Corrections inmates.**

Brenda Fisher, Department of Corrections Programs Director, said Chaplin Sheldon Crapo is the full-time Chaplin at the Correctional Facility. This program has provided full-time Chaplin services since October of 1995, and is beneficial to the inmates. She discussed the programs provided within the services and how the program has adjusted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to authorize the payment of \$20,500.

Schorr confirmed tax dollars are not used for this program and funds are provided using the Inmate Benefit Fund.

Chaplin Crapo gave a brief overview of the services the Chaplin's are responsible for within the religious services provided.

Fisher discussed the steps the facility is taking in an effort to open up the religious services during the pandemic.

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

G. Reappointment of Dr. John (Dustin) Loy to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health for a term to expire on April 15, 2024.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded approval of the reappointment.

Flowerday said Dr. Loy is a dedicated member and one of the most reliable participants that provides the community with good service. He noted the County is lucky to have Dr. Loy on the Board of Health.

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

H. Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Detention Services for juveniles committed or placed with DHHS at the Youth Services Center for the period of April 14, 2021 through April 13, 2023 in the amount of \$150,000. (C-21-0323)

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

I. Contracts for cremation/burial services as outlined in Lancaster County's General Assistance Program beginning April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026, with the following:

- 1. Wyuka Funeral Home & Cemetery (C-21-0312)**
- 2. Colonial Chapel Funeral Home (C-21-0313)**

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

J. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless to provide Wireless Communications Services and Equipment (MOU092. Using the State of Utah/NASPO ValuePoint Contract MA 152, State of Nebraska Participating Addendum 90614 O4). The term of the contract is April 1, 2021 through August 11, 2024. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$275,000 during the term of the MOU without approval by the Board of Commissioners. (C-21-0318)

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

K. Letter of Support for University of Nebraska Public Policy Center's application for Grant O-NIJ-2021-60007 supporting research and evaluation on domestic terrorism prevention.

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

6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE

No discussion was held.

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.

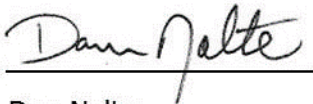
No one appeared for public comment.

9) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting, including department budget hearings on Thursday, April 29, 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, May 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.
- 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 9:30 a.m. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

