

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 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 30, 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; 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, April 27, 2021.**

MOTION: Amundson 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 May 4, 2021.**

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Schorr 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 the month of December and the annual award winner for 2020 to Doyle Reinwald, Property Management in the category of Productivity.**

Kerin Peterson, Property Management Director, said when COVID-19 hit, Mr. Reinwald took on the responsibility of meeting with departments individually to figure out their safety needs. His dedication and creativity was driven by his desire to be apart of a solution and she is very proud to work along side Mr. Reinwald.

Dee Adams, Property Management, Facilities Manager, said he is pleased and honored to have Mr. Reinwald as a member of his team. He said Mr. Reinwald went above and beyond with every task and his work has added a level of safety for the public and added value to the buildings.

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

Schorr congratulated Mr. Reinwald and thanked him for his services. She presented him with plaques for his monthly and annual awards.

Reinwald said it is rewarding to see departments pleased with the work he has done.

B. Proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as National Police Week in Lancaster County and May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers Memorial Day – Ben Houchin, Chief Deputy Sheriff (See correlating item 6A)

Ben Houchin, Lancaster County Chief Deputy Sheriff, thanked the Board for recognizing Police Week.

Vest said he appreciates the work being done on the citizens' behalf and he understands this is not an easy job.

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

The Board voted on item 6A.

- 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:**

The Deputy Clerk announced that item C3 has been pulled from the agenda.

A. Amendments to the following County grant contracts:

- 1. C-20-0382 with YWCA Lincoln for the Project RESTORE Family Support program (funded by the Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund for an increase of \$5,000). (C-21-0327)**
- 2. C-20-0387 with El Centro de las Americas for the Joven Noble & Latina Leaders program (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community-based Aid Grant for an increase of \$5,148.98). (C-21-0330)**

B. Amendment to County Contract C-18-0272 with Firespring for Business Card and Letterhead Printing (Business Cards Only). (Bid No. 18-082. The amendment renews the contract from June 12, 2021 through June 11, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$10,000.) (C-21-0332)

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

- 1. Michael L. and Joann M. Meyer, South 134th Street and Hickman Road, in the amount of \$3,091. (C-21-0333)**
- 2. Doran Johnson, South 134th Street and Hickman Road, in the amount of \$1,406. (C-21-0334)**
- 3. Mosanic Eastern Star Home, South 134th Street and Hickman Road, in the amount of \$1,171. (C-21-0335)**
- 4. Harold O. and Verna J Deinert Estate, Northwest 98th Street and West Vine Street, in the amount of \$1,171. (C-21-0336)**

5. **William D., Karen D., Calvin L. and Jodi L. Sterns, Highway 79 and West Branched Road, in the amount of \$4,457. (C-21-0337)**
 6. **Douglas C. Deats Revocable Trust, 110th Street and Wittstruck Road, in the amount of \$1,241. (C-21-0338)**
- D. **Change Order No. 2 to County Contract C-20-0400 with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting (Bid 20-134; Project 20-08; Replacement of County Bridge M-164) to change stockpile site for salvage existing Rip-Rap (EQ) at the County's request. The cost to the County is \$12,510. (C-21-0339)**
 - E. **First Amendment to C-20-0534 with JEO for additional services related to the improvements for Bridge X-129 (Project 21-43). The cost of the additional services is not to exceed \$17,290. (C-21-0340)**

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

5) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **Amendment of the Lancaster County General Assistance Guidelines. (See correlating item 6B)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

No one appeared in support, opposition or in the neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

- B. **Street Name Change 21001 – to rename various streets related to the South Beltway (See correlating item 6C)**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

John Berry, Lancaster County Surveyor, was administered the oath and said the proposed street names were reviewed by the Street Name Change Committee. He noted there was a request from Sheena Holz, a surrounding homeowner, to change the proposed name from "Arthur Edgren Way" to "Edgren Way".

Vest noted the Board had also received an email from Ms. Holz specifying her request (Exhibit 1).

Schorr said she agrees with the request and intends to make a motion to change the street name to Edgren Way.

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation in the matter of declaring May 9-15, 2021 as Police Week in Lancaster County and May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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

In regard to Schorr's question, Houchin said he is unsure of a completion date for the law enforcement memorial.

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

B. Amendment of the Lancaster County General Assistance Guidelines.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Schorr seconded approval of the General Assistance Guidelines amendment.

Schorr noted the major changes are in regard to the cost of cremation services, and there was an update to the poverty guidelines dollar amounts.

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

C. Resolution in the matter of Street Name Change 21001 to rename various streets related to the South Beltway from South 38th Street to South 120th Street. (R-21-0029)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the resolution with the request that Arthur Edgren Way be renamed to Edgren Way. Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Agreement between The Bridge Behavioral Health and Lancaster County for Lancaster Community Corrections to provide alcohol treatment services for the County's 24/7 sobriety program. The term of the contract is from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. The cost to the County is \$20,400. (C-21-0341)

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said this would be considered a contract renewal with a rate increase from \$120 to \$170. Lancaster County made the decision to use The Bridge for their 24/7 sobriety program instead of the County Jail in an attempt to provide treatment intervention as opposed to a sanctions.

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

E. Contract with Tim Sisco Construction LLC to provide Culvert Maintenance 2021 (Project No. 21-20 (Phase I); Bid No. 21-025). The work is to be completed within 228 working days from the Notice to Proceed and the cost to County is not to exceed \$876,440.35. (C-21-0342)

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, provided a map (Exhibit 2) of the pipes that will be constructed under phase 1 of the project.

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

F. Contract with Lincoln Journal Star for Annual Service – A/R Publishing Legal Notices and all other Verbiage to conduct City, County and PBC Business (Bid No. 21-080). 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 \$6,000. (C-21-0331)

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

G. Termination of County contract C-20-0065 with Nebraska Emergency Medicine PC effective May 31, 2021 due to the Medicaid Expansion.

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

H. Amusement License Renewal application from Jan and Darril Hauser for an event at Pine Creek Farms, 11505 North 14th Street, Raymond, Nebraska on May 22, 2021.

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

7) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE

No discussion was held.

8) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No discussion was held.

9) 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.

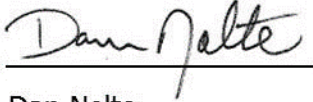
10) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting, including budget hearings on Thursday, May 6, 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 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold department budget hearings on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 immediately following the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**
- D. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.**

- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTV City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVcity).

11) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:31 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

