

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 AT 9:00 AM
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112

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

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County Nebraska website, emailed to the media and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on May 6, 2022.

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

Commissioners absent: Sean Flowerday

Others present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; John Ward, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., 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, May 3, 2022

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

2) CLAIMS:

A. Approval of all claims processed through May 10, 2022

The Clerk noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending May 4, 2022 (Exhibit 1).

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Recognition of Mark Hosking, Emergency Management Deputy Director, for his work as a Ground Support Unit Leader on the Nebraska Incident Management Assistance Team during the Road 739 Fire in Gosper and Furnas Counties.

Jim Davidsaver, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Director, thanked the Board for recognizing Hosking for his work at the local and state levels.

The Clerk read the recognition letter into the record.

The Board thanked Hosking for his efforts in assisting other jurisdictions in a time of need.

- B. Commissioners' Award of Excellence for March 2022 to Rachel Schmidt, Paralegal, County Attorney's Office, in the category of Customer Relations.

Pat Condon, County Attorney, said Rachel Schmidt is being recognized for providing 15 years of providing excellent customer service for the County Attorney's Office.

The Clerk read the nomination into the record.

The Board thanked Schmidt for treating the public with respect and putting people at ease during difficult times. Commissioner Yoakum presented Schmidt with a plaque.

Schmidt noted everyone in the County Attorney's Office works hard and she appreciated the recognition and support from the attorneys. She felt humbled to receive the award and honored to provide necessary services

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 approved of:

- A. Amendments to County Contract C-19-0555 with NSG Logistics, LLC dba Nebraska Salt & Grain for the annual supply of road salt. (Bid No. 19-152. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$100,000.) (C-22-0327)
- B. Right-of-way contracts with the following:
 - 1. Gary Kenneth JR. and Shawna L. Heusinkvelt, West Olive Creek Road and Southwest 14th Street, in the amount of \$5,230. (Project 22-21 / W-58) (C-22-0330)
 - 2. Larry Jensen and Family Inc, South 176th Street and Roca Road, in the amount of \$1,931. (Project 22-21 / R-190) (C-22-0331)
 - 3. Madden Heusinkvelt LLC, West Olive Creek Road and Southwest 14th Street, in the amount of \$1,831. (Project 22-21 / W-58) (C-22-0334)
- C. Change Order #2 to County Contract C-21-0510 with Brandt Excavating Co., (increase is due to the project's overrun on Erosion Control, estimated increase is not to exceed \$3,685.22). (C-22-0332)
- D. Change Order #1 to County Contract C-22-0206 with Midwest Infrastructure, Inc., for a plan revision. (There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0333)
- E. Received and placed on file the following reports for April 2022:
 - 1. Assessor/Register of Deeds
 - 2. Records & Information Management
 - 3. Clerk of the District Court
 - 4. County Clerk

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

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Contract with BerryDunn to provide Strategic Planning Services. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$89,290 (RFP No. 22-002; this contract shall be effective upon execution by both parties). (C-22-0326)

Amundson said for years the Lancaster County Board has discussed the desire to have a long-range strategic plan that provides vision, core values and measurable metrics. She felt this service should inform the public and City/County employees of the direction the County Board would like to go in the future.

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

Amundson left the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

- B.** Request for an Exceptional Circumstance Award under Personnel Rule 17.9 (b) for Leah DuPont, Juvenile Detention Supervisor, for a one-step pay increase

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the award. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- C.** Recommendations from the Personnel Policy Board to do the following:

1. Request to create the following classification Crime Analyst (C14 \$57,010.72 - \$73,024.64).
2. Request to create County Rule 17.25 –Dog Handler Pay.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the recommendations. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- D.** Special designated license application from Sesostris Shrine Holding Corp. to hold an outdoor event at the Sesostris Shrine Temple (1050 Saltillo Road, Roca Nebraska) on August 20, 2022.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the special designated license. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- E.** Resolution in the matter of the closure of Bridge S-180 located on Roca Road between South 82nd Street and South 96th Street. (R-22-0029)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, displayed pictures of structural damage and a map showing the location of Bridge S-180 (Exhibit 2). She stated the bridge was built in 1958. It is rated poor with many structural issues which cannot be repaired, thus, Dingman recommended closure of Bridge S-180. She noted engineering and permitting are expected to take a minimum of one year to complete.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the resolution. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- F.** Resolution in the matter of authorizing the County Board Chair or Vice Chair to sign the Task Order Agreement with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for NEPA (Environmental) services (Project 22-03; LCLC-5287(1) CN 13494, Northwest 56th Street, I-80 to West Holdrege Street). (R-22-0030)

Dingman displayed a map showing the project location on Northwest 56th Street (Exhibit 3). She said Items 5 F, G and H are Federal aid projects related to the paving of Northwest 56th Street.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the resolution. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- G.** On-Call Professional Services Task Order Agreement with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for NEPA (Environmental) services in the amount of \$11,197.40 (Project 22-03; LCLC-5287(1) CN 13494 northwest 56th Street, I-80 to West Holdrege Street). (C-22-0337)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the agreement. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- H. Resolution in the matter the authorizing the County Board Chair or Vice Chair to sign the Professional Service Agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering services (Project 22-03; LCLC-5287(1) CN 13494, Northwest 56th Street, I-80 to West Holdrege Street). (R-22-0031)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the resolution. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- I. Professional Services Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Lancaster County to perform Scoping Preliminary Engineering Services in the total amount of \$ 2,893.60 (\$2,314.88 is the Federal share and \$578.72 is the County's share; Project LCED 22-03 LCLC-5287(1) CN 13494 BK2235, Northwest 56th Street, I-80 to West Holdrege Street). (C-22-0338)

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the agreement. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- J. Contract with Subsurface, Inc to provide North 14th Street CIPP Culvert Liners. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$308,480 (Project No. 22-22; Bid No. 22-100. The work is to be completed on or before August 1, 2022). (C-22-0325)

Dingman displayed a map showing the location of the culvert receiving the new liners (Exhibit 4). She stated steel pipe cost increased 300%. The new process of adding fiber glass material to an existing pipe will extend the culvert's life.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the contract. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- K. Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Hallam to allow work on Southwest 42nd Street (Pella Road to Hallam Road, associated with County Project No. 21-09). (C-22-0335)

Dingman displayed a map showing the intersection of the road discussed in the agreement (Exhibit 5). County Engineering has been in contact with the contractor regarding the 30-day working project.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the agreement. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- L. Contract with Topkote, Inc. for chip seal 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$919,569.73 (Project No. 22-08; Bid No. 22-094; this contract shall be effective upon execution by both parties). (C-22-0328)

Dingman displayed a map of the three chip seal locations (Exhibit 6). Chip seal extends the asphalt surface's life 3-5 years. Vest inquired if traffic will be reduced to one lane or if there will be a road closure. He also asked how much advance notice to the public is required. Dingman stated County Engineering tries to give a 1 to 2 week notice on road construction. Traffic will be reduced to one lane with a pilot car and flaggers in use.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the contract. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- M. Grant Contract to reimburse the National Museum of Roller Skating for promotional costs from the Visitors Promotion Fund in an amount not to exceed \$4,252. (C-22-0336)

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the contract. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

N. Grant contracts using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds with the following (terms of the grants are March 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026):

1. Center for People in Need in the amount of \$130,000. (C-22-0322)
2. CenterPointe in the amount of \$3,000,000. (C-22-0323)
3. Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$500,000. (C-22-0324)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the contracts. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

O. Grant contract with the Nebraska State Bar Association for the Tenant Assistance Project to assist in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program for households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The cost to the County is \$43,500. (The term of the contract is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.) (C-22-0319)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the contract. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

P. Contract with 360 Health Services, LLC for the annual supply of Covid-19 Rapid Test Kits. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$49,000 (Quote No. 6510; this contract shall be effective for one (1) year upon execution). (C-22-0329)

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the contract. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Q. Agreement with PreCise MRM LLC for GPS tracking hardware and software for County Assessor vehicles. The cost to the County is \$5,278. (C-22-0320)

Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, stated the agreement will place GPS tracking hardware in County Assessor vehicles which will enhance employee safety. He added this agreement is in conjunction with the City of Lincoln which will help with pricing.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the agreement. Yoakum, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

R. Contract with Lamar Advertising Company for digital advertising for the Department of Corrections. The cost to the County is \$1,400. (C-22-0321)

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the contract. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

6) 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.

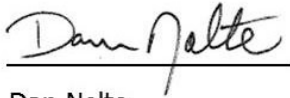
7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting, including budget hearings, on Thursday, May 12, 2022, 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 tour CenterPointe located at 2200 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., with the Board of Equalization and department budget hearings immediately following, 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, YouTube, Roku and Apple TV.

8) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. Vest, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

