

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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 May 7, 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; Eric Synowicki, Deputy County Attorney; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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, May 4, 2021.**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr 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 11, 2021.**

Cori Beattie, Deputy Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on May 5, 2021 (Exhibit 1).

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence for February, 2021, awarded to Troy Monzon, Property Management, in the category of Loss Prevention.**

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

Vest presented Mr. Monzon with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

Monzon expressed his appreciation for the nomination.

Dee Adams, Facilities Manager, said when the department became shorthanded, Mr. Monzon volunteered to assist, which included working extra hours while continuously maintaining a positive attitude.

B. Commissioners' Award of Excellence for March, 2021, awarded to Jerry Smith, Property Management, in the category of Safety.

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

Vest presented Mr. Smith with a plaque and thanked him for keeping the workplace safe.

Jim Kohmetscher, Facilities Manager, said Mr. Smith continues to show dedication to his job and he is honored to have him as a member of his team.

Amundson acknowledged that Mr. Smith's efforts demonstrate his commitment and leadership.

- 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. **Amendment to County grant contract C-20-0385 with Cedars Youth Services for the Crisis Stabilization program (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community-based Aid Grant for an increase of \$11,049.88). (C-21-0345)**
 - B. **Utility Permit No. 2107 allowing Windstream Nebraska to replace a damaged line and install two new pedestals on the north side of Holdrege Street, in the vicinity of North 148th Street at no cost to the County. (C-21-0346)**
 - C. **Right-of-way contracts with the following:**
 - 1. **Larry Lee Schlake, Southwest 2nd Street and Hallam Road, in the amount of \$474. (C-21-0347)**
 - 2. **Ava Lynne Cherry O'Rourke, South 110th Street and Wittstruck Road, in the amount of \$3,311. (C-21-0348)**
 - 3. **Elmer States Life Estate, Northwest 70th Street and West Agnew Road, in the total amount of \$4,376 (4 contracts). (C-21-0349, C-21-0350, C-21-0351, C-21-0352)**
 - D. **Amendment to County Contract C-20-0284 with M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc., for Unit Price – Shotcrete Application for Lancaster County. (Bid No. 20-097. The amendment renews the contract from June 2, 2021 through June 1, 2022. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$500,000.) (C-21-0353)**
 - E. **Received and placed on file the following reports for April, 2021:**
 - 1. **County Clerk**
 - 2. **Clerk of the District Court**
 - 3. **Assessor/Register of Deeds**
 - 4. **Records and Information Management**

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

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Reappointment of Brad Roth and Stan Beeder to the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee for the term of May 20, 2021 through May 20, 2024.**

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

- B. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a contract to Proseal Inc., for Pavement Rejuvenation 2021 (Bid No. 21-094). The total cost of the contract is \$550,670.88. (B-21-0094)**

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said this is for the annual pavement rejuvenation, which extends the pavement life for an additional five to seven years (Exhibit 2).

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

In response to Schorr's question, Dingman said this process is relatively quick and will not require any road closures.

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

- C. Recommendation by the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a bid to Pavers Inc., for Subdivision Patching 2021 (Bid No. 21-095). The total cost of the award is \$556,354. (B-21-0095)**

Dingman said as the County continues to take over subdivision maintenance, a number of subdivision paving is not in good condition (Exhibit 3).

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

- D. Setting the salary for Michael Murer, Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$80,364.96 (Step 5) as Attorney I, effective May 10, 2021.**

Pat Condon, Lancaster County Attorney, said Michael Murer will start on May 17, 2021, and he is familiar with the County's 24/7 sobriety program. He noted the salary request is higher than normal due to Mr. Murer's experience.

Murer gave the Board a brief overview of his educational and work experience.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded approval of the salary effective May 17, 2021. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. **Contract with NMC, Inc., for Annual Service – Electrical Generator Maintenance and Repairs (Bid No. 21-065). 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 \$8,000. (C-21-0344)**

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

- F. **Contract with Trump Memorials and Funeral Services for cremation/burial services as outlined in Lancaster County’s General Assistance Program beginning April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026. (C-21-0343)**

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

6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE

Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, said the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding portal opened. In order to receive ARPA funds, a certification from the Chair of the Board, Lancaster County’s Authorized Representative, is required to be submitted. Derbin requested the Board make a motion authorizing Chair Vest to execute the certification on behalf of the Board (Exhibit 4).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to authorize the execution of the certificate by Chair Vest. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Vest said it was reported that Lancaster County had the lowest number of new COVID cases since June, 2020.

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.

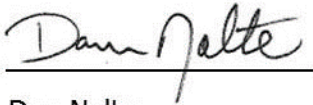
9) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting, including budget hearings, on Thursday, May 13, 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 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization meeting immediately following.**

- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold department budget hearings on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 immediately following the Lancaster County Board of Equalization 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).

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:25 a.m. Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

