

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M.
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present: Christa Yoakum, Vice Chair; Sean Flowerday and Rick Vest

Commissioners Absent: Deb Schorr, Chair; and Roma Amundson

Others Present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dan Nolte, County Clerk, and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to the media on June 1, 2022. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on May 30, 2022.

The Vice Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 26, 2022

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

2. QUARTERLY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER UPDATE – Steven Wesley, Youth Services Center Director

Wesley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (see agenda packet). He noted that the Youth Services Center (YSC) will be partnering with Douglas County on virtual reality classes in the upcoming semester.

Wesley provided mental health statistics of YSC youth. It appears contraband has increased at the facility which may be the result of more thorough searches in rooms and open areas. Vape pens are one of the most prevalent types of contraband.

Melissa Hood, YSC Administrator, noted that all revenue has been collected and that the YSC is at or below budget for the fiscal year (see agenda packet).

3. QUARTERLY JUVENILE PROBATION UPDATE – Beverly Hoagland, Chief Probation Officer, District #3J Probation Office

Hoagland said a staff person from the YSC has assisted Juvenile Probation on how to prepare documents. Juvenile Probation staff has toured the YSC facility and they have worked with residents to explain how the juvenile justice system works.

She noted that there are 446 youth on probation with over 100 cases pending. She said both families and youth are struggling with mental health issues and returning to normal school and activity routines after pandemic shutdowns.

4. BRIEFING ON MISC22005 TO REVOKE SPECIAL PERMIT 17027 (TALLGRASS HILLS COMMUNITY UNIT PLAN) – Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, and Tom Cajka, County Planner, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning

Cajka said the Community Unit Plan (CUP) contains five lots and was approved in 2017. The owner no longer wants to proceed with the CUP. Without the CUP, he can plat the land with four lots. No streets would be required. Henrichsen added the Board would need to rescind the CUP. The Planning Commission has voted to recommend revocation of the special permit. An adjacent property owner is concerned about water runoff onto his land. This is not a part of the special permit. The Board is able to delay action on the permit until that situation is remedied.

MOTION: Vest moved to revoke the special permit.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Henrichsen clarified the Board will hold a public hearing at a later date.

5. CLAIM FOR REVIEW: VOUCHER 765211 ON BATCH 280829 TO HEARTLAND BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS, DATED MAY 25, 2022, FOR A TOTAL OF \$266.12. THIS CLAIM INCLUDES BILLING FOR SERVICES PERFORMED OCTOBER 2021. THESE CLAIMS ARE BEYOND THE 90-DAY TIME PERIOD (SEE NEB. REV. STAT. §23-135) – Kevin Nelson, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk

Nelson said the claim is beyond the 90-day time period and that under State statute, the Board has to approve the claim before payment can be processed. Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, explained that her department had requested the bill be deleted on November 23, 2021, and that they had not sought to have it reprocessed until recently.

It was the consensus of the Board to move the item to a Tuesday meeting for action.

6. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

No update was provided.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Submission of Grant Applications for the following Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention FY 2022 Grants with Terms from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025

1. Family Treatment Court Program in the amount of \$820,000

Hoyle stated this grant assists with supportive housing for families seeking treatment for drug and alcohol addiction that has resulted in abuse and neglect filings.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Vest seconded to approve the grant application. Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr and Amundson were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Reducing Risk for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System in the amount of \$525,000

Hoyle said this grant includes partnering with the YWCA for services for African American girls in the juvenile justice system (see agenda packet).

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded to approve the grant application. Flowerday, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr and Amundson were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

8. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Monthly Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and Planning Department – Schorr/Yoakum

Derbin reported he attended the meeting and said Next Era held a briefing in Otoe County regarding a prospective wind energy project that would span between Lancaster and Otoe counties.

B. Chamber Coffee – Flowerday/Yoakum

Yoakum stated the County, City and Lincoln Public Schools budgets were discussed. The new flight to Houston, Texas from the Lincoln Airport was mentioned. She provided a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expenditures benefiting the Lincoln Airport.

C. Other Meetings Attended Since the Last Staff Meeting

No reports given.

9. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

Informational only.

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn at 9:23 a.m. Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Amundson and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.


Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

