

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019**  
**9:00 A.M.**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on June 7, 2019.*

Commissioners present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Sean Flowerday, Vice Chair; Deb Schorr and Rick Vest

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dave Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

*The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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, June 4, 2019.**

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

**2) CLAIMS:**

- A. Approval of all claims processed through June 11, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Vest seconded approval of the claims. Vest, Schorr, Flowerday and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- 3) 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. Received and placed on file the following reports for May, 2019:**
- 1. County Clerk**
  - 2. Clerk of the District Court**
  - 3. Assessor/Register of Deeds**
  - 4. Records and Information Management**

- B. Received and placed on file Declaration D-19-0001 Declaring a Disaster or Emergency Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.50. (D-19-0001)
- C. Amendments to the following contracts with Correct Care Solutions, LLC for a company name change to Wellpath LLC:
  - 1. C-18-0157 for Inmate Health Care Services for the Lancaster County Department of Corrections (Bid No. 17-235). (C-19-0439)
  - 2. C-18-0252 for Juvenile Health Care Services for the Youth Services Center (Bid No. 18-026). (C-19-0440)
- D. Contract with Midwest Sound & Lighting, Inc. for District Court Courtroom Cabling & A/V Switching Equipment. (Bid No. 19-136. The work included in this contract shall begin as soon as possible from date of executed contract. The final completion shall be December 30, 2019 or sooner. The expenditures for Lancaster County shall not exceed \$73,454.) (C-19-0444)
- E. Grant contract with CASA for Lancaster County in the amount of \$12,000 for the Advocacy for High Risk and Crossover Youth program. The contract is funded by Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (C-19-0447)
- F. Grant contracts funded by the Joint Budget Committee for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with the following:
  - 1. CASA for Lancaster County in the amount of \$7,763 for the CASA program. (C-19-0446)
  - 2. Voices of Hope in the amount of \$8,036 for the Crisis Intervention & Advocacy program. (C-19-0448)

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

#### **4) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Introduction of Tara Knuth, nominee for appointment to the Lancaster County Visitors Promotion Committee. (See correlating item 5A)

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Vice President-Executive Director, introduced Tara Knuth.

Tara Knuth, Lincoln's Children's Museum, said the museum continues to put efforts towards expanding and how they can keep families engaged. She expressed her gratitude and excitement about working on the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC).

Schorr thanked Ms. Knuth for her willingness to serve on the VPC.

The Board voted on correlating item 5A.

**B. Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant in the amount of \$9,978 to History Nebraska, Nebraska History Museum for promotion of the Women's Suffrage Exhibit – Chris Goforth, Marketing Director for Nebraska History, Nebraska History Museum. (See correlating item 5B)**

Maul introduced Amanda Pinkleman, History Nebraska, Nebraska History Museum, and said the history museum has a great rotating exhibit space.

Pinkleman said the museum is in the process of opening a new exhibit called Vote for Women to celebrate the Centennial of Nebraska's ratification of women's right to vote, which was in 1919. The exhibit is interactive and will attract all ages.

Schorr asked when the exhibit would be available and how long it will run. Pinkleman said the exhibit will open on August 15, 2019, and it will run through December, 2020.

The Board voted on correlating item 5B.

**C. Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant in the amount of \$3,956.15 to the Lincoln Parks Foundation for Centennial Mall Brochures – Maggie Stuckey, Lincoln Parks Foundation Executive Director; Susan Rodenburg; and Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Vice President-Executive Director. (See correlating item 5C)**

Maul said the Visitors Bureau has worked with the Lincoln Parks Foundation for many years to help develop the entryway corridor, bridging the gap between the University of Nebraska and the Capitol. Since the brochure was created the Visitors Bureau and Lincoln Parks Foundation have discussed other distribution methods across the region.

Susan Rodenburg and Maggie Stuckey, Lincoln Parks Foundation, said Centennial Mall was renovated in 2012 and \$10,000,000 was raised for that project. There were a lot of educational amenities added to the mall (Exhibit A). There are around 100,000 visitors to the Capitol building every year and this is a natural extension.

The Board voted on correlating item 5C.

**D. Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Lincoln Sports Foundation (LSF) for the LSF Motorcross Track – Dan Soltys, Lincoln Sports Foundation; and Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Vice President Executive Director. (See correlating item 5D)**

Maul said this facility has an amazing history and is doing good things with motorcross, volleyball, basketball and other outdoor sports opportunities. The Lincoln Sports Foundation does a great job serving the youth sports industries, which is a \$15 billion industry nationwide on an annual basis

Dan Soltys, Lincoln Sports Foundation, said this grant will resurface the motorcross track. This will also allow utility vehicles (UTV) onto the track.

Vest said the community is fortunate to have this be a part of Lincoln.

The Board voted on correlating item 5D.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Appointment of Tara Knuth to the Lancaster County Visitors Promotion Committee to a four-year term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024.**

The Clerk read Item 5A with a correction to the term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Schorr seconded approval of the appointment.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** Flowerday made a friendly amendment to formally correct the term to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. The make of the motion agreed.

**ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED:** Flowerday, Vest, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Contract in the amount of \$9,978 with Lancaster County as the Sponsor and History Nebraska, Nebraska History Museum as the Grantee for promotion of The Women's Suffrage Exhibit. The grant term is from August 15, 2019 through December 31, 2019. (C-19-0449)**

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

- C. **Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Contract in the amount of \$3,956.15 with Lancaster County as the Sponsor and the Lincoln Parks Foundation as the Grantee for Centennial Mall Brochures. The grant term is from May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. (C-19-0450)**

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

- D. **Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Contract in the amount of \$10,000 with Lancaster County as the Sponsor and the Lincoln Sports Foundation (LSF) as the Grantee for improvements of the LSF Motorcross Track. The grant term is from March 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. (C-19-0451)**

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

- E. **Special Designated License application from Ken's Liquor, Inc., for an event at Roca Ridge Event Center, 5265 Prairie Sage Drive, Roca, Nebraska on August 8, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Vest seconded approval of the special designated license application.

Schorr stated although no one was present to speak on this item, the Board has issued many licenses to Ken's Liquor and they do an excellent job.

**ROLL CALL:** Flowerday, Vest, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Special Designated License application from Ken's Liquor, Inc., for an event at Hillside Event Center, 12400 West Denton Road, Denton, Nebraska on August 17, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the special designated license application. Schorr, Flowerday, Vest and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Special Events Permit application from Ben Cohoon, for the Radler bicycle race event on August 3 and 4, 2019.**

Ben Cohoon, Pink Gorilla Events, said the application has already been approved by the City of Lincoln and the Natural Resources Districts (NRD) and he gave a brief overview of the event.

Schorr said she has been involved in events that Pink Gorilla organized and they always do a great job.

Amundson stated she was amazed by the number of people they are expecting. She noted Mr. Cohoon's application was very thorough and all necessary permits were received.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Vest seconded approval of the special events permit application. Vest, Schorr, Flowerday and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- H. Reappointment of Dallas Jones and Sean Brennan and appointment of Heidi Hayes to the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Advisory Committee for three-year terms commencing May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the reappointments and appointment. Vest, Schorr, Flowerday and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- I. Interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska Probation Administration for two probation officers to provide additional presentence investigation report services to decrease the time needed to complete presentence investigations of inmates housed by the Lancaster County Corrections Department. The County will pay up to \$63,430 for the services. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (C-19-0452)**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the interlocal agreement. Flowerday, Vest, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- J. **Amendment to County Contract No. C-19-0243 with Great Plains Appraisal, Inc., for Referee Coordinator Services. The amendment includes the provision of referees and clerical staff within the scope of the agreement at the standard rates for referees and clerical staff as set forth in the agreement. (C-19-0453)**

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Schorr seconded approval of the amendment. Schorr, Flowerday, Vest and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- K. **Agreements with the following individuals to provide referee services to hear valuation protests for the 2019 tax year and to transmit to the Lancaster County Board of Equalization all papers relating to such protests, together with written findings and recommendations:**

<i>Referee</i>	<i>Rate</i>		<i>Referee</i>	<i>Rate</i>	
Bill Lange	\$130	C-19-0454	Traci Kirby	\$110	C-19-0465
Mark Rosno	\$110	C-19-0455	John J. Haney	\$110	C-19-0466
Robert Anderson	\$110	C-19-0456	Marilyn Tabor	\$130	C-19-0467
Ty D. Fleck	\$130	C-19-0458	John R. Layman	\$130	C-19-0468
Donald Killeen	\$130	C-19-0459	Sally A. Webster	\$130	C-19-0469
Shana Sprackling	\$130	C-19-0460	Bret Hollingsworth	\$110	C-19-0470
Greg Heinzmann	\$130	C-19-0461	Joel Walker dba A Plus Appraisal	\$130	C-19-0471
Joel Kirby	\$110	C-19-0462	Jan Moore dba Professional Property Valuation LLC	\$130	C-19-0472
John E. McVay	\$110	C-19-0463	Tyler Hawkins dba Professional Property Valuation LLC	\$90	C-19-0473
John A. Wurdeman	\$130	C-19-0464			

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the referee contracts. Vest, Schorr, Flowerday and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- L. **Contracts for Annual Service – Weed Abatement-Mowing for the County Weed Authority (Bid No. 19-123). The contracts are for one year with an option to renew for three additional one-year terms. The cost to the County for all contracts is \$10,000.**

1. **Beatrice Lawn Care Inc. (C-19-0441)**
2. **Lee’s Lawn Maintenance (Hauser Inc.) (C-19-0442)**
3. **Mr. Yards and More, LLC (C-19-0443)**

Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Control Superintendent, said these contracts are for mowing services within the City of Lincoln related to the weed abatement program.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Schorr seconded approval of the contracts. Vest, Schorr, Flowerday and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- M. **Licensure renewal application with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for operation of the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center at 825 J Street. The County will pay \$250 for the renewal license.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the licensure renewal application. Flowerday, Vest, Schorr and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- N. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer: (i) to rescind a recommendation to award a contract to Gana Trucking for channel repair at County Bridge D-88 (Bid No. 19-146); (ii) to reject all bids received for channel repair at County Bridge D-88; and (iii) to directly negotiate a contract for channel repair at County Bridge D-88 as part of the Lancaster County Disaster Declaration dated March 9, 2019, and pursuant to the Nebraska State Statutes 23-3109 and 81-829.51 which waive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act to meet the needs of an emergency situation.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the recommendation. Schorr, Flowerday, Vest and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- 6) PUBLIC COMMENT: Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.**

Cameron Lancaster, High School Rodeo Association Team Roping Student Director, said the National Finals that the Lincoln Event Center (LEC) will host will attract almost 1,500 contestants and involves 43 states, making it the world's largest rodeo. He gave a brief history of the High School Rodeo and thanked the Board for its continued support.

Debbie Brehm expressed her support for the National High School Rodeo (Exhibit B).

Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean, said the College and University are both excited for the upcoming National High School Rodeo. She discussed recruitment opportunities and expressed her support for the rodeo.

Tom Messick, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board Member, expressed his support for the National High School Rodeo.

Colette Wear, Hampton Inn & Suites General Manager, expressed her support for the National High School Rodeo, noting it will generate money for hotels.

Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board Member, thanked the Board for its continued partnership. She noted the rodeo is important due to the investment carried year after year and discussed the Agricultural Society's willingness to assist with the grant request.

- 7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

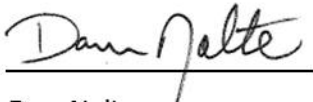
- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold department budget hearings on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 immediately following the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).**

- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting along with department budget hearings on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., in the Bill Luxford Studio (Room 113) of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln) followed by the Board of Equalization and department budget hearings.
- D. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto: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](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVcity).

## 8) ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:45 a.m. Vest, Schorr, Flowerday and Amundson voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**NOTE:** Following the meeting, the County Clerk's Office received a copy of a letter from Governor Pete Ricketts supporting the Lancaster Event Center's request for additional grant funding to complete improvements for the 2020 and 2021 National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR). (Exhibit C)



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

