

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF PUBLIC GROUP (COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY**  
**TREASURER) TO FILL THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #2 VACANCY**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**  
**2:00 P.M.**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> STREET, ROOM 303**

*Advance public notice of the Public Group meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on June 5, 2019.*

Group Members present: Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk; Rachel Garver, Lancaster County Treasurer; Pat Condon, Lancaster County Attorney

Others present: Kristen Anderson, Chief Deputy Treasurer; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Deb Schorr, County Commissioner; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's office

*The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.*

**1) Approval of June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Condon moved and Garver seconded to approve the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Condon, Garver and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Finalist Interviews** – Jim Ballard, Shane Jensen, Cristy Joy, Tami Soper and Christa Yoakum

Prior to the interviews, the candidates drew numbers determining seating order as follows: 1) Christa Yoakum, 2) Christy Joy, 3) Shane Jensen, 4) Tami Soper and 5) Jim Ballard.

Nolte stated each candidate has up to 5 minutes to answer each of 5 questions in a round robin format. At the end of the questioning, each candidate will have 2 minutes for a final statement.

Condon read the following questions for candidate response:

- 1) What do you see as the biggest problem facing the County and what ideas do you have for solving that problem?
- 2) Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln have many jointly funded agencies. How will you assure that the County's needs are equally and adequately served?
- 3) Provide three (3) examples of how you would balance potentially controversial economic development opportunities in rural areas with the rights and expectations of surrounding property owners.

**Break**

The meeting was recessed at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2:52 p.m.

Condon read the following questions for candidate response:

- 4) How do you handle controversy in a group on an issue you feel very passionate about?
- 5) What is your priority issue for the County and how do you plan on addressing that priority?

Each candidate gave closing statements. Joy provided a copy of her statements (Exhibit A).

## **Break**

The meeting was recessed at 3:29 p.m. and resumed at 3:38 p.m.

## **Other Business**

Nolte noted letters of support from the following were received: Spencer Kunze and Dick Campbell in support of Cristy Joy; Barb Haith in support of Greg Osborn; Carolyn Eberly in support of Christa Yoakum; and Rick DeBoer in support of Christa Yoakum and Shane Jensen (Exhibits B-G).

## **Discussion on Selection Process**

Nolte suggested at the next meeting each group member submit their first-choice candidate in writing. He added if each person has a different candidate pick, consideration could be given to all five finalists.

**MOTION:** Nolte moved for each group member to submit in writing their name along with their first-choice candidate for final consideration.

Condon clarified each ballot would have the group member's name and there would be a motion to appoint the candidate to the Board with a discussion period and vote following.

Regarding the question what happens if each group member chooses a different candidate, Nolte stated he felt comfortable making a motion in support of a candidate and seeing if there is a second to the motion.

Condon asked if the group is to vote consensus or majority but no decision was made on that matter.

Garver seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Next Meeting Date**

**MOTION:** Nolte moved and Condon seconded for the next meeting to be Tuesday, June 18 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 112 for final candidate selection. Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Nolte moved and Garver seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m. Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,

Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

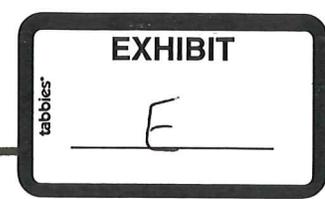








**Dan F. Nolte**



**From:** Barb Haith <barbhaith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 8:43 AM  
**To:** Dan F. Nolte  
**Subject:** Osborn for County Board

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LANCASTER COUNTY  
CLERK

Mr. Dan Nolte:

I am sending my full support for Greg Osborn to be on the County Board.

Greg is a dedicated, conscientious and honorable man. In the 15+ years I have known him, he has always been respectful and a wonderful listener. An important skill before coming to possible solutions. Greg always shows up, does his homework and is a creative thinker. His service on multiple boards and established business in Lincoln represents his commitment to Lancaster County.

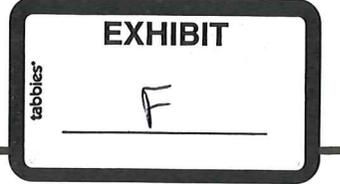
Greg has the best attributes for the vacancy on the County Board.

Thank you.  
Respectfully,

Barbara Haith  
Retired Business Owner

Sent from my iPhone

**Dan F. Nolte**



**From:** Carolyn Eberly <susie19423@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:42 AM  
**To:** Dan F. Nolte  
**Subject:** CHRISTA YOAKUM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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LANCASTER COUNTY  
CLERK

Dan:

I am writing to request your support of Christa Yoakum for County Commissioner to replace Jennifer Brinkman.

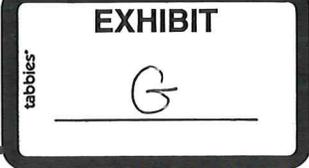
Christa will represent the district in which I live and I believe she will be the best person to represent me on the Commission. She is attuned to what are commonly referred to Kitchen Table Issues and has demonstrated over the years her commitment to work with people in many different capacities. I have no doubt she will continue to do this and take into consideration the needs of the county in all aspects while continuing to evaluate the needs and wants of her constituents.

I have no doubt she is the best person to fill this current vacancy and respectfully request your support of her appointment.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Eberly  
3165 North Hill Rd  
#101  
Lincoln, NE 68504

NOTE: I had started an email previously and in attempting to delete it inadvertently forwarded it to you. Please delete the previous email and refer to this one. Thank you.



**Dan F. Nolte**

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**From:** Carolyn Eberly <susie19423@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** Dan F. Nolte  
**Subject:** CHRISTA YOAKUM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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LANCASTER COUNTY  
CLERK

Dan:

I am writing to request your support of Christa Yoakum for County Commissioner to replace Jennifer Brinkman. Christa would represent the district in which I live. It is important to me to have a Commissioner