

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2023, AT 9:00 AM
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112

COMMISSIONERS: Christa Yoakum, Chair; Sean Flowerday, Vice Chair;
Roma Amundson, Matt Schulte 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 June 16, 2023.

Commissioners present: Christa Yoakum, Chair; Sean Flowerday, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson and Rick Vest

Commissioners absent: Matt Schulte

Others present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; John Ward, Deputy County Attorney; Matt Hansen, County Clerk; Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 June 13, 2023.

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

2) CLAIMS

A. Approval of the claims processed through June 13, 2023.

The Clerk noted there was an amendment to the claims for payroll ending June 14, 2023 (Exhibit 1).

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

B. Approval of the following claims:

1. Indian Center Inc in the amount of \$5,675.20. (Batch No. 295424, Document No. 808881)
2. El Centro de las Americas in the amount of \$9,727.85. (Batch No. 295432, Document No. 808890)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the claims. Flowerday, Vest and Amundson voted yes. Yoakum abstained. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

C. Claims including billing for goods and services beyond the 90-day time period provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-135:

1. All Makes Office Equipment, dated June 05, 2023, for a total of \$1,779. (Batch No. 295398; Document No. 808862)

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of David Shively, Election Commissioner, for his years of service to Lancaster County.

Board members commended Shively's work for Lancaster County. Yoakum presented Shively with a clock. Shively provided comments and thanked his staff and the Board.

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 Amendments to the following County Contracts:

1. C-16-0010 with the Nebraska Secretary of State, Records Management Division, to provide microfilming imaging services. (The amendment renews the agreement from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.) (C-23-0512)
2. C-19-0615 with Peregrine Services, Inc. for the annual service of printing and mailing real estate tax statements. (Bid No. 19-182. The amendment renews the contract from August 13, 2023, through August 12, 2027. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$262,000.) (C-23-0517)
3. C-19-0046 with Purple Wave, Inc. for annual auction services. (Bid No. 18-236. The amendment extends the contract for six months from September 1, 2023, through February 28, 2024. The income for Lancaster County for the term of this extension shall remain ten percent Buyer's premium of the items sold by the County.) (C-23-0521)
4. C-20-0341 with Whitehead Oil Company for the annual supply of motor fuel. (Bid No. 20-137. The amendment renews the contract from June 21, 2023, through June 20, 2024. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$1,450,000.) (C-23-0520)
5. C-22-0495 with Mahoney Fire Sprinkler, Inc. for the annual service of inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire sprinkler system. (Quote No. 6513. The amendment renews the contract from July 12, 2023, through July 11, 2024. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500.) (C-23-0518)
6. C-23-0464 with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for on-call general engineering services. (The amendment increases the maximum expenditures allowed by the County by \$45,000 for a new contract total amount not to exceed \$50,000.) (C-23-0522)
7. C-18-0468 with Datashield Corporation for On-Site Secure Document Shredding. (State of Nebraska Contract No. 81421 O4, MOU025. The amendment renews the contract from July 15, 2023, through July 14, 2024. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$14,000.) (C-23-0524)

B. Grant contracts with the following (funded by the Joint Budget Committee for the term of June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023):

1. Lincoln Community Foundation (Lincoln Littles) for the tuition assistance program in the amount of \$100,000. (C-23-0514)
2. Visionary Youth for the Mentoring in New Dimensions program in the amount of \$20,000. (C-23-0516)

C. Setting a public hearing for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to amend the appropriations for the Bridge and Special Road Fund.

D. Setting a public hearing for Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S 10th Street, Lincoln) regarding applications for a Class C liquor license for The Shed

Wedding Venue LLC (22500 S 176th Street, Adams) and a corporate manager's liquor license for Cortney Dissmeyer.

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

5) PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Amusement license application from Susan Cronin to hold a Grounded Nebraska Gravel Festival on June 23 - 25, 2023, at 16531 South 38th Street, Roca. (See correlating Item 6A.)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

The Clerk swore in Susan Cronin from Grounded Nebraska, LLC and she described the event.

No one appeared to testify in opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Amusement license application from Susan Cronin to hold a Grounded Nebraska Gravel Festival on June 23 - 25, 2023, at 16531 South 38th Street, Roca.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the amusement license application. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Special designated license application from Fucor Inc for an event at Prairie Pines Nature Preserve (3100 North 112th Street, Lincoln) on July 8, 2023.

Eric Pomajzl, Venue Catering and Events, stated he is applying for a special designated license for Meadowlark Music Festival at Prairie Pines and described the event.

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

- C. Resolution directing the County Engineer to conduct a study and the Planning Department to write a report regarding vacating certain portions of right-of-way near the intersection of West Prucha Street and Southwest 112th Street, Crete, Nebraska, more particularly described in "Exhibit A" and located in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-23-0039)

John Berry, Chief Deputy County Surveyor, provided information on the resolution and plans for the study.

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

- D. Recommendation from County Engineering to award a bid to Subsurface, Inc. for CIPP Culvert Liners 2023 (Phase I) at an estimated cost of \$327,425. (Bid No. 23-151, Project No. 23-30) (B-23-151)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, described the process for lining culverts and the benefits to liners versus replacing culverts and presented a map of the areas (Exhibit 2).

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

- E. Reappointment of Tara Knuth, Vice Chair, to the Lancaster County Visitors Promotion Committee for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2027.

Jeff Maul, Visit Lincoln Executive Director, stated the Committee voted to approve the reappointment of Knuth and the appointment of Tim Savona. Aaron Stitt, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair, agreed with both nominees. Knuth and Savona provided information on their backgrounds.

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

- F. Appointment of Tim Savona to the Lancaster County Visitors Promotion Committee for the remainder of the four-year term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Item discussed with Item 6E.

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

- G. Agreement with the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the Lancaster County Records Management Department to serve as a training site. (Term of the agreement is from June 12, 2023, through July 21, 2023.) (C-23-0511)

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

- H. Professional services contract with Eleanor Creative to implement marketing and hiring campaigns. The cost to the County is \$91,000 for services plus reimbursable expenses for advertising not to exceed \$50,000. (C-23-0525)

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

- I. Mini-grant contract application with the Nebraska Department of Transportation in the amount of \$18,560 for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office to participate in the nationwide "Speeding Prevention" mobilization. (The period of the grant is from July 10, 2023, through July 31, 2023.) (C-23-0510)

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

- J. Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission in the amount of \$90,000 for Lancaster County Juvenile Services. (State Grant Award 24-JS-0411. The grant period is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.) (C-23-0515)

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, described the grant and how the funding would be spent.

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

- K. User agreement with the Nebraska Crime Commission to authorize Lancaster County to use the Nebraska Screen and Assessment Tool (NSAT) for its juvenile diversion programs. There is no cost to the County. (C-23-0513)

Hoyle described the tool and how her Department would use it.

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

- L. Memorandum of Understanding with Fifth Asset, Inc., dba DebtBook, for debt and lease management software and consulting services. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$14,000. (The term is for one year using the Region 14 Education Service Center (ESC)/NCPA Contract No. 14-03, MOU164.) (C-23-0519)

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Director, described the need for the software and how his Department would use it.

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

- M. Contract with Firespring to provide the annual services for business card and letterhead printing. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$15,000. (Bid No. 23-139, the contract shall be effective for one (1) year upon execution.) (C-23-0523)

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

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

Connie Reinke, Lancaster resident, shared concerns about potential voter fraud and presented the Board with documents to review (Exhibit 3).

Wayne Smith shared concerns about election accuracy and presented the Board with documents to review (Exhibit 4).

Ken Anderson, Silver City, Iowa resident, shared concerns about election accuracy and the practices of the company Election Systems & Software (ES&S).

George Olmer, Lancaster resident, shared concerns about election fraud and voting machines.

Amber Parker, Lancaster resident, shared concerns about potential voter fraud and presented the Board with documents to review (Exhibit 5).

Joan Casey, Lancaster resident, recommended methods to prevent voter fraud and audit elections.

Roger Pressler, Lancaster resident, shared concerns about voter fraud and voting machines. He recommended conducting hand counts rather than using electronic voting machines.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023, 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, June 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and department budget hearings immediately following, in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- C. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.

D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTV (LNKTV.lincoln.ne.gov). LNKTV is available on Allo channel 2 and Spectrum channel 1300. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on YouTube and Facebook (YouTube.com/LNKTVcity and Facebook.com/lancasterne). LNKTV apps are also available on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 9:51 a.m. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Matt Hansen
Lancaster County Clerk

