

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 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 June 18, 2021.*

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

**Others present:** David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

Amundson noted on this day in 1942 the Pledge of Allegiance was approved by the United States Congress.

**The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 15, 2021.**

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

- B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners budget meeting held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.**

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

**2) CLAIMS:**

- A. Approval of all claims processed through June 22, 2021.**

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on June 15, 2021 (Exhibit 1).

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

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

A. **Lancaster County Leadership Link Annual Award Winners Presentation for the following:**

1. **President's Award to Brad Johnson, Lancaster County Department of Corrections**

Schorr said Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, was the previous president of Leadership Link, which is an association of County and City of Lincoln employees who meet in an effort to better develop their leadership skills. As part of Ms. Ames' duties as president, she was provided the opportunity to present the President's Award, which is her personal selection of an individual who epitomizes strong leadership and management skills in Lincoln-Lancaster County.

Schorr presented Brad Johnson, Lancaster County Department of Corrections Director, with a plaque. She said Ms. Ames had wonderful things to say about Mr. Johnson's dedication to his employees at all times, but particularly during COVID.

Johnson thanked Ms. Ames and Leadership Link for the recognition. In addition, he thanked the County Board for their support. Johnson said he was proud of the efforts put forth by his department as it has been a challenging year due to the pandemic. He noted this was a department-wide effort and he humbly accepts the award on behalf of the entire department.

Schorr announced the following were additional award winners: Bryan Tlamka, Parks and Recreation Department; Amy Schlichting, Health Department; Elizabeth Elliot, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Accounting Staff at Parks and Recreation; COVID-19 hiring staff; Erika Hill, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; and Mindy Rush Chipman, Commission on Human Rights.

2. **Teamwork Award to the County Assessor's Soft Skills Group – Tim Johns, Bret Smith, Iveta Kaizere, Sue Bartek and Jared Patterson**

Derrick Niederklein, Assessor/Register of Deeds Chief Field Deputy, introduced Jared Patterson, Iveta Kaizere, Bret Smith and Tim Johns. He said this group performed research on a number of topics including emotional intelligence, time management, teamwork, diversity inclusion and belonging. Within their research they presented videos for their peers to watch and provided hour-long sessions with open dialogue.

Iveta Kaizere said this research started with a simple idea. She said "teamwork is dream work" and noted being presented with this award is a great honor.

Vest thanked all the winners for their efforts.

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. **Utility permits with the following:**

1. No. 2118 allowing Unite Private Networks to bore along Old Cheney Road between Southwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Folsom Street on the south side of Old Cheney Road at no cost to the County. (C-21-0430)
2. No. 2117 allowing Windstream Nebraska to replace a communication line due to the removal and replacement of County Culvert S-199 along Wittstruck Road east of South 96<sup>th</sup> Street at no cost to the County. (C-21-0431)

**B. Amendments to the following County contracts:**

1. C-20-0344 with Dickey-Hinds-Muir Incorporated for Office Remodel – County Engineer. (Bid No. 20-139. The amendment adds additional products and services. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$8,925 for the remainder of the current term with a revised contract total of \$197,825 without approval by the County Board.) (C-21-0437)
2. C-16-0204 with JCVKenwood USA Corporation for Public Safety Communication Equipment. (Using the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement, State of NE Contract No. 14305OC. The estimated expenditures for this contract will be increased by \$36,000 for the remainder of the contract term with a revised total amount of \$71,000.) (C-21-0438)
3. C-18-0729 with McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions, LLC for Health and Safety, Medical, Surgical, and First Aid Related Equipment, Supplies, Accessories and Services (MOU034). (Using the Sourcewell Contract 061417-MML. The amendment renews the MOU from July 26, 2021 through July 25, 2022. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,000.) (C-21-0439)

**C. Right-of-way contracts with the following:**

1. Emmet Hughes and Kaylie Bordovsky, Elmer States Life Estate, in the amount of \$50. (C-21-0451)
2. Marvis A. Reller Revocable Trust, Southwest 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Stagecoach Road, in the total amount of \$7,792. (C-21-0452, C-21-0453, C-21-0454, C-21-0455)

**D. Third amendment to County Contract C-19-0508 with Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., to extend the agreement for an additional six months to allow for the completion of existing structural consultation services. (C-21-0456)**

**E. Change Orders No. 1 to the following County contracts:**

1. C-21-0292 with Topkote Inc., for Chip Seal 2021 (Bid No. 21-017; Project No. 21-05. To change the dilution and application rates for Fog Seal for a total increase of \$154.73). (C-21-0470)
2. C-21-0378 with Pavers, Inc., for Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing 2021 (Bid No. 21-084; Project No. 21-01. To eliminate Earth Shouldering Construction, Seeding and Mulch and use Shoulder Restoration with Crushed Asphalt for a total decrease of \$3,620.30.) (C-21-0471)

**F. Grant contracts funded by the Joint Budget Committee for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with the following:**

1. Cause Collective for the Case Management Training program in the amount of \$15,480. (C-21-0441)
2. Center for People in Need for the Neighborhood Food program in the amount of \$20,700. (C-21-0442)
3. CenterPointe for the Community Support, Outpatient Counseling, and Medication Management program in the amount of \$260,078. (C-21-0443)
4. Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders County for the Basic & Emergency Needs program in the amount of \$172,845. (C-21-0444)
5. Fresh Start for the Transitional program in the amount of \$20,700. (C-21-0445)
6. Good Neighbor Community Center for the Basic & Emergency Needs and Food Distribution program in the amount of \$93,061. (C-21-0446)
7. Houses of Hope for the Transitional Residential Substance Use Halfway House program in the amount of \$42,849. (C-21-0447)
8. Lutheran Family Services for the Health 360 program in the amount of \$64,384. (C-21-0448)
9. Clyde Malone Community Center for the Youth program in the amount of \$20,330. (C-21-0449)
10. Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach for the Hunger Relief program in the amount of \$13,390. (C-21-0450)

**G. Grant contracts funded by the Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with the following:**

1. Asian Community & Cultural Center for the Yezidi Youth Club program in the amount of \$23,500. (C-21-0457)
2. Clyde Malone Community Center for the Leadership Academy program in the amount of \$35,000. (C-21-0458)
3. Clyde Malone Community Center for the Take Pause program in the amount of \$22,500. (C-21-0459)
4. Clyde Malone Community Center for the Therapy program in the amount of \$50,000. (C-21-0460)
5. The Mediation Center for the Restorative Justice Truancy Circles program in the amount of \$147,370. (C-21-0461)
6. OMNI Inventive Care for the Parent Management Training program in the amount of \$20,000. (C-21-0462)
7. OMNI Inventive Care for the Truancy Diversion program in the amount of \$18,530. (C-21-0463)
8. Rabble Mill for the All-Access Pass program in the amount of \$50,000. (C-21-0464)
9. Youth for Christ for the Campus Life program in the amount of \$5,000. (C-21-0465)
10. YWCA of Lincoln for the Girls Circle program in the amount of \$27,385. (C-21-0466)
11. YWCA of Lincoln for the Project Restore Family Support program in the amount of \$15,000. (C-21-0467)

**H. Setting a public hearing on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 regarding the issuance by the County of its Revenue Bond (Series 2021, in one or more series, in the maximum aggregate face amount not to exceed \$4,000,000) for the benefit of Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation.**

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

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Pension Review Committee Bylaws.**

David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, presented bylaws for the Pension Review Committee. He explained this is a long standing, very important advisory committee to the County Board. One of the main topics addresses the committee's membership. Derbin asked the Board to consider amending the second paragraph under Article 3 on page 3, which describes the removal of a member and conclusion of their term. Currently, it states appointments are for an indefinite term until the Board appoints a replacement or the member is removed. He asked the Board to add language stating if a member resigns in writing, it will not require them to wait indefinitely until the Board appoints a replacement. An updated copy of the bylaws will be on file in the County Clerk's Office.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the bylaws with the amended language stated by the Chief Administrative Officer. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Resolution in the matter of appointing members to the Pension Review Committee.  
(R-21-0036)**

Derbin said this item is related to Item 5A and formally appoints the members of the Pension Review Committee. He welcomed the newly appointed members, Eric Synowicki, County Attorney's Office; Kerin Peterson, Facilities and Properties Director; and Kerry Eagan, retiree representative. He noted the resolution also reappoints all other members who have been previously serving on the committee.

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

**C. Special Designated License application from Denton Daily Double for an event at Hillside Events Center, 12400 West Denton Road, Denton, Nebraska on August 21, 2021.**

Scott Zeilinger, Denton Daily Double Corporate Manager, provided a brief overview of the event. He noted they have held events at this location in the past.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the special designated license application. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Special Designated License application from Seward Grocery LLC dba Pac N Save for an event at Hillside Events Center, 12400 West Denton Road, Denton, Nebraska on September 25, 2021.**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the special designated license application. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Setting the salary for Candace Berens, Deputy County Attorney, in the amount of \$80,364.96 (Step 5) as Attorney I, effective July 1, 2021.**

Pat Condon, County Attorney, gave a brief overview of Ms. Berens' professional experience. He noted Ms. Berens will join the civil division.

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

- F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a contract to Brandt Excavating Company for Channel Stabilization of County Bridges H-001 and W-014 (Project Nos. 21-54 and 21-55; Bid No. 21-115). The estimated total cost to the County is \$441,090. (B-21-0115)**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, provided a map of the bridge locations (Exhibit 2). Dingman said over the past five years, the creeks have become wider and deeper. She noted it is imperative to stabilize these scour critical bridges in an attempt to extend their life for an additional five to eight years.

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

- G. Contract with Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, Inc., to provide Bridge Deck Repair and Shotcrete 2021. (Bid No. 21-121; Project No. 21-58). The work is to be completed within 159 calendar days from the notice to proceed and the cost to the County is not to exceed \$464,425. (C-21-0435)**

Dingman provided a map of the eight locations expected to have shotcrete and bridge deck repairs (Exhibit 3). She noted these repairs will extend the bridge life for an additional eight to ten years.

In response to Amundson's question, Dingman provided all bridge locations as follows: D-143 is located on Northwest 140<sup>th</sup> Street; D-157 is located on West Rock Creek Road; C-125 is located on West Agnew Road; G-181 is located on Waverly Road; K-123 is located on Adams Street; M-110 is located on West Van Dorn Street; P-092 is located on South 56<sup>th</sup> Street; and X-083 is located on South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.

In response to Schorr's question, Dingman confirmed none of the above-mentioned bridges are currently closed and clarified this work is due to a maintenance program.

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

- H. Subaward contracts with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Law Psychology Program (funded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the term of May 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023) for the following:**
- 1. Youth Mental Health Diversion Program (Award Number 20-MO-BX-0015) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. (C-21-0468)**
  - 2. Youth Crisis Response Program (Award Number 20-ZB-BX-0003) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. (C-21-0469)**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said these grants are funded through two federal grants to help develop a youth mental health diversion track for the current Diversion program and to expand on services for the Youth Crisis Response system. The University will evaluate both programs to ensure Lancaster County is on track to provide evidence-based programming.

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

- I. **Contract with Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln to provide Vending Services for Lancaster County and the Public Building Commission (Bid No. 21-104). The contract term is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. The owners will receive commission on the income. There is no cost to the County. (C-21-0440)**

Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent, said there is a \$6,000 signing bonus with a minimum guaranteed annual amount of \$11,500 in commissions that will be split between Lancaster County and the Public Building Commission based on the usage.

Amy Schlichting, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Wellness Coordinator, provided an overview of healthier vending options (Exhibit 4). Discussion followed regarding the number of vending machines located in County buildings.

**MOTION:** Amundson 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**

Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, provided an overview regarding COVID-19 following the expiration of the Directed Health Measures (DHM). She said they continue to see a decrease in COVID cases. The positive cases in hospitals, which is less than 1%, are primarily from outside of Lancaster County and the total positivity rate remains less than 2%. She noted 65% of the County population age 16 and older have been fully vaccinated. Recently pediatrician offices have begun to offer the vaccination. The current concern is the increased number of respiratory virus syndrome cases which are normally present in the fall and winter months in youths. The Health Department is closely monitoring this situation and is keeping in close contact with Infectious Disease Consultants.

Discussion was held regarding the number of neighborhood clinics. In response to Schorr's question, Lopez said they use a census tract as a guide to break down by percentage who has been vaccinated and what communities to target. She noted the Health Department continues to work with the Black Clergy, Asian Community and Cultural Center and Good Neighbor to encourage vaccinations.

In response to Flowerday's question, Lopez said there have been nine Delta variant cases detected in the community and seven of those were fully vaccinated. Discussion was held regarding the exposures and the degree of symptoms experienced by these individuals.

Amundson said this speaks to the value of the vaccinations and she encouraged the community to continue to get vaccinated.

Vest said he spoke with Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, who said the tourism economy is rebounding in Lancaster County. He said tourists have commented that the vaccination rate in Lancaster County makes them feel safe.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Lopez for her leadership. Lopez said the Health Department has a great team and Lancaster County has a great community.

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

Doug Hanson, City of Hickman Mayor, expressed his support for the Lancaster County Engineer's budget and particularly projects along South 68<sup>th</sup> Street, in or around Hickman and the Norris School District area.

Schorr thanked Mr. Hanson for offering the Hickman Community Center for special events and meetings.

Dingman announced that June 23, 2021 is International Women in Engineering Day. This holiday was created five years ago to acknowledge the achievements of women in the engineering field. She discussed various State and County workforce demographics. Dingman also recognized engineers Amanda Kingman, Alison Koch and Karen Wilson who work in the Lancaster County Engineer's Office.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will be attending a celebration for the St. Monica's Women Are Sacred program at the Lincoln Indian Center, 1100 Military Road, Lincoln, Nebraska on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.**
- B. **The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 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 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., 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](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).**

9) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. **Legal advice and pending litigation.**

Amundson noted today is the anniversary of the original GI Bill of Rights that passed in 1944 to help veterans who returned from World War II. The bill expired in 1956 but was renewed in 2001.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to enter into Executive Session for legal advice, pending litigation and to protect the public interest at 9:51 a.m. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

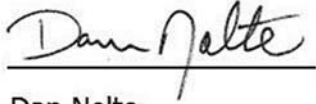
The Chair restated the motion.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:56 a.m. Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



10) ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:57 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

