

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 112 – CITY/COUNTY CHAMBERS  
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan and Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officers; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska web site and provided to the media on June 24, 2020.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2020**

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the June 18, 2020 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Joe Kohout and Brennen Miller, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC**

Kohout reviewed the weekly legislative report (Exhibit 1). He noted there is discussion regarding the possibility of reserving some of the CARES Act funding for vaccines. He suggested further discussion with the Board at a later date.

Additionally, the Legislative Speaker's procedural changes memorandum was distributed (Exhibit 2).

Kohout said the Tri-County Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 from 8:00 am-10:00 a.m. He will work with the Chief Administrative Officer to set a date for the Lancaster 101 meeting.

When asked about possible change in requirements to help alleviate overcrowding at the jail, Kohout stated there are bill packages in 2021.

**3. DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARING** – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

**A. Aging Partners** – Randy Jones, Aging Partners Director

Jones gave a presentation (Exhibit 3). He said there is an increase in the number of senior citizens being victimized by scams.

When asked about pop-up health and wellness clinics, Jones stated all areas of the county will be considered for these clinics.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE** – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Meyer reviewed the budget update (Exhibit 4) stating last year's fund balances were down \$1,400,000 and that the \$2,000,000 contingency fund has been depleted. The draft budget will include a proposed \$2,000,000 for the cash reserve. The General Fund increase expenditures will start between \$6,500,000-\$7,000,000, with approximately 50% due to salaries and benefits. He said he currently feels the contingency fund should not be dropped below \$2,000,000. Additionally, the County Engineer's budget request is \$1,800,000 more than last fiscal year's dispersed amount. He noted the Building Fund has funds for some of the Facilities Study priorities, but not all requests will be able to be funded.

Regarding CARES Act reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses, Meyer said the reimbursement forms are not available until July. An email has been sent to department heads stating all expenses and supporting documentation needs to be sent to him by July 3.

Meyer noted the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) program public comments are due by June 26. SEND program applications will be available in mid-July.

**5. BOARD GOALS FOR DIVERSITY TRAINING** – Doug McDaniel, Director, and Daisy Brayton, Human Resources Coordinator, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources

McDaniel reported there are trainings scheduled on September 23 and January 31 regarding bias and diversity. He inquired what types of diversity trainings the Board has in mind.

Schorr asked if employees are required to have diversity training. McDaniel answered no, the only training required is sexual harassment retaliation. All other trainings are available for those who are interested. He added the County does not have an electronic learning management system, though a module could be purchased.

Yoakum stated she feels diversity training should be an ongoing training, not just when an employee is first hired.

Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, stated each employee at the jail has to go through an academy training center which has interactive training sessions on bias and inclusivity. Staff

has been very receptive to the trainings. He added holding training sessions for a 24/7 staffing situation is difficult, so advanced planning and notice is necessary.

Regarding computer-based training at the jail, Johnson said an internal system has been developed, but there is nothing formal. Many trainings are conducted during staff briefings.

When asked what other departments are currently doing for diversity training, McDaniel answered some are using third-party groups to conduct trainings. Daisy Brayton, Human Resources Coordinator, added she is part of The Lincoln Circle, which offers diversity trainings in various formats. Yoakum added Inclusive Communities in Omaha is another organization that offers such trainings.

Rob Ogden, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, stated his office uses LinkedIn Learning for both hard-skill and soft-skill teachings. His team has had a great response with this program.

## **6. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE**

Eagan noted there was an editorial in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding the option for face mask requirements for the public.

## **7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### **A. Legislative Retreat Location and Date**

Derbin noted the Legislative retreat will be held August 20 at the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office (LSO) training rooms A and B. If necessary, additional dates will be explored to accommodate Commissioner availability.

### **B. Mayor's Nomination of Pablo Cervantes to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission to fulfill Sham Al-Badry's unexpired term, which concludes August 24, 2025**

Derbin reviewed the nomination (see agenda packet) which will be on the July 7 agenda. He added the Board has the ability to ask for additional nominations.

### **C. Reappointment of Jim Cada to the Lancaster County Veterans Service committee for a term from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025**

Derbin reviewed Cada's reappointment (see agenda packet). This item will be on the next Tuesday agenda for Board action.

## **D. Pension Review Committee Membership**

Derbin stated he wants to formalize the Pension Review Committee and create bylaws to be able to keep track of the committee members (see agenda packet). Eagan added there are general guidelines with the investment policy. These committees can be held fiduciarily responsible if there are lawsuits.

Flowerday said Pam Dingman, County Engineer, has expressed interest in serving on the committee.

Schorr added the committee should have a retiree as a member.

## **8. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### **A. Lancaster County 2020 Priorities**

Regarding the Stepping Up Initiative, Schorr said Lancaster County was selected by a national organization to be interviewed for the program's current outcome.

Flowerday stated the Planning Commission passed the solar energy text amendment. This will come to the Board in July.

## **9. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **A. NACO Board of Directors Meeting – Amundson / Schorr**

The report was given at the June 18 staff meeting.

### **B. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) – Amundson / Vest**

Amundson reported there was no meeting. She noted the State Fair will have a show-and-go with the animals. Additionally, many of the static displays will be held by Zoom.

### **C. New Americans Task Force – Yoakum**

Yoakum stated the refugee resettlement coordinator is retiring. Additionally, a survey was completed in relation to developing career pathways for individuals with non-USA recognized educational degrees. This will be presented at the July 2 staff meeting.

## **OTHER MEETINGS**

### **City-County Common Meeting**

The next Common meeting will be held in Room 112 unless another location can be found.

### **LES Zoom**

Schorr reported Lincoln Electric System (LES) is going to resume disconnections and collections of electric bills not paid due to the pandemic.

## **10. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

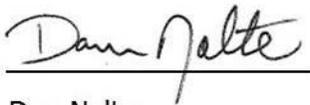
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## **11. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

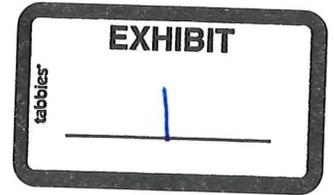
## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





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**LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Joseph D. Kohout  
Brennen L. Miller  
DATE: June 24, 2020  
RE: Weekly Report

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Good Morning. Please accept this as your weekly report for the 2020 session of the Legislature for the date noted above. Since the last report on June 18, 2020, the Legislature has remained in recess due to COVID-19 concerns. However, Speaker Scheer has announced that the Legislature will reconvene on July 20<sup>th</sup> and will adjourn Sine Die on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Further, the Speaker has published a memorandum which outlines how the Legislature will reconvene. Among other things, the memorandum states that Senators wishing to speak with lobbyists must exit the Chamber through the back north door and re-enter through the back south door. Further, it states that Senators will want to utilize text messaging, their cell-phone (in a phone booth), and their intercom for communication with persons outside the Chamber. The memorandum was sent via email yesterday and reattached with this update.

**SEN. SUZANNE GEIST REQUEST**

Yesterday, we received a request from Senator Suzanne Geists office for some information on who in the county was the appropriate contact for a constituent interested in obtaining a Federal Firearms License for their business. We received the appropriate contact back from Mr. Derbin and the answer was routed to Senator Geists office.

**SCHEDULING**

Brennen has been working with Mr. Derbin and Mr. Eagan on the scheduling of the Tri-County Breakfast during the 2021 session. We have scheduled Monday, January 11, 2021 from 8-10am at NACO's offices. Both Sean Kelley and Tim Gay will be notified for invitations to go out from their respective clients.

We would recommend that we start looking at a date for Lancaster County 101 for the fall. Historically, we have set this meeting for after Thanksgiving for introduction of new Senators to

Lancaster County and our priorities. I would recommend that we look at either the Monday or Tuesday within two weeks after the elections for a possible meeting – ideally falling on one of the following:

November 9, 2020  
November 10, 2020  
November 16, 2020  
November 17, 2020  
November 18, 2020

Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

### **INTERIM STUDIES**

We have mentioned in previous reports that we should pull together ideas for interim studies. Here is what has been received:

1. 24/7 Sobriety;
2. Review of fees and fines;
3. LR183 follow up;
4. Move the cost of housing HHS Offices back to the state; and
5. Minimizing barriers for individuals being released from the County Jail to obtain a state ID

We attached draft versions of the interim studies to reports in weeks past. We encourage you to review the reports for action.

As we have previously mentioned, we will need to be cognizant of is how much time we have post-adjournalment to do interim studies. With session adjourning on August 13, 2020 and elections in November, the window for interim studies will be abbreviated.

### **CARES ACT FUNDING**

On May 27, 2020, during his daily press conference, Governor Ricketts announced how he intends the state to spend the federal CARES Act dollars distributed to Nebraska. Please note that below is a general outline of what was announced, and the PowerPoint utilized by the Governor was attached to the email that contained the May 28, 2020 report. Here is how he intends to distribute the funds:

#### **GOVERNMENTS: \$180 MILLION**

*State Government - \$80 Million; Local Governments - \$100 Million*

Dollars will be for reimbursement of direct costs associated with COVID including PPE, overtime, sanitizing spaces, dedicated payroll for COVID public safety employees.

Counties, in order to be eligible, must have 'business as usual' by June 8th (open public offices and services). Subsequent to this report, NACO has indicated that the Governor has agreed to push this back one week to June 15, 2020.

#### **COMMUNITY CARES PROGRAM: \$85 MILLION**

*Behavioral Health Regions - \$5 Million; Community Collaboratives - \$20 Million; Providers and/or Non-Profits demonstrating increased demand and lower donations \$40 Million; Shelters and/or Housing - \$20 Million*

Specifics of this program are being established by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. We are aware that the Division of Behavioral Health does not have a clear road on how to spend the \$5 Million in additional funds.

**SMALL BUSINESSES/LIVESTOCK STABILIZATION: \$392 MILLION**

*Small businesses between 5-49 employees; Livestock operations between 1-10 employees*

The funds will be distributed in \$12,000 grants to all qualified. The Governor hosted Press Conference which focused on this component on Friday, June 12, 2020. Those who joined him at the podium included Director of Economic Development Tony Goins and Director of Agriculture Steve Wellman. There were many, many questions and the applications became active this week.

**REMOTE ACCESS, WORKFORCE RETRAINING, GALLUP: \$62 MILLION**

*Rural broadband development - \$40 Million; Workforce Retraining - \$16 Million; Gallup Training - \$1 Million*

Rural broadband development with Impacting 26,285 households in 41 communities of 1,000-5,000 in population and workforce retraining will include \$1,100 grants for students (up to 12,000 total) and Career Coaches, administration and faculty at a total of \$2.4 Million. The Department of Economic Development has hosted two meetings for parties interested in the \$40 Million being deployed for broadband coverage the last two Fridays.

**UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND: \$427 MILLION**

This concludes our report for this week.

# Nebraska State Legislature

**JIM SCHEER**  
Senator

**SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE**

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To: Colleagues, Staff, and Interested Persons  
From: Speaker Jim Scheer   
Date: June 23, 2020  
RE: Procedural Modifications for the remainder of the 2020 Session

I have been working with Senator Hilgers, Clerk Patrick O'Donnell, Legislative Services Coordinator Chuck Hubka, and other key staff to make modifications to the Chamber and to our procedures to provide us with a safer environment upon our return. These modifications are based upon the recommendations of Pat Lopez, Acting Director of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Health Department, and her staff who met with us in the Chamber to provide us with their public health guidance. The Floor practices implemented for the 3 days we met in March will be continued, along with additional physical and procedural practices. My goal is to cut down on the number of people on the floor at any one time and to provide a modicum of social distancing between members and staff on the floor. We will not be operating as usual when session reconvenes on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and it is important that you and your staff familiarize yourselves with the following practices. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or Laurie in my office.

## Norris Legislative Chamber Access

- Who will be permitted to come into the Chamber will be restricted. The list of persons who will have access to the Chamber will be limited to members of the Legislature, the Clerk and his floor staff which will include the Sgt. at Arms and a limited number of pages, the State Patrol, Legislative Services Coordinator, Executive Board Legal Counsel, my Procedural Advisor, and Legislative Technology staff when needed.
- Legislative staff permitted on the floor, other than those identified earlier, will be contingent upon each bill under consideration. When a specific bill is being heard, the following staff will be allowed in the Chamber: the Legislative Aide of the Principal Introducer,

the appropriate Committee Legal Counsel, and the Director of the Legislative Fiscal Office and one additional analyst when warranted. Legislative staff will be expected to wear a face mask while in the Chamber.

- Senators proposing amendments will not be allowed to have their staff on the Floor during debate of his or her amendment. Additionally, staff will not be allowed on the Floor for delivering items to or retrieving items from his or her senator (see delivery practices below).

- Media normally allowed access to the Floor will be allowed to observe the Legislature in session from the north balcony. Media representatives working out of the north balcony will be required to wear a face mask and to practice social distancing while in the balcony.

- The Chamber glass doors to the Rotunda will not be in use during session. For safety reasons, these doors will not be locked, but they will be roped off and unavailable except in an emergency. Additionally, the entrance into the foyer between the Chamber and the Rotunda will be roped off to the public given the area does not provide enough space for social distancing with normal use.

- All persons will enter and exit the Chamber through the back hallway. The door on the south side will be the single entrance to the Chamber and the door on the north side will be the single exit. Signage will be used to clearly identify exit and entrance doors.

- Leaving the floor to access the Women's Lounge or the cloak room will require a full exit to the hallway and then re-entrance to the Chamber through the south side door.

- All persons entering the Chamber will have their temperature taken prior to admittance. Anyone whose temperature registers at 100.4 or above will be asked to wait outside of the Chamber for 10 minutes at which time his or her temperature will be rechecked. Staff whose temperature again registers at 100.4 or above will not be allowed in the Chamber. Members whose temperature again registers at 100.4 or above, or who exhibit other symptoms of COVID-19, will be asked to not enter the Chamber but will be allowed to participate in debate from the east balcony. A microphone has been installed there to allow these members to engage in the debate.

- The south balcony will be reserved for any member of the Legislature who wishes to observe the session in person but also remove themselves from the floor where complete social distancing is impossible. However, this balcony has not been equipped with a microphone. Senators in the south balcony will not be able to participate in debate unless they return to the floor. Members choosing to sit in the south balcony are encouraged to wear a mask.

- Lobbyists and members of the public will not be permitted in the balconies.

- The Doctor of the Day program will be suspended, along with the Visiting Chaplain program. The opening prayer will be delivered by a senator each morning.

- Legislative Technology staff will not be sitting on the floor each day. For technology assistance, senators will need to notify Dick Brown or another member of the Clerk's floor staff who will contact someone from the Technology office to assist the senator.

#### Delivery of Items to and from Senators on the Floor

- Staff will not be allowed on the Floor to deliver items to or to retrieve items from their senator. A couple of pages will be located in the front office of the Clerk's Office (Room 2018) who will serve as couriers between senators and their staff. Senators' staff may deliver items to the Clerk's Office for delivery by a page to their senator on the Floor. Likewise, senators may give items to one of the few pages on the Floor for pickup by the senator's staff in the Clerk's Office.

- Pages will not be delivering posters from desk to desk in the Chamber for signatures as has been the practice in the last few days of prior sessions.

#### Interaction with the Public, Lobbyists, and Staff

- Sgt. at Arms will not be delivering messages from or to persons in the Rotunda.
- Senators wishing to speak to the public, a lobbyist, or their staff will need to exit the Chamber by the back north door and then re-enter the Chamber through the back south door once they have spoken to the person outside of the back hallway. Senators will want to utilize text messaging, their cell phone (in a phone booth) and their intercom for communication with persons outside of the Chamber.

#### Access to the Hallway behind the Chamber

- Members of the public and lobbyists will not be allowed to cross the secured, roped off hallway behind the Chamber (hallway situated between the west stairs and the Clerk's Office).
- Legislative Staff not allowed on the Floor will be able to use this hallway to travel to the other side as long as they are wearing a mask and wait until the hallway is not congested.

#### Coffee, Tea, Water and Sponsored Food

- Pages will not be utilized for getting coffee, tea, and water for members. We will be operating under a self-serve protocol for refreshments.
- Pages will be routinely sanitizing the coffee and hot water handles and the general refreshments area. Additionally, wipes will be available for senators to use in this area.
- Food sponsored by groups or senators will not be distributed to members of the Legislature in the Chamber or to their offices.
- Senators are asked to eliminate sharing candy or other food items from their desk.

### Modifications to Voting Procedures

- Call in votes will be allowed in lieu of a machine vote from members with assigned seating at a side table, or members sitting in the east or south balconies, as long as the senator is standing and visible to the Clerk.

### Speaking Queue

- In order to prevent congestion at the Presiding Officer's desk, a laptop will be positioned at the front of the Chamber on the south side front desk and one on the north side back row of the Chamber for members to check who is in the speaking queue.

- The Presiding Officer will be announcing the senator recognized to speak in addition to the next two members in the speaking queue in order to minimize senators needing to check one of the two laptops for the speaking queue list.

- Senators sitting in the east and south balconies will be provided with a method to add their name to the speaking queue. Senators in the east balcony will be allowed to participate in debate from the balcony. Senators in the south balcony will need to return to the floor in time to address the body in their speaking queue order.

### Legislative Chamber Social Distancing and Cleaning Practices

- Senators' desks and the front staff desks have been modified to provide a Plexiglas barrier in front of each row.

- The tables on each side of the Chamber (along with the addition of two small extra tables on each side) have been repurposed as temporary members' desks. I am asking the senators who sit on the outside aisle of both the north and south sides of the Chamber, in each row of three members, to utilize the side table next to their row as their Chamber desk. These senators will be able to return to their row for addressing the body and for a machine vote. While the request is made of the members sitting on the outside aisle, the three members in each row may agree to identify a different member for relocation to a side table.

- Two chairs on each side of the Chamber (two in the front and two in the back) have been situated for temporary seating for the senator and committee staff persons allowed in the Chamber during the debate of a bill. (The Legislative Aide of the Principal Introducer whose bill is being debated and the appropriate Committee Legal Counsel.) When not speaking to their senator, these chairs are available for the staff allowed on the floor. Two additional locations at the back of the Chamber under the north balcony are reserved for the Director of the Fiscal Office and one additional Fiscal Analyst when their presence is warranted.

- Senators are encouraged to wear a mask while on the floor when interacting with others.

- The Legislature has hired an outside cleaning crew to sanitize the Chamber, the Senators' Lounge and the balconies each evening. To that end, each member will need to clear off their desk (including side tables used as temporary work stations) of all items, including papers, to allow for proper cleaning. Pages will be tasked with clearing off any member's desk for those members who fail to remember to do so before leaving that evening.

- Each member will have hand sanitizer available at their Chamber desk, including temporary desks, and hand sanitizer will be available at each microphone and in the phone booths.

- Hand sanitizing wipes will be available at each microphone for use on the mic stem.

#### Cloak room

- We are advising only 3 people in the Cloak room (refreshment and exit area behind the Chamber) at one time.

#### Senators' Lounge

- We are advising only 10 people in the Senators' Lounge at one time and that 6 feet of social distancing be maintained.

#### Confirmation Hearings and Executive Sessions

- During the final days of the 2020 Session, only one hearing room will be in use for Committees which need to conduct confirmation hearings. Room 1525 has been modified to allow social distancing between senators on the committee and between the audience members. The public capacity for the room is 27 audience members which should not pose a problem for the remaining confirmation hearings. Currently, five committees will need to hold confirmation hearings (Education, General Affairs, Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, and the Transportation and Telecommunications Committees). Given the availability of only one hearing room for this purpose, Chairs and Committee Clerks will need to plan ahead and be flexible.

- During the final days of the 2020 Session, only two hearing rooms will be in use for Committees which desire to hold an executive session. The first option will be room 1113 which has been set up to allow social distancing between members. If this room is in use, a second option will be room 1524, also which has been arranged to allow social distancing. Again, pre-planning and flexibility on the part of Chairs will be appreciated.

- Each hearing room used during the remainder of this session (other than room 1113) will have one door identified as the single entrance and one door identified as the single exit from the room.

### Test Nebraska

• Testing for COVID-19 is now available through Test Nebraska ([www.testnebraska.com](http://www.testnebraska.com)) to anyone wishing to be tested. You do not need to be exhibiting symptoms in order to get tested. While I am recommending everyone be tested the week prior to our reconvening on July 20<sup>th</sup>, one needs to keep in mind that the test results only indicate that one does or does not have the virus *at that point in time*.

### CDC and Public Health Department Guidelines Recommended Throughout the Legislature

• All senators, staff, lobbyists, and members of the public interacting with the Legislature are encouraged to wear a mask. This includes when you are walking in the hallways, standing in the Rotunda, and when speaking to others either in your own office or when visiting another office.

• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Additionally, use hand sanitizer frequently in between washing your hands.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Avoid shaking hands.

• Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue in the trash.

### Senator Offices

• Senators are encouraged to implement social distancing in their offices between staff and with members of the public visiting their office.

• If desired, staff will be able to have their temperature taken each day at the back of the Chamber. However, we ask staff to avoid the start of session each day and when the Legislature reconvenes in the afternoon since the hallway will be heavily traveled with members entering the Chamber.



**Aging Partners  
Department of Aging  
Presentation to  
Lancaster County Board**

**June 2020**

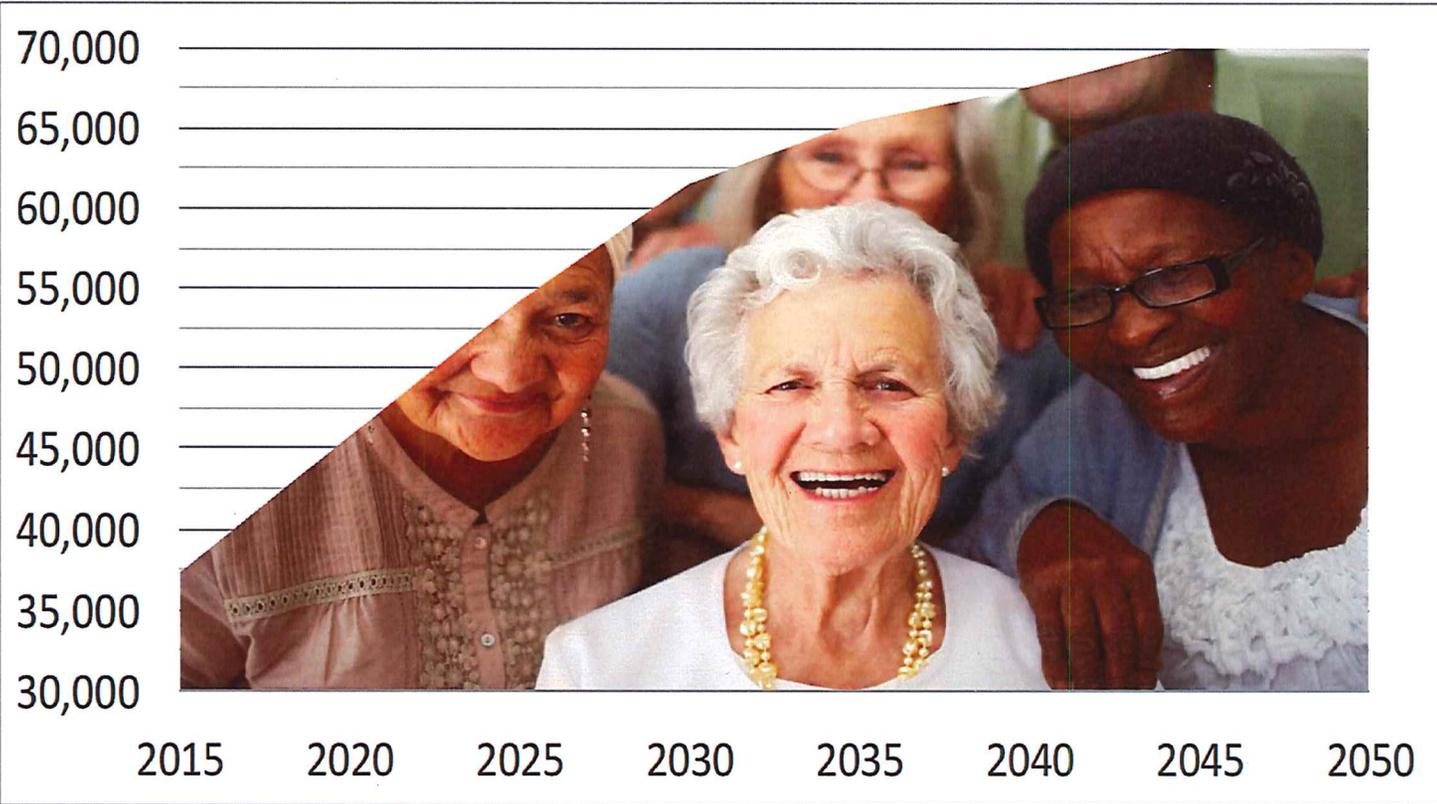
# Pandemic Response

- Increased outreach to most vulnerable clients to ensure needs were met
- Developed and implemented new NeighborLNK program to connect community volunteers with senior “neighbors”
- Enhanced food services by changing from congregate services to home-delivered
- Financial Counseling, legal services, information & referral all continued telephonically.
- Distribution of supplies and nutritional items.
- Social isolation strategies
- Center Openings will follow prescribed LLCHD guidance

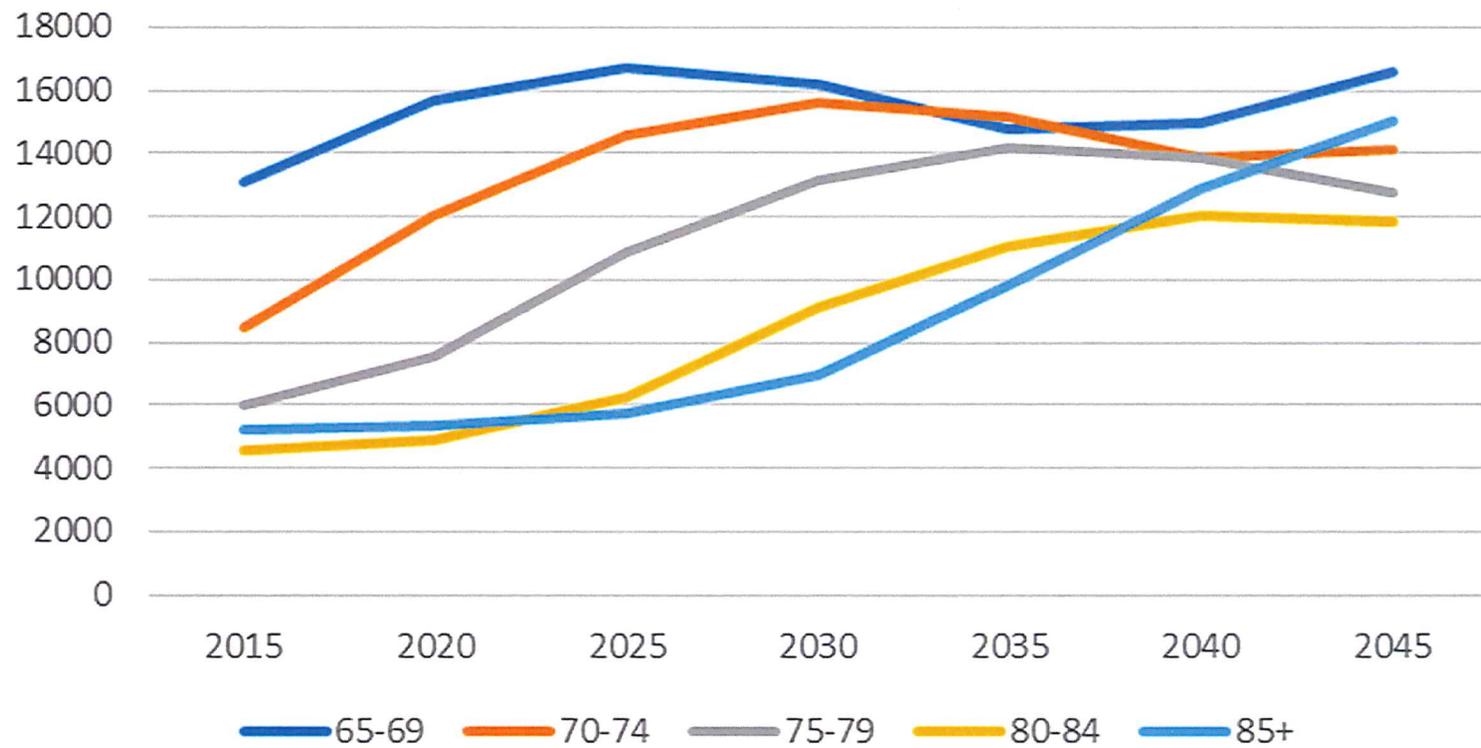


Creatively found ways to brighten days: Sunshine kids, puzzles, notes delivered to seniors in their homes. Phone calls and meal deliveries. Health & Fitness programming enhanced using televised programming.

# Future Growth of Seniors



## Future Growth of Seniors by Age Group





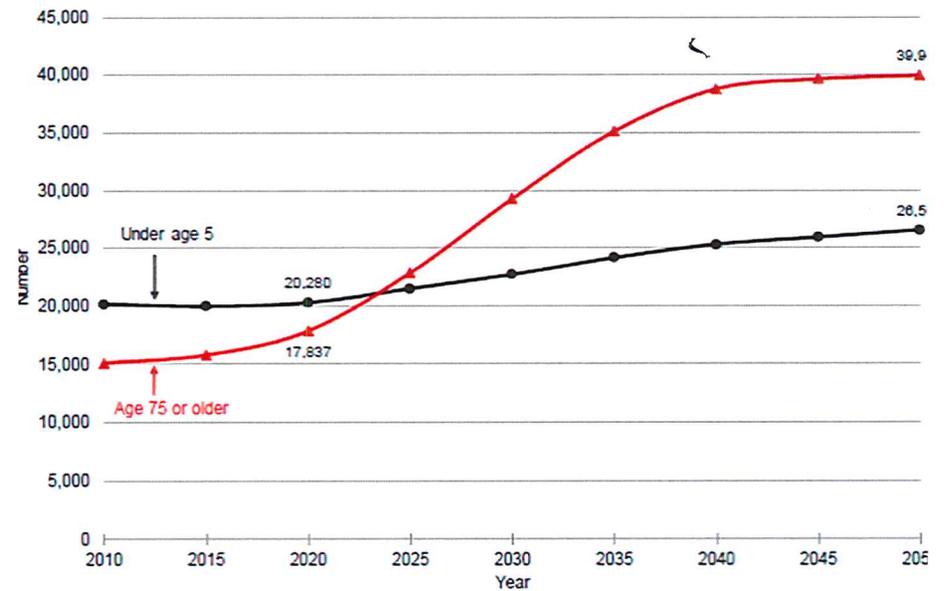
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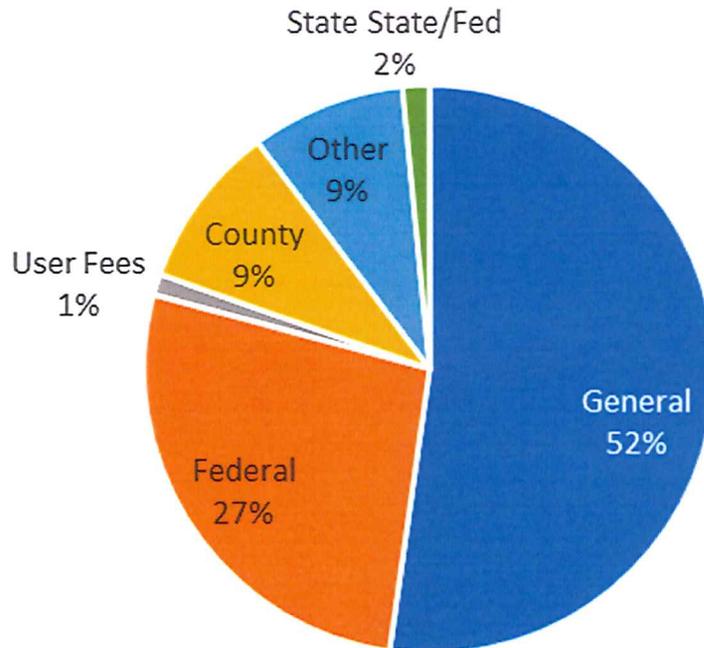
UNO Public Research Center

Aspects of aging will lead to situations not experienced in the past such as elders outnumbering children, implying relatively more need for elder care versus child care

Figure 9. Projected Lancaster County population in select age groups: 2010-2050



## City Funded Programs Revenue Sources



■ General ■ Federal ■ User Fees ■ County ■ Other ■ State State/Fed

### Dynamics:

- Federal funds dropping 1% per year.
- Expect increased reductions moving forward.
- When City funds are reduced – so do County funds.
- Other programs not in the budget include Medicaid Waiver. \$ 2.7M. All auditable overhead costs passed onto Waiver. Entirely State Funded.

## **Department of Aging (Aging Partners):**

**Reaching 6,799 consumers with 358,472 services last year.**

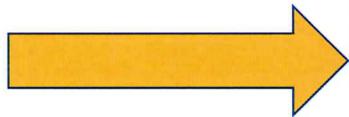
- Provides food and programs that reduce social isolation
- Delivering food to the homebound
- Provide “in-home” services for safe and healthy living
- Provide information for senior specific benefits and how to navigate decisions during this live cycle.
- Promote healthy lifestyles in seniors for improved quality of life and health management

PROGRAM	DELIVERABLES	COUNTY REVENUE
Administration	Program management, staff supervision, budget/accounting, IT support, compliance & monitoring, data management, and marketing.	<p>\$67,958 County</p> <p>\$605,509 City</p> <p>\$40,057 State</p>
Personal/Family Services	<p>6,419 hours of social work and counseling provided</p> <p>2,166 hours of respite paid</p> <p>459 hours of personal care paid</p> <p>3,445 hours of homemaker/chore paid</p> <p>4,773 informational contacts</p> <p>3,071 caregiver informational contacts</p>	<p>\$88,050 County</p> <p>\$784,525 City</p> <p>\$103,639 Federal</p> <p>\$ 60,357 State</p>

Program	Deliverables	County Revenue
Handyman	2,977 hours of chore (home repair, lawn care, snow removal) 4,280 months of emergency response units or durable medical equipment distributed	<b>\$3,866 County</b> \$34,447 City \$17,545 Federal \$50,245 State
Senior Centers and Meals	35,575 congregate meals prepared 74,266 meals delivered to homes 13,821 transportation trips provided 6,895 informational contacts 632 sessions of nutritional counseling 302 nutrition educational materials developed/distributed	<b>\$235,301 County</b> \$788,237 City \$284,624 Federal \$240,947 State

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Priority Rating	Persons in waiting Q	Average Wait (Days)
0 – General Information	27	12
1 – Benefit Assistance	1	24
2 – Preventative	4	12
3 – Requires in-home assessment	211	13
4 – Long term needs (crisis)	62	7
5 – Requires immediate action Health risk	8	4

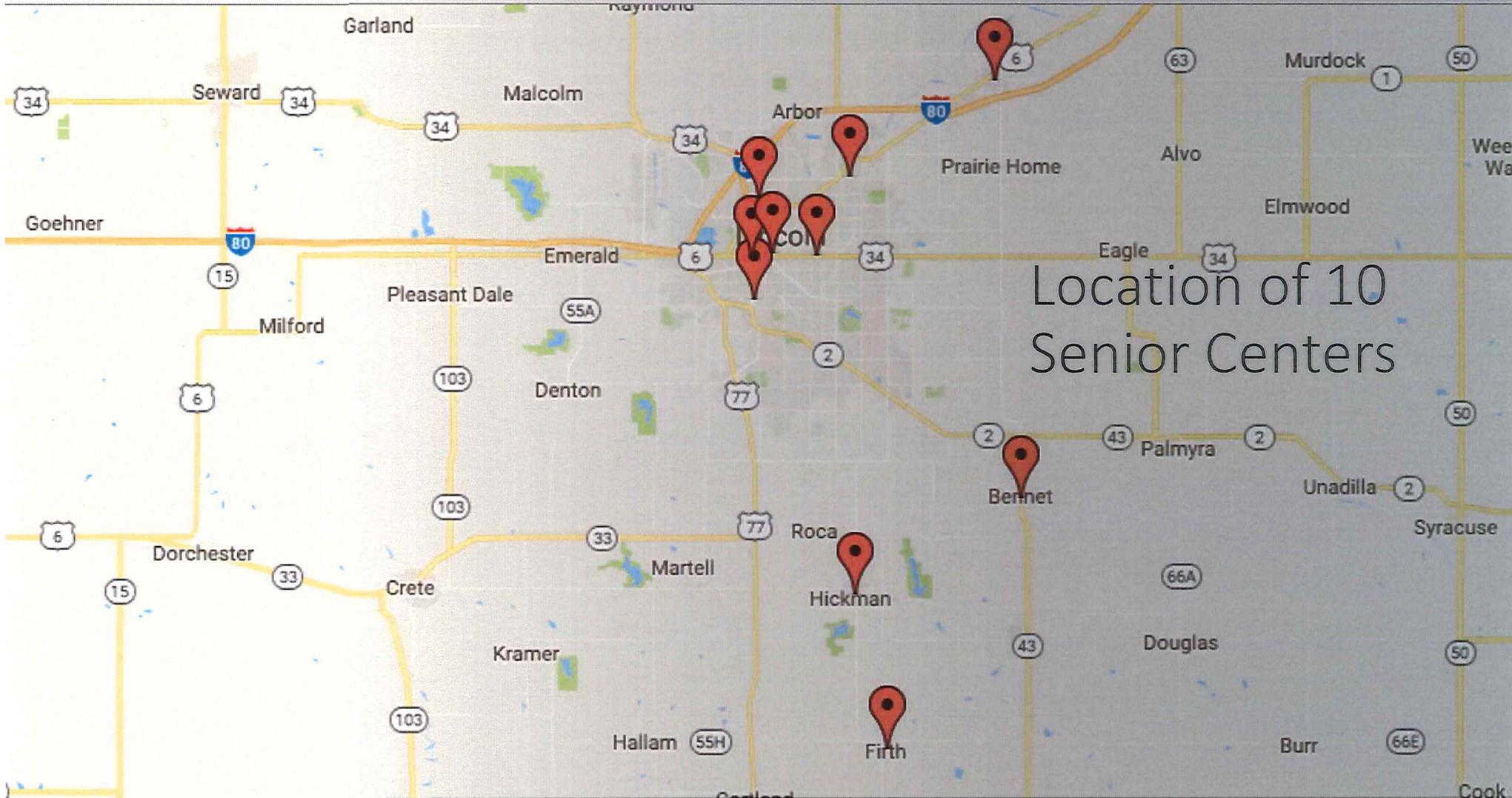


Delays in serving Seniors due to limited Care Management Staff

# Modifications

1. Home delivered meals in rural areas moved from serving meals from the Central Kitchen to use of contracted service in rural areas.
2. Added funding for NeighborLNK.
3. Eliminated the Medical Nutrition Therapy program that was a duplicative service.
4. Reduced the hours of some positions to create efficiencies.
5. Eliminated the sack lunch program that was provided after patrons left a congregate meal.
6. Added an Aging Specialist Care Manager to reduce wait times.
7. Align NE Senior Center hours with hours of operation currently in place with other centers (9:00 am – 1:00 pm) Eliminated the Waverly Senior Center.
8. Will manage a 1% cost savings through vacancies with delayed hiring.

See your map below. If you find any markers out of place - just drag and drop them to the correct location.



Location of 10 Senior Centers

# Budget Issues and Challenges

- Salaries and Benefits - \$3.2 million
  - COLA - \$320,000
  - New Position Requests (17) - \$1.1 million
- Corrections – additional \$2.1 million
- Roads and Bridges – additional \$1.8 million
- HR/Payroll System (with City of Lincoln) (10-1-20)
- CJIS (Law Enforcement)
- Cash Reserve/Fund Balance
- Medicaid Expansion

# Budget Issues and Challenges

- Keno Funds
- Lodging Tax
- Information Services – Security
- Facilities Study
- Body Cams (Sheriff)
- COVID-19
- Projected 2.75% increase in valuation