

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 9:00 AM
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112

**COMMISSIONERS: Deb Schorr, Chair; Christa Yoakum, Vice Chair;
Roma Amundson, Sean Flowerday; 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 July 29, 2022.

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

Others present: Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Eric Synowicki, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk and Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 July 26, 2022.

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

2) CLAIMS

A. Approval of all claims processed through August 2, 2022.

The Clerk noted there was an amendment to the claims for payroll ending July 27, 2022 (Exhibit 1).

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Region V Systems Annual Report and Lancaster County Match Update – C.J. Johnson, Region V Systems Administrator.

C.J. Johnson, Region V Systems Administrator, gave a brief presentation on the Region V Systems annual report for fiscal year 2020-2021 and the county's match update (Exhibit 2).

Schorr asked if the proposed county contribution information was given to Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer. Johnson stated a letter was mailed out.

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. Amendments to the following County contracts for the annual supply of ice melt. (Bid No. 19-153. The amendment renews the contracts from August 12, 2022, through August 11, 2023.):

1. C-19-0620 with Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc. (The cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000.) (C-22-0583)
 2. C-19-0621 with Egan Supply (The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500.) (C-22-0581)
 3. C-19-0622 with Helena Chemical Company (The cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,500.) (C-22-0584)
- B.** Amendments to the following County contracts for the annual service of offset printing, design services, and related services. (Bid No. 19-141. The amendment renews the contracts from July 14, 2022, through July 13, 2025. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$100,000.):
1. C-19-0547 with Firespring (C-22-0596)
 2. C-19-0546 with Cornhusker State Industries (Department of Corrections) (C-22-0597)
- C.** Amendments to the following County contracts:
1. C-18-0534 with Diamond Vogel Inc., dba Diamond Vogel, for paint and related products. (University of Nebraska RFP 2951-18-7215, MOU031. The amendment renews the contract from August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$1,000.) (C-22-0577)
 2. C-22-0494 with Midwest Mechanical Contractors of Nebraska, Inc. for HVAC replacement for Department of Motor Vehicle locations. (Bid No. 22-139. The amendment changes the corporate name from Midwest Mechanical Contractors of Nebraska, Inc. to MMC Mechanical Contractors, Inc.) (C-22-0586)
 3. C-22-0493 with Midwest Mechanical Contractors of Nebraska, Inc. for chiller replacement at the Youth Services Center. (Bid No. 22-129. The amendment changes the corporate name from Midwest Mechanical Contractors of Nebraska, Inc. to MMC Mechanical Contractors, Inc.) (C-22-0585)
 4. C-21-0672 with encompass for the annual service of sit to stand workstations and accessories. (Quote No. 6404. The amendment amends the contract with a price increase. The cost to the County will increase by \$1,200 for a total amount of \$16,200.) (C-22-0595)
- D.** Right-of-way contracts with the following:
1. Ronald John M. and Diane S. Gill, Northwest 140th Street and West Mill Road, in the amount of \$1,259. (Project 23-20 / E-222.) (C-22-0592)
 2. Rick R. and Kathleen A. Horsley, Northwest 112th Street and West Holdrege Street, in the amount of \$775. (Project 22-23 / M-256) (C-22-0598)
 3. Rita Ann Kramer, Northwest 40th Street and West McKelvie Road, in the amount of \$595. (Project 22-23 / F-10) (C-22-0601)
- E.** Change Order No. 2 to County Contract C-22-0216 with Constructors Inc. to add water used for lime stabilization. (Project 21-09; Bid No. 22-047. The amount is not to exceed \$3,424.) (C-22-0600)
- F.** Utility permit 2277 allowing Windstream Nebraska to install new communication lines from Bennet Road and S 46th Street east to S 54th Street and then south. (The utility will tie into 13800 S 54th Street. There is no cost to the County.) (C-22-0576)
- G.** Grant awards with the Nebraska Crime Commission for Bureau of Justice Assistance funding for the Lancaster County Diverting the School to Prison Pipeline in the following amounts:
1. \$150,000 (C-22-0580)
 2. \$21,536 (C-22-0582)
- H.** Grant contracts with the following (for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023):

1. League of Human Dignity for the Center for Independent Living program in the amount of \$33,760 (funded by the Joint Budget Committee). (C-22-0590)
2. YMCA of Lincoln for the Teen Night/Teen Time at Northeast YMCA program in the amount of \$16,000 (funded by Juvenile Justice Prevention Funds). (C-22-0591)
3. Asian Community & Cultural Center for the Serving Immigrant & Refugee Youth program in the amount of \$47,976 (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Juvenile Services Aid Grant). (C-22-0602)

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

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Resolution in the matter of establishing a temporary maximum weight limitation on damaged roads in Lancaster County. (R-22-0066)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, stated due to heavy truck traffic a section of pavement on Yankee Hill Road between Nebraska Highway 2 and South 120th Street has damaged pavement. An analysis determined a weight limitation should be enforced until the damaged pavement can be repaired.

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

- B.** Resolution in the matter of authorizing the County Board Chair to sign the 2021-2022 Lancaster County Annual Certification of Use of Cash Payment Form. (R-22-0065)

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

- C.** Resolution in the matter of a referral bonus pilot program for unrepresented employees with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. The pilot program is effective from September 1, 2022, through August 23, 2023. (R-22-0064)

The Clerk noted the item is to be held.

- D.** Addendum to the 2021-2024 Bargaining Agreement between Lancaster County and the Lancaster County Deputy Sheriffs' Association Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge 29, under County Contract C-22-0157, in the matter of a referral bonus pilot program. The pilot program is effective from September 1, 2022, through August 23, 2023. (C-22-0593)

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

- E.** Addendum to the 2021-2023 Bargaining Agreement between Lancaster County and Local 1536 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), under County Contract C-22-0230, in the matter of a referral bonus pilot program. The pilot program is effective from September 1, 2022, through August 23, 2023. (C-22-0594)

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

- F.** Special Designated License application from Willow Springs Bottling Co Inc, dba Cornhusker Beverage, for events at Prairie Creek Inn, 2400 South 148th Street, Walton, Nebraska on September 10, 2022. (Nicole Bourquin, Cornhusker Beverage owner, joining via Zoom.)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the special designated license application.

Nicole Bourquin, owner of Cornhusker Beverage, provided information about the business and the event.

ROLL CALL: Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Reappointments to the Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council for the term from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025:

1. Irina Garakian
2. Jenika Long
3. John Wyvill

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

H. Request for additional Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds in the amount of \$318,109.59 authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Administrator, stated funds were provided upfront with ERA1. As funding is obligated under ERA2, additional funding must be requested. She said the funds will aid the University of Nebraska with the Tenant Assist Project that helps with eviction court and will also be dispersed to communities outside of Lincoln. Hoyle mentioned that since Commissioner Vest was the previous signatory, his signature would be preferred on the documents.

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

I. Amendment Bid award appeal from Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition, LLC.

Eric Synowicki, Deputy County Attorney, stated the bid award appeal from Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition LLC went before the County Procurement Appeals Board who unanimously recommended denial. He noted Candace Berens, Deputy County Attorney, and Jeff Kimble, Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Agent, also provided an update on the appeal to the County Board at the July 28, 2022 Staff Meeting.

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded to deny the appeal following the recommendation of the County Procurement Appeals Board. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Agreement with Schemmer Associates Inc to evaluate the existing Lancaster County facilities, as described in Exhibit A. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$89,000. (C-22-0599)

Dingman presented a map showing the maintenance districts and shop locations (Exhibit 3). She added the study will provide information on the thirteen existing County maintenance facilities and the upgrade of Lancaster County Engineering assets. Ed Lahmann, County Engineer Facility Manager, was also available for questions.

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

K. Agreement with Daniel Leggiadro, Ph.D. for professional mental health services at the Crisis Center. Cost to the County is not to exceed \$83,200. (C-22-0603)

Scott Etherton, Mental Health Crisis Center Director, stated that Dr. Leggiadro has retired and this contract will extend his services until a qualified psychologist is hired.

Yoakum inquired about the steps being taken to hire a new psychologist. Etherton said he has been discussing the idea of using a headhunter and adjusting the pay scale with the County Attorney's Office and Human Resources. In response to Amundson's inquiry regarding pay, Etherton stated the top of the current pay range is \$115,000 and most applicants are asking for a starting salary of \$140,000. Flowerday asked if a salary change would go before the Personnel Policy Board. Etherton stated yes.

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

- L. Agreement with Mary Rittenburg, M.ED., LADC for professional alcohol and drug abuse counseling services at the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center. The County shall reimburse Ms. Rittenburg at the rate of \$110 per evaluation completed and \$35 per hour for all other services. (C-22-0589)

Etherton stated the agreement includes rate increases and funding for professional evaluations comes from Region V.

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

- M. Agreement with Signal Group Consulting, LLC to provide federal advocacy services. The cost to the County is \$70,000. (The term of the contract is August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023.) (C-22-0579)

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

- N. Interlocal agreement with the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services and Lancaster County to provide printing and mailing services (No. W 010. The contract shall be effective upon execution by all parties for a four-year term.) (C-22-0587)

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

- O. Interlocal agreement with the City of Waverly to support the establishment of the City's Aquatic Center through a grant of \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County to the City. (C-22-0588)

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

- P. Access agreement with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) to provide the NRD access to certain portions of Wilderness Park for purposes of performing geotechnical and survey work for a stream stability project at the Wilderness Park Trail Bridge. (C-22-0578)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the agreement. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Yoakum abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

NOTE: Yoakum disclosed the reason for her abstention was due to her husband's membership on the NRD Board of Directors.

- Q. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a contract for Crack Sealing 2022 (Phase II) to Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance in the amount of \$197,550. (Bid 22-160, Project 22-11) (B-22-160)

Dingman presented a map of the areas crack sealing is needed (Exhibit 4).

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

- R. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a contract for fuel tank maintenance and service to Dr Fuel Good in the estimated amount of \$30,000. (Bid 22-173) (B-22-173)

Ed Lahmann, County Engineer Facility Manager, stated the contract is for cleaning the fuel tanks to help insure proper maintenance of larger equipment.

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

- S. Renewal Information Request Form for Fiduciary Liability Coverage with Travelers (related to the Lancaster County, Nebraska Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plans).

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the renewal information request form. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

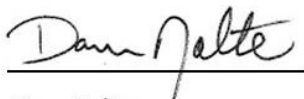
No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2022, 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, August 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., with the Board of Equalization 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 City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTv). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTv, YouTube, Roku and Apple TV.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

