

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021  
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

*Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to media on August 4, 2021, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on August 2, 2021.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

- 1. BUDGET UPDATE; FIFTEEN CENT ALLOCATION; ARPA UPDATE**– Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Fifteen Cent Allocation

Meyer discussed the allocation, including the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) levy restoration and the reduced request from the Raymond Rural Fire District. \$.144 of the allowed \$.15 has been preliminary budgeted which includes the Agricultural Society, RTSD, part of the Public Building Commission (PBC) that does not include bonded debt, the rural libraries and the rural fire districts.

Vest exited the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Meyer stated once the final property valuations are determined, he will be able to finalize the allocation amounts. The fifteen-cent allocation resolution will be presented and adopted at a later date.

Budget Update

Meyer said the budget hearing will be held on August 24, 2021, before the regular Tuesday meeting.

Vest returned to the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Meyer introduced Mikayla Johnson as the new Grant Coordinator for the ARPA funds. Johnson stated she previously worked with the State of Nebraska Behavioral Health Systems.

The Board expressed their excitement about working with Johnson.

Meyer said a plan for ARPA fund use is due by the end of the month.

Kerin Peterson, Facilities and Properties Director, reviewed costs for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Youth Services Center (YSC). She reported there is an opportunity to install a heat recovery system, which would allow for an estimated \$14,000 per year in natural gas costs, and it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The system would cost the County \$376,000 including the installation fee.

Meyer stated he will update the costs in the budget.

There was general discussion on an upcoming press conference regarding ARPA funds including application processes.

## **2. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### **A. Village Meeting**

Derbin reviewed items for a Village meeting agenda, including rural broadband services, property addressing for emergency service efficiency, a Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) update, and radios for emergency responders.

The dates of September 16, 23 and 30 will be sent to the village leadership for their input.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

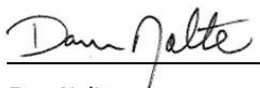
Schorr requested Board input on updated polo shirts.

## **3. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. Flowerday, Yoakum, Schorr, Amundson and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

