

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M.  
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS**

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

Others Present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy 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 the media on August 10, 2022. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on August 8, 2022.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2022**

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

**2. COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW**

The interview for Mark LaKamp, Veterans Service Officer candidate, commenced at 8:37 a.m.

The questions were asked as follows:

- Amundson – “Tell us about a time when you were given a work assignment that was completely new to you.”, “Describe a time you established objectives and a plan that aligned with organizational priorities.”, “What do you know about veterans’ needs?”, “Are you willing to meet with community organizations and government leaders and discuss the Veterans Service Office?” and “How do you deal with people who dissent with you?”
- Yoakum – “Tell us about a time you had to communicate and manage new responsibilities when there was a significant shift in goals for the department.”
- Vest – “Describe a time you worked with multiple groups or people who had different interests.” and “Do you have any concerns of a dramatic change in responsibility?”
- Flowerday – “Tell us about a time you had to communicate something important to someone who did not understand organizational jargon very well.”
- Schorr – “Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in the Veterans Services Officer

position.”, “What would you plan to accomplish on the first day of leading the Veterans Service Office? What would you plan to accomplish in the first six months? The first year?” and “How do you classify your management style?”

The Board fielded questions from the candidate.

Amundson presented LaKamp with a General's coin.

Derbin stated an action item for the County Veterans Service Officer will appear on an upcoming Tuesday agenda.

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

### **A. Justice Council Meeting – Schorr/Vest**

Vest reported there was a Community Corrections department overview, an update on the Gov2Go project to reduce the number of failures to appear in court, a CenterPointe facility video and an Active Bystander Law Enforcement (ABLE) training update. Schorr added there has been a reduction in the number of individuals waiting to be admitted to the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC), which is attributed to recent legislation for per diem rates to be paid to the County by the State for individuals waiting longer than 30 days post commitment order to the LRC.

### **3. BUDGET AND FISCAL UPDATE – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, and Mikayla Johnson, Grant Coordinator, Budget and Fiscal Office**

#### **A. Budget Update**

Meyer stated the budget hearing on August 23 needs to be held at 8:30 a.m. to accommodate other meeting timelines. Resolutions regarding the budget will be on the Board's regular Tuesday meeting on August 23.

#### **B. Fifteen Cent Allocation**

Meyer reviewed the allocations (see agenda packet) noting that bond debts are excluded.

#### **C. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Reports**

Johnson demonstrated the ARPA webpage on the County's website. This year's County budget will include \$40,000 of ARPA funds to be distributed.

There was general discussion on the tourism interlocal contracts between the County and the City of Lincoln.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND LEGAL ADVICE)**  
– Eric Synowicki, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:33 a.m. for the purposes of pending and potential litigation, receiving legal advice, and to protect the public interest.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter Executive Session.

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

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board entering Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:41 a.m. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE**

No updates were given.

**6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**A. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board of Directors Appointment for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2023**

It was the consensus of the Board to wait on an appointment until next year.

**B. NACO Southeast District Meeting scheduled September 8, 2022**

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the staff meeting on September 8. A special staff meeting will be scheduled at a date to be determined.

**C. Insurance Requirements for Promotion Fund Grants**

Derbin said it has been a challenge to get the insurance requirements from some of the grantees. The County Risk Department and County Attorney's Office are agreeable to the Board waiving the insurance requirements if it wishes.

**MOTION:** Yoakum moved and Vest seconded to waive the County insurance requirements for the Promotion Fund grants. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

**A. Justice Council Meeting – Schorr/Vest**

Item moved forward on agenda.

**B. Region V Services Committee Meeting – Yoakum**

No meeting was held.

**C. Region V Systems Governing Board Meeting – Yoakum**

No meeting was held.

**D. Youth Crisis Response Committee – Amundson**

Amundson reported there were discussions on the mental health needs for young teenagers, the implementation of the 988 mental health line, developing a business plan for independent living for 17- and 18-year-olds, and a Family Resource Center. Additionally, September is Suicide Prevention month.

**E. Public Building Commission (PBC) – Amundson/Flowerday**

Flowerday stated rapid garage doors will be installed in the City-County building garage. Amundson added there was also an update on security training and the PBC budget was approved.

**F. Lincoln - Lancaster County Board of Health – Flowerday**

Flowerday said there was discussion on monkey pox and on the department's budget.

**G. Aging Partners Outreach Breakfast – Vest**

Vest indicated he did not attend.

**H. Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Committee – Yoakum**

No meeting was held.

**I. JDAI Collaborative – Amundson/Yoakum**

Amundson relayed the 988 mental health emergency line has 50-60 calls per day. She also noted the Restore program, drug intervention program and Diversion continue to be successful in Lancaster County; however, black youth continue to have more assault referrals than white youth.

**J. Other meetings attended since the last staff meeting**

Gateways for Growth

Yoakum reported the \$15,000 grant awarded by the Gateways for Growth initiative will come to the Board as contracts in the upcoming weeks.

## Sacred Spaces Committee

Flowerday and Schorr stated they attended a meeting at the Indian Center where they reviewed the budget and toured the space for the Sacred Spaces program. Schorr noted a strategic plan for the program has not been completed and there was discussion as to if the program fit with the mission of the Indian Center. The Indian Center is searching for an Executive Director. St. Monica's has been asked if they would like to assist with the program.

## Opioid Settlement Funding

Vest stated he and Schorr met with the Health Department to discuss plans for how to use opioid settlement funds.

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

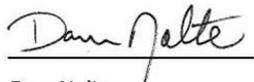
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## **9. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Yoakum moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

