

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 AT 3:00 PM**  
**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 August 23, 2022.*

Commissioners present: Christa Yoakum, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson and Rick Vest

Commissioners absent: Deb Schorr, Chair and Sean Flowerday

Others present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; John Ward, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Leslie Brestel and Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

**1) MINUTES**

**A.** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners budget public hearing held on August 23, 2022.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the minutes. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

**B.** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on August 23, 2022.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the minutes. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

**2) CLAIMS**

**A.** Approval of the claims processed through August 25, 2022.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the claims. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

**3) 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:

1. C-20-0649 with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for wetland delineation, permitting, and related tasks to extend the contract for an additional six (6) months. (There is no change in the total contact price.) (C-22-0663)

2. C-22-0115 with Alfred Benesch & Company for the final design and plan preparation for County Bridges R-184 and S-180. (The amendment adds survey, permitting, temporary diversion channel design and wetlands delineation, and geotechnical lab testing. The additional cost for the amendment is \$15,413.50.) (C-22-0664)

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the consent items. Amundson, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

#### 4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Resolution in the matter of final allocation of levy authority to all political subdivisions subject to Lancaster County levy authority. (R-22-0075)

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, reviewed the resolution and stated once the resolution is approved, it will be distributed to the affected organizations so they can finish the budget process.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the resolution. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Resolution in the matter of recognizing September 2022 as National Preparedness Month. (R-22-0074)

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, stated the resolution provides the opportunity to emphasize the importance of disaster planning and thanked the Board for their support.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the resolution. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- C. Special Designated License application from Seven Diamonds LLC for an event at Hillside Events, 12400 West Denton Road, Denton, Nebraska, on September 17, 2022.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the special designated license application. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- D. Memorandum of understanding with the Firth Rural Fire Board for Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management to use Nebraska Forest Service resources and equipment. There is no additional cost to the County. (C-22-0658)

Davidsaver, stated the Firth Rural Fire Board is willing to sponsor County Emergency Management's use of Nebraska Forest Services resources and equipment when needed.

Alex Olson, Vice-President Firth Rural Fire Board, stated the agreement goes along with the County's investment in preparedness.

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the memorandum of understanding. Amundson, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- E. Grant application from Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management to Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to add three (3) outdoor warning sirens to the existing network of sirens providing coverage to Lancaster County. (The proposed total cost is \$95,376.70. The proposed County share is \$9,537.50. This grant application replaces C-22-0064.) (C-22-0650)

Davidsaver, stated the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has increased the fund match making the County responsible for only 10% of the cost to increase the warning siren network.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the application. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- F. Grant contract with Clyde Malone Community Center for the Welcoming Coordinator program in the amount of \$15,000. (Funding is from the American Immigration Council's Gateways to Growth Challenge Implementation Technical Assistance and Grant for the term of August 15, 2022, through December 31, 2022.) (C-22-0659)

Sarah Hoyle, Human Services Administrator, stated as part of the Welcoming and Belong Plan for the community, a Welcoming Coordinator needs be hired by the Clyde Malone Community Center.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the contract. Vest and Amundson voted yes. Yoakum abstained as her spouse serves on the Malone Center board. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 2-0 with one abstention.

- G. Agreement with Indian Center, Inc. for the County to grant \$19,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for a building assessment to assess the feasibility of a plan to renovate the Indian Center with the purpose of creating transitional living space for women in need of behavioral health treatment. (C-22-0661)

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement. Vest and Amundson voted yes. Yoakum abstained as her spouse serves on the Indian Center board. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 2-0 with one abstention.

- H. Agreement with The Schemmer Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services on Phase III of 2022 Lancaster County Culvert Maintenance. The costs will be paid using the County's American Rescue Plan Act funds and shall not exceed \$203,658.75 (Project 22-30.) (C-22-0660)

Larry Legg, Assistant County Engineer, presented a map and stated the agreement is for the design of the southern half of the culvert maintenance project (Exhibit 1).

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement. Amundson, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- I. Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company for professional engineering services for Phase II of a project to replace fifteen County culverts in Lancaster County, Nebraska. The expenditure for these services shall not exceed \$163,553.11. (Project 22-29. The agreement will expend Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) received from the Treasury, OMB Number 1505-0271, to repair and maintain county culverts in Lancaster County.) (C-22-0662)

Legg presented a map of the northwestern culvert replacement area (Exhibit 2).

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the agreement.

Vest asked if all four cardinal directions are receiving culvert maintenance. Legg stated maintenance is based upon need and after culvert inspections the southwest corner has a higher need than the other areas.

**ROLL CALL:** Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- J. Grant Adjustment Notices from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to increase the sub-grant awards for the following:
  1. \$143,365 to \$144,200.22. (Award No. 21-GA-8732-03) (C-22-0666)
  2. \$9,612.48 to \$38,638.93. (Award No. 21-GA-8732-04) (C-22-0665)

Daidsaver, stated the adjustments are part of the reappropriation of funds under the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency performance grant. Item J-1 pertains to staff salaries and benefits and Item J-2 pertains operating expenses.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the grant adjustments. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

- K. Letter of support for City of Lincoln's grant application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for Wilderness Park tree removal.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the letter of support. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

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

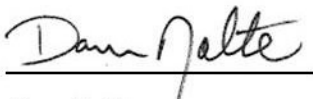
No one appeared for public comment.

6) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will not hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, or a staff meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022, due to lack of a quorum.
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold the following public hearings on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln):
  - 1. Adoption of the Lancaster County Zoning and Subdivision fee Schedules.
  - 2. Amendment of the Lancaster General Assistance Guidelines.
- D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- E. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).
- F. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTv, the City government access channel. LNKTv is available on Allo channel 2, and Spectrum channel 1300. For the rebroadcast schedule visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: LNKTv). Meetings are also streamed live on [LNKTv.lincoln.ne.gov](http://LNKTv.lincoln.ne.gov), [YouTube.com/LNKTvcity](http://YouTube.com/LNKTvcity) and [Facebook.com/lincolnnebraska](http://Facebook.com/lincolnnebraska). In addition, LNKTv apps are available on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 3:23 p.m. Amundson, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

