

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
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 September 9, 2022. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on September 9, 2022.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

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

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

**2. BOARD OF CORRECTIONS – Brad Johnson, Corrections Director**

Separate minutes.

**3. COUNTY BROADBAND UPDATE – Lonnie Burklund and Andrea Gebhart, JEO Consulting Group**

Burklund gave a presentation (see agenda packet). The first deployment focuses on the southwest quadrant of the County while the southeast quadrant will be in the design phase. Community informational meetings will be held on September 14 at the Firth Community Center in Firth, Nebraska from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on September 15 at the Davey Community Center in Davey, Nebraska from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**4. QUARTERLY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER (YSC) UPDATE – Steven Wesley, Director, Youth Services Center**

Wesley stated today's population at the YSC is 29 individuals with one scheduled to be released this afternoon. He felt the maximum population for the YSC as it is currently staffed and operating to be 32 youths. There have been 108 intakes in the past quarter. Youth on Probation account for 58% of

admissions. Intakes have been slightly higher than anticipated, which has resulted in higher than anticipated revenues.

There are currently three vacancies, one team leader and two juvenile detention officers. Recruitment of qualified candidates continues to be a challenge.

Routine recurring weekly meetings as well as disciplinary team meetings for youth have resumed. Additionally, employee trainings have been conducted as well as the introduction of employee recognitions (see agenda packet). The Board expressed they would like an opportunity to recognize the YSC employees.

Partnerships with the Malone Center, the Lighthouse, and Pathfinders as well as an exercise group are being implemented.

Wesley discussed the previous quarter's goals to decrease youth-on-youth assaults and youth-on-staff assaults by 5% each and to have a 10% reduction in use of force scenarios. This quarter, there was a 7% decrease in youth-on-youth assaults and a 4% decrease in youth-on-staff assaults. Additionally, there was a 50% reduction in the use of force scenarios. For the next quarter, goals include a 7% reduction in assaults, a 15% reduction in the use of force as well as adding programming and trainings for the upcoming implementation of the behavior management system.

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

### **C. Chamber Coffee – Amundson/Schorr**

Flowerday reported there were discussions on the County's budget, property taxes, the reduction of the levy, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) tourism grants, the rural broadband project and the reduced enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

Schorr and Flowerday exited the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

### **3. QUARTERLY JUVENILE PROBATION UPDATE – Bev Hoagland, Chief Probation Officer, District #3J Probation Office, State of Nebraska**

Hoagland introduced Martin Jensen, Chief Deputy Probation Officer.

Hoagland stated there are 447 youth on active probation with an additional 150-200 cases pending final court decisions. There are 147 youth on active probation for truancy. She noted there was a significant decrease over the summer months; however, it will increase in the upcoming months. The youth on truancy probation is higher than in previous years. Additionally, 14 youth are in detention. She said there is continued concern about the trends in sex trafficking.

Hoagland reported there are currently three vacancies with another anticipated and two of the open positions are for truancy officers.

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

No updates were given.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Authorization of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to electronically sign and certify the Declaration Claiming Exemption from the EEO Program Utilization Report Submission Requirement.**

Bauer reviewed the program requirements (see agenda packet).

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

## 6. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

- A. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) Board Meeting – Schorr/Vest**

Vest reported the RTSD budget public hearing and adoption of the budget were held. He noted the RTSD has \$19,000,000 available for the North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and Cornhusker Highway project. Also, there is federal funding available for at-grade railroad crossings.

- B. JBC Meeting – Schorr/Yoakum**

Yoakum said a temporary Civil Protect Custody (CPC) recovery pod will open in October. There were also updates from the United Way and on state opioid settlement funds.

- C. Chamber Coffee – Flowerday/Schorr**

Item moved forward on agenda.

- D. Realtors Association Government Affairs Committee – Flowerday/Vest**

Vest stated Lincoln Electric Systems (LES) is having trouble obtaining transformers. There were also discussions on water main readings, the updated flights available from the airport, the County budget, ARPA tourism grants, the RTSD and the rural broadband project.

- E. Region V Services Committee Meeting – Yoakum**

Yoakum said there were discussions on ARPA funding uses, an upcoming symposium and the relocation of the Region V administrative services building as well as a client center. Also, the budget was approved.

- F. Region V Services Committee Meeting – Yoakum**

Yoakum reported Patrick Kriefels was announced as the Interim Executive Director.

- G. Youth Crisis Response Committee – Amundson**

Amundson reported there have been 110-120 youth contacts. There were also discussions on the 988 mental health line, Mental Health Diversion, the Family Resource Center and Suicide Awareness

Month.

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

Yoakum noted there is a storytelling event at the Hub Café on Friday, September 16 correlating with National Welcoming Week.

**7. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

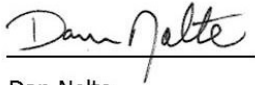
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**8. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. Vest, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

