

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, AT 8:30 A.M.
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 112 – CITY COUNTY CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present: Christa Yoakum, Chair; Sean Flowerday, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson and Matt Schulte

Commissioners Absent: Rick Vest

Others Present: Dave 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 20, 2023. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on September 18, 2023.

Yoakum noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schulte seconded approval of the staff meeting minutes for September 14, 2023. Amundson, Schulte and Yoakum voted yes. Flowerday abstained. Vest was absent. Motion carried 3-0 with 1 abstention.

2. QUARTERLY IS UPDATE – Abby Eccher, Chief Information Officer, Lincoln-Lancaster County Information Services

Eccher stated Information Services (IS) had a third-party security audit which has resulted in better ways to collaborate with customers. Numerous IS staff have attended security trainings and are working to build efficiencies for employee security measures.

Eccher said the final inspection on the southwest quadrant of the broadband project has been completed. Additionally, work on the southeast quadrant is progressing.

Updates on the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and Oracle will be presented at a future staff meeting.

3. WEED AUTHORITY UPDATE – Brent Meyer, Superintendent, Weed Authority

A. NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE SPECIES CONFERENCE IN LINCOLN

Meyer reported the conference will be held October 16-19, 2023 at the Cornhusker Hotel. Tours will be held on October 18.

B. ABANDONED CEMETERIES

Meyer discussed the contracts for maintenance of abandoned cemeteries (see agenda packet). Currently the County pays \$200 per contract. He requested the Board increase those allocations to \$300 per contract.

It was the consensus of the Board for Meyer to work with the County Attorney's Office to amend the current contracts from \$200 to \$300 for future Board action.

4. APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ADVANCING PRETRIAL POLICY AND RESEARCH – Jeff Kilpatrick, Director, Community Corrections

Kilpatrick reviewed the application with Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research (APPR) to reduce the jail population by placing more people into Community Corrections programs (see agenda packet).

Schulte inquired how this group was chosen and what the time commitment is. Kilpatrick answered he has worked with APPR previously. The response from APPR would be due to the County within 45 days from the receipt of the County's application. The research would be conducted over three to six months.

Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, and Pat Condon, County Attorney, said they were supportive of this request. Condon added he would be reluctant to release violent offenders.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Schulte seconded to authorize the submission of the application. Flowerday, Amundson, Schulte and Yoakum voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (LEGAL ADVICE)

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:08 a.m. for the purposes of 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: Schulte, Flowerday, Amundson, and Yoakum voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board to enter Executive Session.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:16 a.m. Amundson, Schulte, Flowerday, and Yoakum voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. TRICOUNTY MEETING DATES: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd (STAFF CONFLICT); OR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

It was the consensus of the Board to meet on November 15.

7. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Schulte reported there was no meeting due to lack of quorum.

B. New Americans Task Force

Yoakum did not attend the meeting.

C. Mutual Aid

Neither Flowerday nor Schulte attended the meeting.

12. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

See agenda.

13. EMERGENCY ITEMS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Amundson, Schulte, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Matt Hansen
Lancaster County Clerk

