

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AT 10:15 A.M.
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS**

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

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 media on September 29, 2021. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on September 27, 2021.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE – Jim Davidsaver, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management

A. Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Workshop on October 19, 2021

Davidsaver reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (see agenda packet).

B. "I am Responding" Notification System

Davidsaver stated the Mutual Aid meetings have had discussion on the "I am Responding" notification system and he gave a presentation on the application (see agenda packet). He added the Emergency Management Department will cover the cost of a five-year contract for the application for use by the rural first responders.

The Board felt the rural agencies will appreciate the offer.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to support the offer of a 5-year contract for the "I am Responding" notification system for use with the Mutual Aid first responders. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, reported the mask mandate has been extended to October 28, 2021. To date, 73.7% of the population age 16 and over is fully vaccinated. 59.5% of the total County population is fully vaccinated. Pfizer has submitted data to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval for COVID-19 vaccines for use in 5 to 11-year-olds.

Pfizer vaccine boosters are available for immunosuppressed individuals and those ages 80 and older. Clinics for boosters for volunteer first responders will be made available next week. Moderna boosters will be available at a later date.

She noted the Health Department has been working with Corrections on mitigating COVID-19 cases within the jail. She is hoping to work with the courts to alleviate the overcrowding in the jail.

2. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Joe Kohout and Brennen Miller, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC

A weekly report was distributed prior to the meeting (Exhibit 1).

Miller noted the Legislature is on final reading today. The Lancaster County senator delegation was included in the report. Miller highlighted Senator Clements will be a new representative for Lancaster County. The updated district maps were also included with the report.

Vest exited the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Kohout said there will be a hearing on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund use next week. A bill in early 2022 will implement the fund use plan. Other items during the next session could include budget adjustments, legislation on corrections relating to building a new penitentiary and possible changes to the inheritance tax.

3. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE** – Jim Davidsaver, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management

A. **Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Workshop on October 19, 2021**

B. **"I am Responding" Notification System**

Items moved forward on agenda.

4. **YOUTH SERVICES CENTER COMMERCIAL CLOTHES WASHER** – Melissa Hood, Interim Director, Youth Services Center

Hood reported the clothes washer needs to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$10,000. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Director, added the funds will be spent from the current budget.

Hood added the use of the clothes washer is included in the rent reimbursement from the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC).

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to authorize Hood to purchase a replacement commercial clothes washer. Yoakum, Flowerday, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

5. COVID-19 UPDATE

Item moved forward on agenda.

6. ACTION ITEM

A. Binding Cyber Liability Coverage

Sue Eckley, Risk Management Director, and Tom Champoux, President and Risk Consultant, UNICO were present.

Eckley said she and David Young, Information Services (IS) Manager, have a meeting set with a potential insurer to discuss possible cyber liability insurance coverage. Champoux added concerns from the insurance company including multifactor authentication (MFA) will be discussed at that meeting. The current cyber liability insurance premium is \$34,100 per year for \$3,000,000 in coverage per year. She felt the premium could triple based on other entities' experiences. If the insurance company offers the cyber liability coverage, Eckley requested Board approval for her to accept the insurance and bind the coverage. If approved, she would bring the coverage back to the Board for ratification. Once the MFAs are in place, a reduction in rate will be requested. Eckley reminded the Board she is working with the City of Lincoln on a joint City-County cyber liability insurance policy.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to authorize Eckley to bind cyber liability insurance coverage with a premium range of \$30,000 to \$100,000. Yoakum, Amundson, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Network Provider Contract with the Regional Behavioral Mental Health Services at the Mental Health Crisis Center. The County shall be reimbursed up to \$1,112,923 for the services. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022

Derbin stated this contract got lost in the DocuSign process (see agenda packet).

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to approve the contract. Amundson, Flowerday, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Vest was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Appointments to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission for terms to expire on 8-24-2027:

1. Maribel Cruz
2. Rich Rodenburg

Derbin said these appointments will be on the upcoming Tuesday's agenda.

B. October 14, 2021, Staff Meeting: Lack of Quorum

The October 14, 2021 staff meeting was canceled. A staff meeting will be scheduled for October 12, 2021 after the Board of Equalization meeting.

C. Employee Annual Recognition Breakfast: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7:30 A.M., at the Cornhusker

Derbin noted the event will recognize 2020 and 2021 recipients.

8. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Human Services Joint Budget Committee – Schorr/Yoakum/Derbin

Yoakum reported there were discussions on non-profit human services applications relating to ARPA funding. Decisions on the ARPA funding distribution will be made in January 2022.

B. Emergency Medical System Oversight Authority Committee Meeting – Flowerday

Flowerday stated the meeting was canceled.

C. Monthly Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and Planning Department – Vest/Schorr/Derbin

Schorr said there were discussions on an upcoming solar power application, soil mining and the Planning Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for task forces.

9. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

Informational only.

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

OTHER BUSINESS

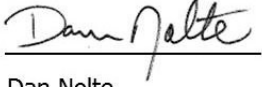
Yoakum indicated she will be out of the office for an extended period of time in October.

Vest returned to the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Flowerday stated he is joining the History Nebraska Board of Trustees and will abstain from any County Board discussion and votes on issues that would conflict with History Nebraska.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. Amundson, Flowerday, Yoakum, Schorr and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

