

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 9:00 AM
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 October 14, 2022.

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on October 11, 2022.

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

B. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program on October 13, 2022.

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

2) CLAIMS

A. Approval of the claims processed through October 18, 2022.

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

B. Claims including billing for goods and services beyond the 90-day time period provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-135:

1. City of Lincoln Information Services dated October 13, 2022, for a total of \$3,699.60. (Batch No. 286199; Document No. 782487-490)
2. The Hub dated October 12, 2022, for a total of \$5,240.98. (Batch No. 286123; Document No. 780916-917)

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

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-21-0785 with Midwest Service and Sales Co. for the annual supply of grader blades. (Bid No. 21-172. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase from November 9, 2022, through November 8, 2023. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$88,250.) (C-22-0817)
2. C-21-0742 with BMI Janitorial Group for cleaning services for County and Public Building Commission offices. (Quote No. 6435. The amendment renews the contract from October 12, 2022, through October 11, 2023. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$18,298.) (C-22-0820)
3. C-21-0750 with Language Line Services Inc., dba Language Line Solutions Inc., for on-demand remote interpreting. (State of New Mexico/NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement 90-000-18-00003AD, MOU105. The amendment renews the contract from November 4, 2022, through November 3, 2023. The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000.) (C-22-0821)
4. C-20-0791 with TruGreen L.P., dba TruGreen Lawn Care, for weed control and fertilization services for County Corrections. (Quote No. 6547. The amendment increases the County's maximum expenditures by \$2,056. The cost to the County with increased expenditures shall not exceed \$8,031.) (C-22-0822)

B. Right-of-way contract with Lee H. Lueking Revocable Trust, North 176th Street and Van Dorn Street, in the amount of \$2,235. (Project No. 23-20 / J-029) (C-22-0823)

C. Received and placed on file the County Attorney quarterly report for July – September 2022.

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

4) PUBLIC HEARING

A. Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 22005 to amend the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to add the Comprehensive Watershed Master Plan. (See correlating item 5A)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Tim Zach, Stormwater Superintendent, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, was administered the oath. He stated Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU), in partnership with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, has created a Comprehensive Watershed Master Plan that would replace the separate watershed plans currently referenced into one complete Comprehensive Plan. The Watershed Master Plan creates consistent priority scoring for projects and assists LTU in assessing water quality across Lincoln. He added the Comprehensive Watershed Master Plan was approved by the Lincoln City Council on October 17, 2022 and the Natural Resources District Board of Directors on September 14, 2022.

Vest inquired about the accomplishments and types of projects the new Comprehensive Watershed Master Plan will achieve. Zach said the proposed Master Plan provides a unified list of prioritized scoring on projects to be implemented when funding becomes available. He added the projects on the list are to reduce flooding, to address streams stability and to improve water quality.

No one appeared to testify in opposition or in a neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Resolution in the matter of Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 22005 to amend the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to add the Comprehensive Watershed Master Plan. (R-22-0103)

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

- B.** Appointment of Bryan Sullivan to the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) for the remainder of the term concluding July 31, 2025.

Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director, gave an overview of Bryan Sullivan's qualifications and work history.

Aaron Stitt, Visitors Promotion Committee Chair, provided background information on the VPC's open seat and what the group was looking for in a new member.

Bryan Sullivan thanked the Commissioners for their support and said he is excited to join the VPC.

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

- C.** Resolution in the matter of setting a public hearing regarding a request to vacate the right-of-way of Southwest 86th Street between West Saltillo Road and West Bennet Road in Lancaster County. (R-22-0102)

John Berry, County Engineering Chief Deputy Surveyor, stated Southwest 86th Street is a dirt road that is between West Saltillo and West Bennet Road. He said to the north of Saltillo Road a section of road has already been vacated.

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

- D.** Resolution in the matter of installing a westbound SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD (S3-1) sign on Saltillo Road approximately 300 ft. west of South 38th Street. (R-22-0104)

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, presented a map of the area (Exhibit 1). She said upon receiving a request for a traffic sign, County Engineering performed a study and she recommended installation of the sign.

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

- E.** Resolution in the matter of removing an existing eastbound CAUTION DRIVE RIGHT sign on Davey Road approximately 2,400 feet west of North 176th Street and replace it with an eastbound SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD sign on the existing sign post or in the same location approximately 2,400 feet west of North 176th Street. (R-22-0106)

Dingman presented a map of the area (Exhibit 2). She said a request for signage was also made at this location. A study was performed by County Engineering and she recommended installation of the sign.

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

- F. Resolution in the matter of authorizing the County Board Chair or Vice Chair to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (Project No. 21-03; BK-2133-001; CN 13473; HSIP-3365(8); 148th and Holdrege Street) (R-22-0105)

Dingman presented a map of the intersection (Exhibit 3) and stated the County has received Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for intersection projects. She said the project funding breakdown is 80% Federal Highway Administration and 20% Lancaster County.

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

- G. Professional Services Agreement Supplemental No. 1 with JEO Consulting Group for Preliminary Engineering Services. The estimated cost is \$103,736.09. (Project No. 21-03; BK-2133; CN 13473; HSIP-3365(8); 148th and Holdrege Street) (C-22-0824)

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

- H. Grant Contract to reimburse Lincoln Children's Museum for promotional costs from the Visitors Promotion Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. (C-22-0818)

Stitt stated the Lincoln Children's Museum plans to renovate the Apple Tree Exhibit to promote orchard marketing. He added the Visitors Promotion Committee approved the grant request at its August meeting.

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

- I. Grant Contract to reimburse Lincoln Veterans Parade Group for promotional costs from the Visitors Promotion Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. (C-22-0819)

Stitt stated this grant request was also approved by the Visitors Promotion Committee at its August meeting.

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

- J. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Sheriff to award a contract to encompass Corporation for Hall of Justice furniture in the amount of \$60,630.63. (B-22-219)

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

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

Bernie Heier, citizen, thanked the Commissioners for their service and addressed concerns about jail funding. He suggested the County issue its own bond for the remainder of the jail cost and revert to charging the City of Lincoln to house its inmates. He estimated this could add millions of dollars in revenue for the County.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

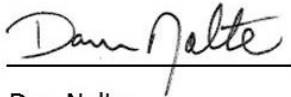
- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).

C. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.

D. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTU (LNKTU.lincoln.ne.gov). LNKTU is available on Allo channel 2 and Spectrum channel 1300. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTU). Meetings are also streamed live on YouTube and Facebook (YouTube.com/LNKTUcity and Facebook.com/lancasterne). LNKTU apps are also available on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV.

8) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 9:27 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

