

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present: Rick Vest, Chair; Deb Schorr, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Christa Yoakum 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 November 8, 2021. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on November 5, 2021.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

**MOTION:** Yoakum moved and Amundson seconded approval of the minutes. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Flowerday abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

**2. BRIEFING ON LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – David Cary, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning**

Cary and Paul Barnes, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan (see agenda packet). Cary noted there is a new Light Industrial growth category. Additionally, the Lancaster Event Center (LEC) has been included in the plan as a public facility.

Vest inquired about the anticipated growth in northeast Lincoln related to a possible solar project. Cary said the proposed area for the solar farm is in the Tier III growth area or beyond the tier structure. The Tier II and Tier III plans account for growth between the years 2070-2080 and 2080-2100, respectively.

Regarding the East Beltway, Flowerday asked what the argument is against building out 148<sup>th</sup> Street. Cary stated the federally required transportation plan already has corridor protection status for the East Beltway. The East Beltway cannot be funded unless significant state or federal funds become available. There would need to be discussions about the investments required to upgrade 148<sup>th</sup> Street as a significant truck route. Vest noted there is a lot of concern from the City of Waverly residents about the traffic into their city.

### **3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

#### **A. Purchasing Agent Hiring**

Derbin stated David Young, City-County Information Services Manager, is using Zelle Human Resources Solutions to recruit a new Purchasing Agent. Sharon Mulder, Assistant Purchasing Agent, will serve as the Interim Purchasing Agent. Schorr added the following departments served on the previous review committee: County Engineer, County Corrections, Public Works, Lincoln Police Department (LPD), Lancaster County Sheriff's Office (LSO) and Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR). In addition to representatives from those departments, Derbin and Young will also serve on the committee.

#### **B. 2021 FSA Committee Ballot**

Derbin reviewed the Farm Service Agency (FSA) ballot (see agenda packet). The item will be on the next staff meeting agenda for further discussion.

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

#### **A. Justice Council Meeting – Vest/Schorr/Derbin**

Schorr stated the following items were discussed: jail population statistics, Zoom options in the courts, the Warrant Amnesty, LB263 (Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction), the 988 mental health line and the Treatment Court.

#### **B. Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Committee – Yoakum**

Yoakum reported the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) Juvenile Justice Institute survey results were discussed.

#### **C. Region V Services Committee Meeting – Yoakum**

Yoakum said there was no quorum for either the Region V Services Committee meeting or the Region V Systems meeting. The Region V cultural assessment was reviewed. Yoakum noted Region V will be contracting with Five Nines Technology for information technology support and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) assessment was completed.

#### **D. Youth Crisis Response Committee – Amundson**

Amundson stated there is an increased number of youths needing services resulting in expanded programming. The United Way is developing a collaboration group against abuse; Lutheran Family Services is opening a child advocacy center and developing a pilot medication management program for youth; and CenterPointe is developing a Mental Health Diversion Program. There were presentations on the 988 mental health line and the My Companion application for youth that will connect to Boys Town resources. An app will be available in mid-November.

**E. LIBA Elected Officials Forum – Schorr/Yoakum**

Schorr reported there were discussions on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, the staffing updates at the Youth Services Center and the Lincoln Police Department, the multi-factor authentication process, the open house for construction on 98<sup>th</sup> Street and the \$2,500,000,000 in federal infrastructure funding designated for the State.

**OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

**Realtor’s Association Meeting**

Amundson stated property taxes, the lodging tax, inheritance tax, Blueprint Nebraska, the possibility of sales tax on services performed, the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) superintendent search and the aircraft pilot shortage were discussed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Schorr reminded the Commissioners to register for the upcoming Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference.

**5. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

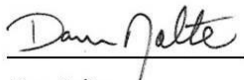
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**6. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 12:31 p.m. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

