

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING – ROOM 112
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING**

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

Commissioners Absent: Roma Amundson

Others Present: Dave Derbin Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Dan Nolte, County Clerk

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 November 16, 2020 and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on November 16, 2020.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2020

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the November 5, 2020 Staff Meeting minutes. Schorr, Vest, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION) – Sue Eckley, Risk Manager; and Kari Wiegert, Risk Management Specialist

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:43 a.m. for the purposes of potential and pending litigation, and to protect the public interest.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: Schorr, Vest, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board entering Executive Session.

MOTION: Vest moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:54 a.m. Schorr, Vest, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

3. HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE – Sara Hoyle, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services

A. DOJ Office of Justice Programs Non-Participating States Grant Award

Hoyle stated the County has received a three-year federal grant of \$380,000 to partner with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Nebraska Crime Commission to bring the Crime Commission back into compliance with the Department of Juvenile Justice programs. The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) will assist with getting data from all Nebraska counties back to the Crime Commission.

Hoyle noted that there is no correlating action item on this meeting agenda as the database used to electronically sign the grants is not working properly. When the database has been fixed, the grant will be available for action.

B. General Assistance Part-Time Staff

Hoyle said the calls for cremations have increased from two per week to 2.4 per day. Additionally, there are more calls for help than can be handled by current full-time staff. She requested to allow the remaining part-time General Assistance staff member to work 30 hours per week through March 2021 to assist with the increased requests.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to approve Hoyle's request.

Schorr and Hoyle noted these calls require a lot of follow up and time.

ROLL CALL: Schorr, Vest, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

4. COVID-19 Update and Response

Flowerday said the COVID death totals are tracked by the County of residence. Because residents from other counties are being brought to the hospitals in Lancaster County, the total number of COVID related deaths is higher than what the statistics are showing. The higher death rate could strain the morgue system.

Derbin added the emergency morgue plans are being reviewed.

5. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. NACO Board of Directors Appointment for a Two-Year Term, Beginning January 1, 2021

The appointment will be moved to a January agenda when committee assignments are determined (see Exhibit 1).

B. Staff Meeting and Holiday Adjournment Dates

The Board reviewed upcoming staff meeting and adjournment dates (Exhibit 2). It was the consensus of the Board to keep the schedule as noted in Exhibit 2.

The elected officials' swearing in ceremony will be on January 12, 2021.

C. Reconfigured Lancaster County 101

Derbin stated a virtual meeting with senators and a limited number of Commissioners will be set for December 8, 2020 with a time to be determined.

D. Joint Meeting with Lancaster County Agricultural Society on November 19th

It was the consensus of the Board to not attend the joint meeting.

E. Recommendation from Pension Review Committee: SECURE Act.

Derbin reviewed the recommendation (see agenda packet).

6. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Lancaster County 2020 Priorities

Ames suggested adding a County employee newsletter as a priority.

7. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Justice Council Meeting – Schorr / Vest

Schorr reported there were discussions on the DUI Court and Diversion Treatment program, how COVID is impacting the jail population, the Public Defender's Office court reminder text message program, the dramatic increase in violent crime, and the juvenile justice system. She added the recent Warrant Amnesty Day was not as successful as hoped.

B. Region V Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting – Yoakum

No report was given. Yoakum said she would make the Region V annual report available to the Board.

C. Region V Behavioral Health Governing Board Meeting – Yoakum

See Item 7B.

D. Lincoln - Lancaster County Board of Health – Flowerday

Flowerday indicated though he did not attend the meeting, the meeting consisted of COVID updates.

E. Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Committee – Yoakum

Yoakum stated the meeting was cancelled.

F. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – Vest

Vest said he did not attend the meeting.

G. JDAI Collaborative Meeting – Amundson / Yoakum

The meeting is scheduled for next week.

H. Realtors Association Government Affairs Committee – Amundson / Flowerday

Flowerday stated he did not attend the meeting.

I. Emergency Medical Oversight Governing Board Meeting – Flowerday

The meeting was cancelled.

J. MPO Officials Committee – Flowerday / Vest

Vest reported safety and accountability plans were approved. He noted a change to the Long-Range Transportation Program was added which was to pave Fletcher Road from South 98th Street to South 148th Street. Additionally, there was discussion about adding voting members from Hickman and Waverly to the Technical Committee.

K. LIBA Elected Officials Forum – Vest

Vest stated he did not attend the meeting.

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

NACO

Schorr said the Southeast District had no officers. Gayle Scott and Amberley Mulberry were elected as the NACO Southeast officers.

NACO Board

Schorr stated the NACO conference has been cancelled, both in person and virtually. The county treasurers' and county assessors' continuing education classes will be handled separately.

Public Building Commission

Flowerday stated the Hall of Justice remodel has one payment remaining.

8. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

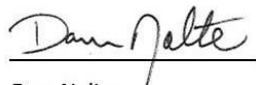
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9. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Schorr, Vest, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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Lancaster County Clerk



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August 6, 2020

Sean Flowerday
Chair, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners:

Please accept this as a reminder that Roma Amundson's term of office on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Association of County Officials will be complete at the end of this calendar year.

The by-laws of the Association state that the Lancaster County Board shall appoint a county board member from your respective board to serve for a two-year period. Commencing January 1, 2021, a new term will begin. Article IV Section 2b states that a NACO board member is eligible to serve three two-year terms. As of December 31, 2020, Roma will have completed her second two-year term and therefore is eligible to remain on the board.

I appreciate the time and effort that Roma has extended on behalf of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. She has been an excellent representative between Lancaster County and the NACO Board and with members across the state. I would hope that she would consider running again.

The appointment to this position on the NACO Board of Directors should take place sometime prior to the January NACO Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Dix
Executive Director

CC: Roma Amundson

Combined Business and Staff Meeting Dates (beginning @ 9am):
December 1st
December 8th
December 15th
Adjourned Meetings:
December 22nd (week of December 20th)
December 29th (week of December 27th)
Post-Adjournment Meetings:
January 5th: Business Meeting
January 7th: Staff Meeting