

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site, emailed to the media and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on November 20, 2020.

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

Others present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk, and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited 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 Tuesday, November 17, 2020.**

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

2) CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of all claims processed through November 24, 2020.**

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, noted there was an amendment to the claims for the payroll ending on November 18, 2020 (Exhibit 1).

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

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Commissioners' Award of Excellence for October, 2020, awarded to Rebecca Hellbusch, Veteran Services, in the category of Productivity.**

The Clerk read the award letter (see agenda packet). Rick Ringlein, County Veterans Services Director, thanked Ms. Hellbusch for her service. He noted her efforts have made work more efficient in the office and for the entire veterans community. Amundson presented Hellbusch with a plaque and a thanked her for her dedication to the veterans she serves.

Hellbusch said she is honored to receive the award and thanked her coworkers and supervisor.

4) **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. **Utility Permit No. 2048 allowing Bluestem Network, LLC to install fiber communication line from Pleasant Dale to Lincoln at no cost to the County. (C-20-0740)**
- B. **Grant Award for State Juvenile Services Programs (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Juvenile Services Program Grant. The term of the grant is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$262,186). (C-20-0741)**
- C. **Right-of-way contracts with Richard D. Schied, North 14th Street and West Waverly Road, in the amount of \$4,618. (2 contracts) (C-20-0742, C-20-0743)**

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

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution in the matter of rescinding Lancaster County Resolution No, R-3825 providing for the involuntary servitude of inmates at the Lancaster County Jail. (R-20-0078)**

Jen Holloway, Deputy Lancaster County Attorney, said R-3825 is resolution from 1983 that will need to be rescinded as it references involuntary servitude which violates new State law.

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

- B. **Resolution in the matter of authorizing the County Clerk to issue payments while the County Board is adjourned. (R-20-0079)**

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

- C. **Prudential Directive to adopt the following optional provisions for the Lancaster County, NE 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan # 0006372, 457(b) Plan) effective January 1, 2021:**

- 1. **Qualified birth or adoption distributions (“QBADs”) (SECURE Act § 113); and**
- 2. **In-service pension distributions at age 59½ (BAMA Act § 103).**

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the Prudential Directives to adopt the optional provisions. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. **Recommendation by the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award a contract to JJK Construction (Bid No. 20-203), for the replacement of County Bridge F-88 in the total amount of \$1,666,284.27. (B-20-0203)**

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said Bridge F-88 is structurally deficient, has a sufficiency rating less than 50 and is scour susceptible (Exhibit 2). She noted there will be a reimbursement of about \$150,000 as it is located in the wetlands.

In response to Vest's question, Dingman said the life expectancy of the reconstructed bridge is 100 years.

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

- E. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award and execute a Purchase Order to Omaha Truck Center Inc., for two 2021 14' Dump Trucks (using State of Nebraska contract 14515 OC) in the total amount of \$381,140. (C-20-0736)**

Dingman said this will continue the replacement of the Engineering Department's aged fleet and will now provide 14 trucks that have modern technology.

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

- F. Recommendations from the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to award and execute Purchase Orders to the following (using University of Nebraska Contract UNL – 3124-20-2510 Addendum 2):**

- 1. Husker Auto Group for two 2021 Chevy 1500 Extended Cab, 4-Wheel Drive Pick-ups in the total amount of \$51,598. (C-20-0737)**
- 2. Gregg Young Chevrolet, Inc., for one 2021 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab, 4-Wheel Drive Pick-up in the total amount of \$32,270. (C-20-0738)**
- 3. Gene Steffy Chrysler Jeep for one 2021 Dodge Ram 3500 Tradesman 1 Ton 4-Wheel Drive Pick-up in the total amount of \$42,833. (C-20-0739)**

Dingman said these trucks are in the approved budget. She noted several of the existing trucks have more than 150,000 miles.

Schorr asked about the need to purchasing four trucks in one year. Dingman said the last two years there have been four trucks purchased in an effort to modernize the fleet. She noted these trucks are bid in conjunction with the Purchasing Department and uses the University contract.

Vest and Schorr expressed concern regarding the number of vehicles being purchased.

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

- G. Contract with Ramoncito Ocampo to provide psychiatrist services at the Mental Health Crisis Center for the period of November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. The cost to the County is \$800 per 24-hour coverage period. (C-20-0744)**

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

6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE:

No discussion was held.

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

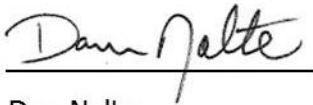
No one appeared for public comment.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 immediately following the regular Board of Commissioners meeting 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, December 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.
- 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 LNKTV City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVcity).

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:22 a.m. Amundson, Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

