

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING)
THE COUNTY CLERK TO ISSUE)
PAYMENTS IN THE EVENT THE)
COUNTY BOARD MUST ADJOURN)
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19)
PANDEMIC)**

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-0017

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska (“the Board”) declared a local emergency was occurring in Lancaster County as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic under County Declaration No. D-20-0001;

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, “adjournment” means a period of up to sixty (60) days when the Board cannot hold a regular, special, or called meeting;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 provides that the power of a county as a body corporate or politic shall be exercised by a county board;

WHEREAS, the Board is the governing board of Lancaster County;

WHEREAS, in the event the Board cannot hold a regular, special, or called meeting and must adjourn in response to COVID-19, the Board wishes to authorize the Chair, Vice Chair, or other Commissioner of the Board, as provided herein, to issue a statement of adjournment for purposes of this Resolution when the Chair, Vice Chair, or other Commissioner of the Board, as the case may be, finds that adjournment is necessary due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, certain financial obligations of Lancaster County must be able to be met during any period the Board may be adjourned; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to authorize the Lancaster County Clerk (“Clerk”) to make payments, as provided herein, during any period of adjournment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Chair of the Board shall be authorized to issue a statement of adjournment stating the Board

shall be adjourned for a period of up to sixty (60) days if the Board cannot meet due to COVID-19. If, after reasonable attempts to contact the Chair of the Board have failed, then the Vice Chair of the Board shall be authorized to act in lieu of the Chair of the Board for purposes of this Paragraph. If after reasonable attempts to contact both the Chair of the Board and the Vice Chair of the Board have failed, then any Commissioner of the Board shall be authorized to act in lieu of the Chair of the board for purposes of this Paragraph.

2. The Clerk shall publish the dates of any adjournment implemented pursuant to this Resolution in a legal newspaper of the County once a week for one (1) week.
3. During any such period the Board is adjourned, the Clerk is hereby authorized to make the following payments, subject to ratification by the Board:
 - a) Payroll and related employee reimbursements;
 - b) Monthly rent checks and utilities;
 - c) All General Assistance payments;
 - d) Payments with reference to written contracts that Lancaster County has entered into prior to this date for county projects and for which payment would fall due during the period the Board is adjourned; and
 - e) Issuance of drafts for any other installment authorizations which have been contracted for or provided for by resolution of the Board, which resolution or contract was prior to this date but would fall due during the period in which this Board is adjourned.
4. All payments issued by the Clerk during the period the Board is adjourned shall be considered for ratification by the Board at the next regular, special, or called meeting following the adjournment;
5. In the event the Board cannot reconvene due to COVID-19 after the conclusion of the period stated in the original statement of adjournment, or after the conclusion of the period stated in any additional statement of adjournment, the Chair of the Board shall be authorized to issue an

additional statement of adjournment stating the Board shall be adjourned for an additional period of up to sixty (60) days if the Board cannot meet due to COVID-19. If, after reasonable attempts to contact the Chair of the Board have failed, then the Vice Chair of the Board shall be authorized to act in lieu of the Chair of the Board for purposes of this Paragraph. If after reasonable attempts to contact both the Chair of the Board and the Vice Chair of the Board have failed, then any Commissioner of the Board shall be authorized to act in lieu of the Chair of the board for purposes of this Paragraph.

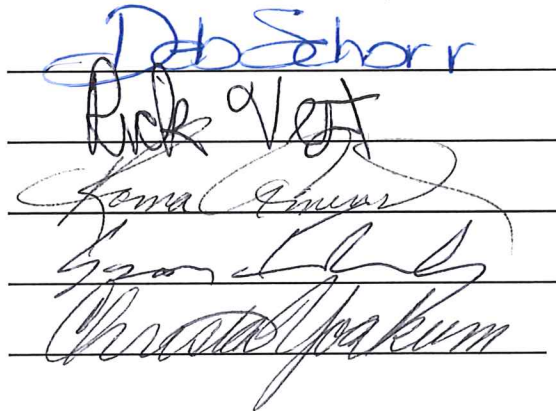
DATED this 24 day of March, 2020.

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this 24 day of
March, 2020.



For Pat Condon
County Attorney



The block contains five handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures are: 1. 'Deb Schorr', 2. 'Rick Vest', 3. 'Kenna...', 4. 'G...', and 5. 'Christa...'. The signatures are written in a cursive style.