

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING)
LANCASTER COUNTY RESOLUTION)
NUMBER R-3825, TO PROVIDE FOR THE) RESOLUTION NO. R-20-0078
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE OF INMATES)
AT LANCASTER COUNTY JAIL)

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1983, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 29-2208, 29-2414, & 29-2415, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners (County Board), passed County Resolution No. R-3825 to provide for the involuntary servitude of inmates at the Lancaster County Jail (Jail);

WHEREAS, the statutes relied upon by the County Board in enacting County Resolution No. R-3825 are no longer valid, as they relate to involuntary labor performed by inmates at the Jail. In 2014, L.B. 907 removed the language pertaining to “hard labor” for inmates from Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-2208. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-2414 & 29-2415 have been superseded by an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution which was approved by the Nebraska voters on November 3, 2020, which prohibited involuntary servitude for all persons, including inmates, in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County Board desires to rescind County Resolution No. R-3825 as it conflicts with the Nebraska Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners that County Resolution No. R-3825, directing the Lancaster County Department of Corrections providing for the involuntary servitude of inmates at the Lancaster County Jail is hereby rescinded.

DATED this 24th day of November 2020.

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER
COUNTY, NEBRASKA

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this 24th day of November 2020.


for PAT CONDON
County Attorney










