

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 112 – CITY/COUNTY CHAMBERS
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska web site and provided to the media on September 2, 2020.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 25, 2020

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Schorr seconded approval of the August 25, 2020 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE RETREAT MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2020

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the August 27, 2020 Legislative Retreat Meeting minutes. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. DISCUSSION OF HEARING AND RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500,000 OF REVENUE BONDS (EASTMONT LIVING PROJECT) FOR THE BENEFIT OF EASTMONT LIVING, TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AND TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EASTMONT CAMPUS – Colleen Duncan and Mike Rogers, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.; and Andrew Fisher, Executive Director, Eastmont Living.

Duncan stated Eastmont Living would use tax exempt bonds for improvements to their campus using the County as conduit financing as prescribed by federal tax laws. The County would issue the bonds and loan the proceeds to Eastmont. The bonds include both a refinancing of current bonds and additional funds for construction of a new project. Fisher added Eastmont has a master plan to add additional apartments and amenities to the campus. Construction will begin next spring.

A hearing is required by federal tax law to allow the public to provide comment on proposed bonds and the project.

The resolution would authorize the County to enter the financing, the agreement and the indenture and closing documentation (see agenda packet). Additionally, bond holders cannot look to the County to recover costs.

Duncan said the County issued bonds in 2015 and loaned the proceeds to Tabitha.

Derbin stated Gilmore and Bell P.C. will take care of all publication notices.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Tour of Lincoln Sports Foundation Complex

A September date for the tour has yet to be determined.

DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Lancaster County 2020 Priorities

Ames said she received templates for a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding strategic planning.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency – Flowerday / Vest

Vest stated the bond payment resolution was approved.

B. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Collaborative Meeting – Amundson / Yoakum

Yoakum said discussions included providing services during COVID, a racial and ethnic disparity study, an upcoming virtual JDAI conference, and the comprehensive plan.

C. Chamber Coffee – Flowerday

Flowerday said he reported on the County's budget process, the census, the South Beltway and Victory Park projects.

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

Public Safety Oversight Task Force

Schorr stated the task force oversaw the spending of the \$.0025 sales tax that was used for public safety issues. The funds were used to construct four new fire stations and update the radio station communications center. A recommendation will be made to the Mayor to use excess funds for generators, fencing, and new radio upgrades, if applicable. Additionally, the task force was disbanded.

COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

No updates were given.

BREAK

The meeting was recessed at 8:51 a.m. and reconvened at 9:03 a.m.

4. ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING (SEE ACTION ITEM 6A) – Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney

Todd Duncan, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was also present.

Holloway reviewed the contract (see agenda packet). She stated the original contract with a hotel in the Haymarket has ended. No County employees have needed to use the housing.

5. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Item moved forward on agenda.

6. ACTION ITEM

- A. Agreement with Commercial Investment Properties Co. d/b/a Staybridge Suites – Lincoln, I-80, for alternative housing for essential employees of the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office, the Lancaster County Department of Corrections, and the Lancaster County Youth Services Center at the Staybridge I-80 location. Cost to the County will be \$65 per night, per employee utilizing the housing.**

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

Duncan thanked the Board for their support and leadership. The Board thanked Duncan for his service to the community in advance of him leaving County employment.

7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Tour of Lincoln Sports Foundation Complex

Item moved forward on agenda.

8. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Lancaster County 2020 Priorities

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9. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

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- B. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Collaborative Meeting – Amundson / Yoakum**
- C. Chamber Coffee – Flowerday**

Items moved forward on agenda.

10. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

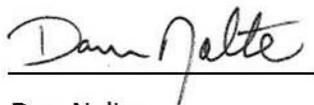
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11. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 9:06 a.m. Amundson, Schorr, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

