

**MINUTES  
CITY-COUNTY COMMON  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015  
9:00 A.M.**

Present: County Commissioner Deb Schorr, Chair; City Council Member Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Bill Avery, and Larry Hudkins, County Commissioners; Jon Camp, Roy Christensen, Carl Eskridge, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Cyndi Lamm and Jane Raybould, City Council Members

Absent: Todd Wiltgen, County Commissioner; and Mayor Chris Beutler

Others Present: Tory Carkoski, County Clerk's Office; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director and Pat Leach, Library Director

*Advance public notice of the City-County Common Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and on the Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska, web sites.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Per direction of the Chair, roll call attendance was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. APPROVAL OF COMMON MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2015**

**MOTION:** Christensen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the May 4, 2015 minutes. Hudkins, Amundson, Camp, Christensen, Gaylor Baird, Eskridge, Lamm, Fellers, and Schorr voted aye. Raybould abstained from voting. Avery, Wiltgen and Beutler were absent from voting. Motion carried 9-0 with one abstention.

Avery arrived at 9:07 A.M.

**2. 911/RADIO SYSTEM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) UPDATE - Tom Casady, Public Safety Director**

Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, gave an update on the 911/radio system request for proposal (RFP). He said the City of Lincoln approved a .025% City sales tax increase which will fund two projects - the replacement of the City's emergency radio system and the construction of four fire stations (one will be a joint fire/police station). It was noted the sales tax, which goes into effect on October 1, 2015, is expected to generate about \$12,000,000 annually.

Casady said the 911/radio system RFP was released this summer with responses due mid-October. The process usually takes 18-24 months from the time a vendor is selected to project completion. Casady said a broad base committee of users will evaluate the proposals later this year.

**3. HUMAN SERVICES JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (JBC) OVERVIEW - Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director**

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, provided a summary of Joint Budget Committee (JBC) Programs (Exhibit A). She explained that the JBC is made up of two City Council members, two County Board members, Kerry Eagan, County Chief Administrative Officer, and Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office. The JBC meets every six weeks to review agency funding. Hoyle stated the JBC partners with United Way who screens the applications and provides a brief agency summary for the JBC's consideration. She said programs are divided into five different categories: behavioral health, food, shelter, victim safety and system improvement. It was noted that JBC agencies serve over 50,000 individuals a year.

Eskridge inquired about recent poverty trends. Hoyle said mental health has seen a lot of change recently and the majority of the JBC money (almost 50%) is used to fund such programs.

Raybould questioned which programs have been implemented at the County Jail. Hoyle said their programs include the General Educational Development (GED) tests, food handler permits and parenting classes (through Christian Heritage).

Hoyle noted the JBC, in collaboration with the local United Way, is unique to Lincoln and the surrounding area.

**4. COUNTY LIAISON TO LIBRARY BOARD - Pat Leach, Library Director; Herb Freeman, Library Board President and Donna Marvin, Library Board Vice President**

Schorr said she asked Pat Leach, Director of the Lincoln City Libraries, to attend today's meeting to discuss the possibility of having a County liaison on the Library Board.

Leach gave a brief overview of the Library Board's responsibilities. She noted the Library is a City Department with various functions outlined in the Lincoln Municipal Code. Library Board Members serve 7-year terms and must be residents of Lincoln and reside in the city limits. It was noted the Library Director answers to both the Mayor and the Library Board.

Leach pointed out that the Library does serve Lancaster County and areas outside the City of Lincoln through an interlocal agreement whereby the County provides \$800,000 annually. Earlier this year, she said the Library Board started discussing the idea of having a County Liaison on the Library Board. She said it appeared that it will not take a change in the Lincoln Municipal Code, but rather a change in the Library Board By-Laws in order for this to happen.

Raybould asked about the appointment process for this member. Leach said the application process and seven-year term would parallel the current Library Board members. The Library Board would accept and review all applications before forwarding them to the County Board for formal consideration.

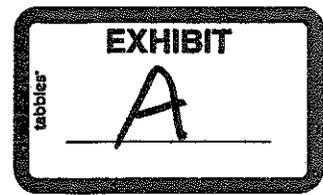
**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Raybould seconded to show intent to approve a County Liaison in conjunction with the City of Lincoln's Library Board. Amundson, Hudkins, Avery, Camp, Christensen, Lamm, Raybould, Eskridge, Gaylor Baird, Fellers and Schorr voted aye. Wiltgen and Beutler were absent from voting. Motion carried 11-0.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 A.M. Hudkins, Avery, Amundson, Camp, Christensen, Lamm, Raybould, Eskridge, Gaylor Baird, Fellers and Schorr voted aye. Wiltgen and Beutler were absent from voting. Motion Carried 11-0.

Submitted by Tory Carkoski, County Clerk's Office

Summary of JBC Programs



*Behavioral Health*

CenterPointe, Inc.	Community Support	Support services and case management for homeless or at risk of homelessness individuals
CenterPointe, Inc.	Day Rehabilitation	Services to individuals in the day treatment program
CenterPointe, Inc.	Medication Management	Medication monitoring and assists in accessing medication assistance
CenterPointe, Inc.	Out Patient	Screening, assessment, therapy, prevention, educational groups, discharge planning, 24 hr emergency access
Houses of Hope of Nebraska, Inc.	Halfway House program	Provide transitional residential substance abuse treatment for adult male who are in need of structured environment and recovery supports to successfully re-establish themselves within the community
Lincoln Medical Education Partnership	Stepping Stones	Dually credentialed therapists provide alcohol and drug evaluations, interim services for those on waiting lists, outpatient counseling, relapse prevention, case management, and family advocates
St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women	Intensive Outpatient	Gender specific addiction and mental health tx services. Services for family is also included.
Family Service Association of Lincoln	Behavioral Health program	Provides therapy and family support services to children (and their families) who are dealing with life stressors. Services are provided at school
Child Guidance	Out Patient	Provides individual, family, group, & therapeutic services to children

*Food*

Asian Center	Family Resource Program	English language proficiency, citizenship & employment, case management and document translation for diverse population
Center for People in Need	Neighborhood Food	Distribute food and resources at four locations in Lincoln weekly
Good Neighbor Community Center	Food Pantry & Perishable Food Program	Provides non-perishable food items in a "shopper's choice" once every 30 days and perishable food items 2x a week or on an emergency basis
Matt Talbot	Hunger Relief & Nutrition	Provides 2 on-site meals and emergency food pantries. Also provides nutrition education and cooking classes for adults and children
Salvation Army	Food Security	Food pantry, perishable food distribution, winter night watch, kids café, and summer feeding program

*Shelter*

Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders County	Basic and Emergency Needs Services	Supports Homeless Voucher, Representative Payee, and Tenant Support Services programs.
Fresh Start .	Transitional Shelter Services program	Provides transitional shelter for homeless women where all their basic needs are met along with case management, referrals, and support to help the women become self-sufficient when they leave
Good Neighbor Community Center	Basic Needs	Provides clothing, household items, personal care hygiene products, holiday gifts, rent/utility assistance, and diapers
League of Human Dignity, Inc.	Barrier Removal program	Provides grants to remove or modify barriers in homes for increased mobility outside of city limits
League of Human Dignity, Inc.	Lincoln Center for Independent Living	Case management, independent living skills training, and advocates
Matt Talbot	Homeless Prevention	Case management, transitional housing, life skills, and Homeless Identification Project. Also provides Substance Abuse services
People's City Mission	Family Shelter program	Provides shelter, food, clothing, casework, and referrals and related assistance to enable homeless women and families to move into permanent housing, with the skills and resources necessary to maintain that housing
Salvation Army	Utility Assistance	Emergency utility assistance

*Victim Safety*

Family Violence Council	Family Violence Council Planning program	Stopping abuse and violence by serving as the primary planning entity in the community
CASA	CASA	Volunteers support and advocate for children in juvenile court
el Centro	Mujeres en Confianza	Outreach and case management referral program for Latina women and their children who have experienced domestic violence
Friendship Home	Emergency Shelter program	Provides emergency shelter and supportive services 24-hours a day, every day of the year to women and children fleeing violence in their homes
Legal Aid	Domestic Violence Project	Provides legal assistance to domestic violence victims
St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women	Project Mother & Child	Residential program for chemically dependent or dually diagnosed pregnant women and women with children under the age of 12
Voices of Hope	Crisis Intervention and Advocacy program	Provides crisis intervention and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual trauma, and their families

*Systems Improvement*

Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Federation	Community Services Initiative	Provides an integrated process for ongoing planning and implementation for human services in our community
United Way of Lincoln	Service Point - Food Distribution Software	Assists food distribution agencies with access to Service Point, and providing a web-based software for online grant applications, evaluations and reporting
Community Action Partnership of Lancaster & Saunders Counties	LanguageLinc	Provides interpretation services