

September 25, 2025
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MINUTES
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
LANCASTER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

**SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER FAIRGROUNDS
Lancaster Room
4100 NORTH 84TH STREET, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

The annual budget hearing of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency in the State of Nebraska (the "JPA"), was held at the Sandhills Global Event Center, 4100 North 84th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the attendance of the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice. Each Board Member was previously furnished with advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were had and taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The following Board Members were present: Kendra Ronnau, Chelsea Johnson, Lynn Hagan, Ron Suing and Rick Vest.

Others present: Sandhills Global Event Center staff: Ron Bohaty, Cassie Roeber, Jason Rief, and Kim Bowen, Ag Society members: John Cooper and Ron Dowding, and Ryan Burger with GBE, CPA, PC.

A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened at 6:05 p.m. the following proceedings were had and done.

Chair Ronnau advised the public where the current copy of the Open Meetings Act was located within the room for the public's inspection or examination.

The 2025-26 Annual Budget for the Lancaster County Fairgrounds JPA was reviewed by Burger.

The state budget form shows \$689,000 will be required in personal & real property tax to service the annual payment of the remaining \$5,400,696 in bonds and interest held by the JPA as of December 1, 2025. As a reminder, from the beginning since the bonds were issued there is sufficient extra balance in the county treasurer JPA fund to cover one year of bond payments in advance -- as the large bond payment is due annually only 15 days into the fiscal year -- so it is necessary to allow for a balance carryover.

Chair Ronnau asked if anyone in attendance wanted to testify in support, against or neutral on the annual JPA budget. There were no comments.

Hagan made the motion to approve the proposed Lancaster County Fairgrounds JPA annual budget for 2025-26. The motion was seconded by Vest. The budget was voted by roll call vote and approved 5-0.

No public communications.

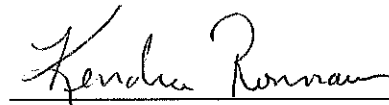
Move to adjourn made by Suing and seconded by Vest. Motion carried by 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 25th day of September, 2025.

Submitted by the

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA



Kendra Ronnau, Chair



Ron Suing, Secretary

EXHIBIT A
2025-26 ANNUAL BUDGET
(begins on the following page)