September 17, 2026
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 September 17, 2026 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, Ron Suing, Chelsea Johnson and Rick Vest. Hagan is absent.

Others present: Laura Hardesty from the Lancaster County Ag Society. Ron Bohaty and Sara Juengel with the Sandhills Global Event Center. Ryan Burger was present from GBE to present the audit.

A quorum being present and the meeting duly convened at 6:00 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 2026-27 Annual Budget for the Lancaster County Fairgrounds JPA was reviewed.

The state budget form shows $691,473.75 will be required in personal & real property tax to service the annual payment of the remaining $4,709,441.25 in bonds and interest held by the JPA as of December 1, 2026. 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 do 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.

Vest made the motion to approve the proposed Lancaster County Fairgrounds JPA annual budget for 2026-27. The motion was seconded by Johnson. The budget was voted by roll call vote and approved 4-0.

No public communications.

Move to adjourn made by Suing and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried by 4-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 17th day of September, 2026.

Submitted by the

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Kendra Ronnau, Chair

Ron Suing, Secretary

EXHIBIT A
2026-27 ANNUAL BUDGET
(begins on the following page)