

**Community Services Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska**

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. in Room 903 of the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68183. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the August 19, 2015 issue of The Daily Record. County Commissioners present at the beginning of the meeting were Mary Ann Borgeson, Mike Boyle, Clare Duda, PJ Morgan, and Chris Rodgers. Others present at the beginning of the meeting were Diane Carlson, Catherine Hall, Joe Lorenz, and Karen Cole of Administration; Kent Holm of Environmental Services; Shakil Malik of the County Attorney's office; Dan Esch of the Clerk/Comptroller's office; Bev Traub of the League of Women Voters; Scott Olander, Chris Chappellear, and Eddie Biver of the Douglas County Fair Board (Fair Board); and Rita Staley, volunteer for the Douglas County Fair (County Fair). Commissioner Borgeson conducted the meeting.

2) Proposed interlocal agreement for building permits/inspections services between Village of Waterloo and Douglas County.

This item was taken up first. Patrick Bloomingdale of Administration entered the meeting during this item. Speaking to this item were Mr. Holm, Commissioner Borgeson, Commissioner Duda, and Commissioner Boyle. Highlights from the discussion included the following:

- Mr. Holm said a few months ago the Village of Waterloo expressed interest in the County assimilating their building permits and inspections services.
 - Mr. Holm said it would be similar to what the County does for the City of Bennington.
- Mr. Holm said an interlocal agreement has been drafted and it has been reviewed by the County's legal counsel, and it will be brought to the County Board for consideration.
 - Mr. Holm said the Village of Waterloo has signed off on it.
- Mr. Holm said it is a minor number of building permits, but it will provide some revenue.

3) Proposed part-time position of "Stormwater Assistant" to implement stormwater permit requirements.

Mr. Holm spoke to the item. Highlights included the following:

- Mr. Holm said building inspectors have been doing stormwater related inspections, but it's gotten to the point where that isn't going to be feasible anymore.
 - Mr. Holm said there are building and permit inspections happening in the area of solid waste management that are taking up more time.
- Mr. Holm said Environmental Services would like to use some of its stormwater grant money from the State to fund a part-time position.
 - Mr. Holm said this position would help implement things related to stormwater permit requirements.
- Mr. Holm said from a safety standpoint, Environmental Services might also hire a temporary employee to assist with outfall inspections.
 - Mr. Holm said some of the outfalls are on steep slopes.

- Kevin Kock of the AKSARBEN Foundation (AKSARBEN) entered the meeting during this item.

1) Fair Board discussion.

This item was taken up after Item 3. Speaking to this item were Commissioner Borgeson, Mr. Kock, Mr. Olander, Commissioner Rodgers, Commissioner Boyle, Mr. Malik, Mr. Chappellear, Mr. Lorenz, Mr. Bloomingdale, Ms. Carlson, Commissioner Duda, and Ms. Hall. Highlights from the discussion included the following:

- Commissioner Borgeson gave some background information on the issue.
 - The Fair Board was set up as an advisory board to River City Roundup.
 - Mr. Kock said the River City Roundup is now the AKSARBEN Stock Show and Rodeo.
 - The Fair Board wanted to build up the County Fair more than it has in the past, so the Fair Board took on two events, one of which is a high school rodeo.
 - AKSARBEN no longer wants to be involved with the high school rodeo, but the Fair Board has moved ahead with the event.
 - Since the Fair Board is moving ahead with event, checks are being made out to the Fair Board, but there is no mechanism in place for the Fair Board to cash those checks.
 - For the Fair Board to continue to do the high school rodeo, they need a mechanism in which payment can be made.
- Mr. Olander said the high school rodeo started two years ago at the CenturyLink Center, but this year AKSARBEN decided not to hold it.
 - Mr. Kock said the contract with MECA along with input from an advisory committee are the reasons why AKSARBEN is not holding the high school rodeo.
 - Mr. Kock said because of a change in AKSARBEN's contract at MECA, it was going to cost \$80,000 to administer a high school rodeo.
 - Mr. Olander said this year the high school rodeo is being held at Chance Ridge.
 - Mr. Kock said he brought up the suggestion of AKSARBEN still doing the high school rodeo and having it at Chance Ridge, but the advisory committee didn't want to.
- Mr. Kock said there are a multitude of challenges, but the biggest issue is fiduciary rights and responsibilities.
 - Mr. Kock said the Fair Board has no fiduciary rights or responsibilities to administer any funds that happen for the Douglas County Fair.
 - Mr. Kock said AKSARBEN has an obligation to contract with the County, which happens to be \$85,933 for this year, to administer the Douglas County Fair.
 - Mr. Kock said historically the funds for the County Fair have come to AKSARBEN.
 - AKSARBEN provides charitable contribution letters and end of year tax information.
 - Mr. Kock said there are funds coming in being made out to the County Fair.
 - Mr. Kock said there are Fair Board members and non-Fair Board members obligating funds for the high school rodeo.
 - Mr. Kock said none of these have been approved by AKSARBEN.

4) Comprehensive Development Plan update.

This item was taken up after Item 1. Speaking to this item were Mr. Holm, Commissioner Duda, and Commissioner Borgeson. Highlights from the discussion included the following:

- Mr. Holm said the comprehensive plan was last updated in 2006.
- Mr. Holm said there will be an in-house review to see what types of things need to be updated, and then he anticipates there being an RFP for a consultant to assist in the update process.
 - Mr. Holm said it's going to be very targeted because he doesn't feel there a lot of things "broken" in the plan.
 - Mr. Holm said himself, Doug Cook (Planning & Zoning Coordinator), and Commissioner Kraft are going to look at this in the coming weeks.
- Mr. Holm said there will be an opportunity for public input.

5) Building code updates.

Mr. Holm spoke to this item. Highlights included the following:

- Mr. Holm said there will be a number of building code updates in front of the Planning Commission, and then those will come to the County Board.
- Mr. Holm said the Planning Commission will be asked to recommend the adoption of:
 - A floodplain development permit application fee, which will help cover the costs associated with that.
 - A commercial and industrial electrical permit fee schedule to help recoup the costs for the additional inspections that come with commercial and industrial electrical permits.
- Mr. Holm said these will probably be in front of the County Board in the next month and a half.

6) State Street Landfill Post Closure Permit Application.

Speaking to this item were Mr. Holm and Commissioner Duda. Highlights from the discussion included the following:

- Mr. Holm said by statute the County has to do a new application on a post closure permit every ten years.
 - Mr. Holm said Environmental Services is hopeful that this will be the last time the County has to do this.

7) Department project updates.

Mr. Holm spoke to this item. Highlights included the following:

- Mr. Holm said there is a potential educational outreach opportunity with Millard Public Schools.
 - Mr. Holm said he will be having a conversation with Mike Schonlau of GIS, and a company from Lincoln that helped the County with a stormwater-related app, to talk about digital tools students could use to learn more about stormwater-related activities.
 - Mr. Holm said Millard Public Schools is interested in using those tools in a design and problem-solving manner.

- Mr. Holm said this would help provide education about stormwater, and it would satisfy the County's permit requirements of education and outreach.

8) Other business.

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.