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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA
2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES**

STANDING SHARED-SUPPORT ITEMS

1. Support criminal justice reform, address rising jail costs, and mitigate the fiscal impact to county jails as of result of LB605 (104th).
2. Eliminate unfunded/underfunded mandates on Counties by the State; examples: eliminate the responsibility of counties to pay HHS office space(s) [prev. proposed LB61-Bolz, 104th] and Probation office space(s) [prev. proposed LB427-Groene, 104th].
3. Counties to share proportionally in the automotive sales tax revenue collected by County Treasurers [prev. proposed LB391-Crawford, 104th].
4. Support a legislative initiative to revise 'Revenue and Taxation' sections §§77-201 through 77-212, or appropriate section, to revise the "Greenbelt designation" exemption provisions to more clearly define what types of property should qualify for 'Greenbelt' and to narrow the definition of 'Greenbelt'.

POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

1. *SUPPORT* a legislative effort to update and modernize the County Purchasing Act (§§23-3101 to 23-3115) to increase the bid thresholds in the Act; new thresholds of \$10,000 for 'departmental/no bids' and \$50,000 for 'competitive bids'.
2. *OPPOSE* legislative bill LB510 (Ebke) which will *Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions* [LB510-Ebke, 105th]
3. *OPPOSE* legislative bill LB570 (Friesen) which will *Provide a property tax exemption for all tangible personal property*, exempting all tangible personal property from property tax beginning January 1, 2019. [LB570-Friesen, 105th]

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4. *SUPPORT an initiative to revise section(s) §2-224, or appropriate section, to allow County Fair Board members to serve 'at-large', rather than being bound that not more than two members of a County Fair Board be residents of the same township, village, precinct, or city at the time of appointment to a fair board.*
5. *SUPPORT an initiative to revise section(s) §§ 32-814 and 32-815, or appropriate section, relating to the printing of election ballots, to eliminate the current requirement providing for the 'rotation of candidate names'.*
6. *SUPPORT an initiative to revise section(s) §§18-2101 through 18-2144 known as the Community Development Law, or appropriate section, to require the State of Nebraska to fund all TIF (Tax Increment Financing) backed projects as part of Nebraska's statewide responsibility of economic development.*
7. *SUPPORT an initiative to revise section(s) §§28-929 through 28-934, or appropriate section, to increase the penalties for the crime of an assault on a correctional officer.*
8. *SUPPORT legislation to remove as a duty of County Treasurer offices the receiving, storing and in-person issuance of license plates and to require that the State of Nebraska directly issue by mail, all license plates in a uniform and statewide manner (preferably from a single, central state facility).*