

Administrative Services Committee Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska
Thursday, October 18, 2018

The meeting convened at 2:30 P.M. at Omaha Fire Station #21, 3454 Ames Ave, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table near the North wall. A notice of the meeting was published in the October 9, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were James Cavanaugh and Clare Duda. Others present included Jeff McGill and Jerry Leahy, Douglas County Public Properties; Joe Lorenz, Diane Carlson and Leia Baez, Douglas County Administration; Paul Johnson, Douglas County Emergency Management; Tim Cavanaugh and John Ewing, Douglas County Treasurer; John Friend, Clerk of the District Court; Daniel Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller; Brian Norton, Douglas County Environmental Services; Dave Sleeter, Douglas County 911; Mayor Jean Stothert; Marti Bilek, Omaha Mayor's Office; Chief Daniel Olsen, Stan Shearer and Steve LeClair, Omaha Fire Department; Mike Myers and Amber Redmond, Douglas County Corrections; Gene Haynes, North High School; Michelle Bandur, KETV; John Chapman, WOWT; Jennifer Keys, Bob Perrin, Michael O'Hara, approximately twenty students from North High School, Georgia LeClair, Constance Mierendorf, Michael Mierendorf; Kim Bollow, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller's Office. Douglas County Commissioner Cavanaugh chaired the committee.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Douglas County Website:
<http://commissioners.douglascounty-ne.gov/board-meetings/videos>.

Time markers for when each topic/item occurs during the video are in parentheses.

Introduction (0:00 to 5:00) Commissioner Cavanaugh led some introductions at the head table, spoke of North High School, gave a short history of the Public Safety Bond submittal and approval, then introduced Mayor Jean Stothert.

1. Public Safety Bond update

- **Fire Alert System** (5:00 to 26:00)
(Although this was listed second on the Agenda, it was discussed first.)

Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert: spoke regarding the fire alert system including needs, achievements, grants, future construction, funding sources, goals and timelines.

Steve LeClair, Omaha Fire Department (OFD): relayed significant partnerships which helped put the new system in place, spoke of previous alert system, listed some unique properties of the new system, gave viewpoints from the front line, and mentioned some logistical challenges.

Commissioner Cavanaugh introduced Attachment A "Public Safety: Douglas County \$45M Bond Issue." Attachment B, "Public Safety Bond Project Cost Breakdown" was made available to those in attendance but not discussed.

Chief Dan Olsen, OFD: expressed gratitude to government staff and voters; explained some challenges of the previous system, then features of the new fire alert system along with future updates, benefits, and goals.

Stan Shearer, OFD: played audio example of new fire alert system, then a visual example on the digital monitors.

[At this time there was a break in presentations/speakers. Many of the attendees left during or after the break. George Achola with Burlington Capital arrived at this time.]

- **Public Property** (40:00 to 55:00)
(Although this was listed first on the Agenda, it was discussed second.)

Commissioner Cavanaugh: introduced Attachment C “West Campus Update: October 18, 2018 and DC Correction Center Update: October 18, 2018.”

Jeff McGill, Douglas County Public Properties: provided updates on the West Campus construction project, introduced displayed-pictures of the new 911 Center; then provided updates on the DC Correction Center including coordination of mod-closures and completions.

John Ewing, Douglas County Treasurer: spoke of upcoming improved processes for the Treasurer Department including a drive-thru, better services & logistics at the Fitzgerald Home with both car dealerships and citizens. He also reviewed some upcoming budget savings and staff improvements.

[There was a pause in the meeting at this time as Fire Station #21 had an actual alert. Those attending the meeting were able to view first-hand some of the audio & visual examples provided earlier.]

Michael Myers, Douglas County Corrections: summarized some construction points, construction challenges, and an update of the Douglas County Corrections facility.

2. *Juvenile Justice Center construction proposal* (55:00 to 58:00)

Commissioner Cavanaugh: introduced Attachment D “Douglas County Justice Center 10-18-18 Existing Square Footage & Growth.” He relayed concerns of the alternative proposal and HDR plans. He reminded of litigation issues regarding the eminent domain and temporary restraining order, then also requested costs from HDR.

3. *Other Business* (58:00 to 59:00)

There will be a future evening Administrative Services meeting after HDR information is provided.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.