

Administrative Services Committee Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska
Thursday, November 8, 2018

The meeting convened at 6:59 P.M. in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the November 2, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Jim Cavanaugh and Mike Boyle. Others present included Patrick Bloomingdale, Administration; Jerry Leahy, Public Properties; David Sleeter, 911/Communications; Michael Myers, Corrections; Alexandra Stone, KETV; Chris Burbach, Omaha World Herald; John LeClerc, Richard LeClerc, Jane Wilson, Carole Zacek, Bill Stowell, Norma LeClerc, Scott Williams, Christine Reisser, Bill Frenzer, Constance Meirendorf, Michael O'Hara, Nicole LeClerc, Rebekah Pasqualetto, John Miller, Merrilee Miller, Kathy Bigsby Moore, Craig Moore, Conrad Castaneda, Kathleen Slattery, Joseph Slattery, Tyler Wilson, Bob Perrin, Greg Sechser, Larry Storer, Cinde Campbell, Jerry Pascale, Luis Jimenez, Matthew Mueller, Patrick Daulin, Catherine Cook; and Dan Esch, Clerk/Comptroller. Commissioner Cavanaugh chairs 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 2:00) Commissioner Cavanaugh opened the meeting by offering copies of the hand-outs and agenda, of which Clerk/Comptroller Esch added comments.

1. Douglas County Juvenile Justice Courthouse and Youth Center plans (2:00 to 58:00)

Commissioner Cavanaugh: provided an overview of the county space needs, along with reasoning for holding the Committee Meeting. He reviewed Attachment A, "Douglas County Justice Tower and Youth Center Proposal" and commented on the HDR proposal provided at the previous Board Meeting, including differences between the two proposals. He shared concerns of missing costs from the HDR proposal, the private corporation, previous year long work already conducted by HDR, and possible tax increases. He referred to suggestions from the Chinn Study and reasoning for the evening public meetings.

Commissioner Boyle: relayed his reasoning for supporting the proposal presented by Commissioner Cavanaugh.

Scott Williams, citizen: questioned a line on the proposal 'Project management fees' and where or to whom they go. Commissioner Cavanaugh relayed differences between the County Public Property Department and the HDR proposal fees.

Catherine Cook, citizen: questioned Commissioner Cavanaugh's previous estimate, of which Commissioner Cavanaugh explained the original cost estimates have been adjusted after six months of work by individuals who have worked on the proposal for free. Commissioner Cavanaugh said the proposal he supports would be up for a vote of the people, the other proposal would not.

Jerry Pascale, citizen: relayed concerns of why some decisions were made by Board members before getting public buy-in. Commissioner Boyle addressed this, as well as past challenges with the Building Commission.

Larry Storer, citizen: shared concerns of best-practices and County staff travel to Minnesota. Commissioner Cavanaugh shared additional concerns of the correlation between the private corporation & county staff.

Bill Frenzer, citizen: questioned the other Commissioners' actions against the proposal by Commissioner Cavanaugh. Commissioner Boyle addressed similarities to Lancaster County, purpose of the Building Commission, and previous reasoning by him when he supported the private corporation. He also mentioned previous issues with judges' space and the previous courtroom built in a correction facility.

2. *Public Safety Bond update* (58:00 to 1:02:00)

Commissioner Cavanaugh summarized HDR's budget submission and how it compares to the Public Safety Bond update, Attachment B, "DC Correction Center Update."

Male Citizen: questioned if someone will speak with the Mayor, of which Commissioner Boyle relayed that he did and then he shared how he thinks it will affect the City Council.

3. *Other Business*

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.