

Administrative Services Committee Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

The meeting convened at 10:00 A.M. in room 903, 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 August 20, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Marc Kraft, Chris Rodgers, Clare Duda, and James Cavanaugh. Others present included Mark LeFlore and Brad Alexander, Douglas County Youth Center; Pam Murphy, Marcos San Martin, Joe Lorenz, Diane Carlson, Patrick Bloomingdale and Catherine Hall, Douglas County Administration; Jerry Leahy, Douglas County Public Property; Sheri Larsen, Chief Deputy County Clerk; John Friend, Clerk of the District Court; Jane Pannkuk, Operation Youth Success; Judge Pat McDermott, Joy Suder, Doris Goembel, Constance Mierendorf, Cynthia Campbell, Ben Salazar, Carole Zacek, Bob Perrin, Terry White, Mike Carroll, Linda Manchello, Ed Walsh, Jo Ann McGee; and Kim Bollow, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller 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 introductions around the room; prefaced the meeting as one in a series, introduced Judge Pat McDermott.

- 1. Douglas County Juvenile Court**
 - 2. Juvenile Justice Center strategic planning (5:00 to 1:06:00)**
- Discussion for both items was taken together.***

Judge Pat McDermott: relayed bias towards campus structure but that the Board must decide; referred to communication with Tom Riley; wants Juvenile Justice facilities to be all together. Judge McDermott's concerns include parking fees and poverty, family and child friendly spaces, trauma and domestic violence issues, confidentiality and adequate meeting spaces, technology and science integration. He referred to a resolution by the National Council by Juvenile and Family Court Judges: Family Centered Practice. A link can be found here: <https://www.ncjfcj.org/about/resolutions-and-policy-statements>.

Joy Suder, citizen: reviewed different wording within multiple juvenile matters, concerns with family matters and children's rights. Ms. Suder also relayed the importance of rehabilitation, individuality, and correct placement. She shared challenges with the current facility, challenges with family visits, and a concern with the proposed number of beds being cut in half. Ms. Suder referred to improved legislative work, screening tools and upcoming new legal parameters which may reduce future populations in the Douglas County Youth

Center. Video conferencing, transportation and shackling was discussed, including input from Judge McDermott.

Commissioner Rodgers addressed recent history and studies, including a trauma study and LB 1112; especially in relation to Douglas County and the State. He also provided input on some of the Chinn Report key recommendations.

Commissioner Kraft addressed importance to address trauma and use of shackles, along with need for personal connections and personal space. He also proposed questions on resources for kids in the system.

Janee Pannkuk, Director of Operation Youth Success: provided views on best practices, including family-centered focus. She referred to JDAI, the Chinn Report key recommendations already being addressed. Ms. Pannkuk suggested relying more on experts and families in the system.

Lauren Walag, Public Defender's Office: addressed multiple services, issues with placement for youth from different offenses and issues with youth waiting on different evaluations and diagnosis. Commissioner Cavanaugh added concerns with delays on treatment, mental health issues.

Commissioner Cavanaugh called for any families or youth to speak, of which none spoke. He then called for any other public comments.

Ben Salazar, Chicano advocate: suggested a need for input from the Chicano or Hispanic community and offered his services as an advocate for Latinos. Commissioner Rodgers provided input on Latino and/or people of color.

3. Other Business

None discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.