

Administrative Services Committee Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska
Monday, September 24, 2018

The meeting convened at 7:05 P.M. in the Legislative Chambers, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the North wall. A notice of the meeting was published in the September 14, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. Douglas County Commissioner James Cavanaugh chaired the committee. Others present at the meeting included Commissioner Mike Boyle; Diane Carlson, Douglas County Administration; David Sleeter, 911/Communications; Jerry Leahy and Jeff McGill, Douglas County Public Property; Brad Alexander, Douglas County Youth Center; Michelle Bandur, KETV; Chris Burbach, Omaha World-Herald; Tyler Wilson, Constance Mierendorf, Brian Smith, Kameron Bayne, Elizabeth Blayney, Donald Breslow, Susan Nielsen, Gina Durfee, Spencer Goldenberg, Lucia Rodriguez, Jim O'Sullivan, Terrell McKinney, Angie Philips, Luis Jimenez, Larry Storer, Terry Brennan, Greg Sechser, Rebecca Schutzenhofer, Jerrad Alexander, Carole Zacek, David Corbin, Jim Sazama, Catherine Cook, Cindi Campbell, David Letapke, Patrick Deacy, Jane Wilson, Paul Feilmann, Adam Gotschall, Carrie Remrus, Dan Gilbert, Tom Miller, Bob Perrin, Amy Nielsen, Marin Kravol, K. Lamrozey, Dawayne Aayes, Patrick Daulin, Norma LeClerc, Myrtle LeClerc; Kim Bollow, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller Office; and Dan Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller.

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 (0:05 to 3:55) Commissioner Cavanaugh opened the meeting, introduced Douglas County staff attending. He shared some details on a previous Public Safety Bond then asked Jerry Leahy and David Sleeter to expand on its details.

1. Public Safety Bond update (3:55 to 17:00)

Jerry Leahy, Douglas County Public Property: provided an update on the West Maple Campus construction status, including an explanation of page one on Attachment A, "West Campus Update: September 24, 2018." Mr. Leahy then addressed Attachment B, "Douglas County Justice Center 9-24-18 Existing Square Footage."

Jeff McGill, Douglas County Public Property: provided an update on the phases of construction for the Douglas County Corrections building, including reasoning on the lengthy completion date due to safety. See details on page two of Attachment A, "DC Correction Center Update: September 24, 2018."

Commissioner Cavanaugh summarized the successes of these construction projects and corresponding Attachments A and B.

David Sleeter, Douglas County 911: provided an update on bids, staffing, and timeline.

Commissioner Boyle inquired about 911 Operator staffing.

2. Douglas County Youth Center refurbishment (18:00 to 1:13:00)

Mr. Leahy: introduced and provided a short summary of Attachment C, "Ariel view of the existing Youth Center or '42nd Street Campus," and then an ariel view of the downtown campus/facilities discussed.

Brad Alexander, Douglas County Youth Center: explained parts of Attachment D, "Douglas County Youth Center September 2018 Presentation for the Douglas County Board of Commissioners." This included his explanation of the population, bed count, staff requirements, average length of stay, reasons for admissions. He also explained past year(s) overcrowding process & other nearby counties' potential to help in the future; he also gave another overview of offenses.

Commissioner Boyle inquired on daily number of kids restrained and on future programs to reduce daily population. Commissioner Boyle provided reasoning on his changed position and need for more information, and offered citizens personal family experiences/insight with the current Juvenile Justice system, along with a recent success at The Salvation Army.

Brian Smith, citizen: relayed concerns on number of beds proposed in new downtown facility and the number of beds currently needed.

Commissioner Cavanaugh: inquired to Mr. Alexander about average daily population; explained Attachment F, "Juvenile Justice Center Alternative Proposal," including a diagram to build up currently-owned county space. He reviewed the current Youth Center facility and differences in the two proposals: naming, pricing, environment, facility details (gymnasium, health care, classrooms, housing units). Suggested to stop eminent domain, refurbish current Youth Center.

Larry Storer, citizen: questioned social service campus, use of The Center Mall.

Catherine Cook, citizen: questioned current lawsuit with Perrin building.

Louise Jimenez, citizen: relayed concerns with reduced beds and where the extra kids go.

Tyler Wilson, citizen: questioned Mr. Alexander about his personal opinion on the different proposals, best practices.

Terrel McKinney, citizen: relayed concerns to prevent kids with offenses that lead to these facilities.

Maria Pearson: relayed concerns about timeline of proposed programs outlined to public.

David Corbin, citizen: read some Omaha By Design suggestions.

3. Other business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.