

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

TUESDAY, August 14, 2018

The Board was convened today at 9:00 a.m. and called to order by Chair Rodgers in the Legislative Chambers of the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam, Omaha, NE. Advance notice of this publicly convened meeting was published in the Daily Record on August 3, 2018, and simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Board of Commissioners. Said notice contained the time and place of the meeting. Commissioners Mary Ann Borgeson, Michael Boyle, James Cavanaugh, Clare Duda, Marc Kraft, P. J. Morgan and Chris Rodgers were present.

### III. Recognition/Proclamations:

**C.** (Resolution honoring the life of **Honorable W. Mark Ashford** and recognizing his longtime career as a Douglas County District Court Judge and his commitment to equal justice. (Douglas County Board of Commissioners)) Speaking were Commissioners Rodgers, Boyle and Cavanaugh, Sam Ashford and Steven Ashford. Motion to approve by Boyle, second by Morgan. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

Speaking regarding Commissioner Boyle's vote not showing up on the screen was Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller Dan Esch.

**D.** (Resolution recognizing the passing of Douglas County employee **Alonzo "Mitch" Mitchell**. (Shawne Johnson Coonfare, Juvenile Assessment Center)) Speaking was Commissioner Rodgers. Motion to approve by Boyle, second by Kraft. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

**A.** (Recognition of the following County Employee retired: **Linda Lind** has retired from Douglas County Department of Corrections after 13 years of service. (Karen Buche, Civil Service/HR)) and **B.** (Recognition of the following County Employee retired: **Leo E Adams** has retired from Douglas County Department of Corrections Office after 14 years of service. (Karen Buche, Civil Service/HR)) Speaking was Commissioner Rodgers. Motion to approve items A and B by Boyle, second by Duda. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

Motion to Recess to the Board of Equalization at 9:12 a.m. by Boyle, second by Morgan. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

Motion to Reconvene the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:18 a.m. by Boyle, seconded by Kraft. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held Tuesday, August 7, 2018 and claims submitted for payment processed through Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Speaking to his abstention was Commissioner Morgan. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Rodgers. Abstain: Morgan. Motion passed.

Item II. Motion by Duda, seconded by Boyle to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Clerk of the District Court Subaward between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Douglas County. (John M. Friend, Clerk of the District Court)
- B. Resolution for Surplus Property. (Eric J. Carlson, Purchasing Agent)
- C. Approve Agreement between Douglas County and Omaha Public School District for School Resource Officer at Alfonza W. Davis Middle School. (Budgeted)  
(Captain Wayne D. Hudson, Douglas County Sheriff's office)
- D. Resolution to approve "Demand for Refunds." (\$6,245.64 - Budgeted)  
(Property Tax Division – Treasurer)
- E. Approve 2018-19 Visitor Improvement Fund allocation to Omaha Academy of Ballet. (\$7,764 -VIF) (Catherine Hall, Administration)
- F. Amendment to Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Agreement. (Budgeted)  
(Carol Donnelly, HR)
- G. Daniel A. Esch, County Clerk, presenting claims of the following pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act (***refer to County's Risk Manager for review and determination***):
  - 1. Geico
  - 2. Lee Law Office for Debt Solutions, Inc.
- H. Payment of Tort Claim – Claimant – Julie and Scott Koethe, Damage to house \$2,748.26, Department – Environmental Service. (Budgeted) (Darrel Neely, Administration)
- I. Eric J. Carlson, Purchasing Agent – Bid Acceptance:
  - 1. Central Salt, LLC. as primary supplier to provide Rock Salt 2018-2019 for Douglas County at \$46.99 per ton with an estimated usage of 7,500 tons in the amount of \$352,425.00; and Nebraska Salt and Grain, as Douglas County's secondary supplier at \$50.00 per ton. (Budgeted)
- J. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Douglas County and the City of Omaha for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2018. (Carrie Davis, Grant Coordinator)
- K. New Securities Pledged. (Treasurer/Accounting)

Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion to approve the consent agenda passed.

**IV.** Citizens Comments: Speaking were Terrel McKinney and Commissioner Rodgers.

**V.** Presentations: Speaking was Commissioner Rodgers.

**A.** (Alternative Option to the Proposed Justice Center Project. (Commissioner James Cavanaugh) Speaking was Commissioner Cavanaugh.

**B.** (Proposed Justice Center Project. (Patrick Bloomingdale, Administration)) Speaking was Commissioner Borgeson.

Point of personal privilege by Commissioner Boyle regarding death penalty.

Speaking regarding item **V.B.** were County Attorney Don Kleine, Bruce Carpenter from HDR, City Councilman Ben Gray, Josh Henningsen, Tyler Wilson, Commissioners Morgan, Boyle and Kraft, from Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom were Doug Kagan and Jeff Stevens, Commissioner Cavanaugh, Terrel McKinney, Larry Storer, John Schmidt, Allison Wade, Commissioner Kraft, LaVon Stennis-Williams, Jayson Rayas, Commissioners Duda and Rodgers, Christine Henningsen, Bob Perrin, Paul Bellinger, Brian Whetstone, Amanda Perrin, George Achola, Casey Norlem, Miranda Dishman, Scott Williams and Brian Smith.

Item **VII. A. 1.** (Budget report), accepted as presented with no discussion.

Item **VII. G. 1.** (Weekly Personnel Report from Civil Service), accepted as presented with no discussion.

Motion to recess to Executive Session in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding litigation at 1:28 p.m. by Boyle, second by Duda. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Duda, Kraft, Rodgers. Absent: Cavanaugh, Morgan. Motion Passed.

Motion to reconvene and adjourn by Borgeson, second by Duda at 1:48 p.m. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Rodgers. Absent: Morgan. Motion Passed.