

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

TUESDAY, April 2, 2019

The Board was convened today at 9:05 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 March 22, 2019, 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.

Motion by Boyle, second by Kraft to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 and to approve the claims submitted for payment processed through Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

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

- A.** Resolution in the matter of witness fees paid by Douglas County, which have remained unclaimed for six months or more. (Daniel A. Esch, County Clerk/Comptroller)
- B.** Extension of the Agreement with SCS-Field Services and Engineers for Non-Routine Landfill. Original Agreement was dated April 26, 2016 which included the potential for four additional three year terms. (\$25,000/year – Budgeted) (Brian Norton, Environmental Services) Speaking were Commissioner Cavanaugh and Director of Environmental Services Kent Holm.
- C.** Payment of Tort Claim – Claimant – Callie Anderson, damaged vehicle, \$3,960.59, Department – County Engineer. (Darrel Neely, Administration)
- D.** Resolution for Surplus Property. (Eric J. Carlson, Purchasing Agent)
- E.** Eric J. Carlson, Purchasing Agent – Bid Acceptance:
 - 1.** United Group to provide Iron Horse Console Chairs (911 Communications)
(Re-Bid) in the amount of \$56,580.03. (Budgeted)
- F.** Tom Doyle, County Engineer – requests approval of the following:
 - 1.** Right-of-Way Acquisition (\$380.00) and Temporary Construction Easement (\$70.00) for Tract 1 Project #C-28(533) 252nd Street North of Ida St, Bridge #2801720. (Budgeted)
 - 2.** Award Contract to Graham Construction, Inc. for Douglas County Project No. C-28(560), grading, paving and storm sewer construction on Fort Street from 180th Street to 183rd Street. (\$598,109.00 – Budgeted)

G. Daniel A. Esch, County Clerk, presenting claim of the following pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act (**refer to County's Risk Manager for review and determination**):

1. Jesse Trombla

H. Resolution approving cash transfer in the amount of \$188,580 from the 911 Wireless Surcharge Fund to the 911 Communications organization of the General Fund. Reclassify previous temporary transfers to the General Fund of \$4 million from the Inheritance Tax Fund and \$2 million from the Medical Insurance Fund to permanent transfers. (Budgeted) (Joe Lorenz, Director of Finance and Budget)

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

III. Recognition/ Proclamations:

A. (Recognition of the following County Employee retired: **James Mcguire** has retired from the Douglas County Sheriff Office after 28 years of service. (Karen Buche, Civil Service/HR)). Speaking were Commissioners Rodgers, Boyle, Duda, Cavanaugh and Borgeson. Motion to approve by Boyle, second by Borgeson. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

B. (Resolution declaring April 2019 as '**National County Government Month**' and recognizing the 2019 National Association of Counties (NACo) initiative of "**Connecting the Unconnected**," aimed at demonstrating how counties deliver "people-centered" services to residents nationwide. (Douglas County Board of Commissioners)) Speaking were Commissioners Rodgers and Borgeson. Motion to approve by Borgeson, second by Boyle. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion passed.

IV. **Citizens Comments.** Speaking were Luis Jimenez, Larry Storer and Commissioners Boyle.

V. Presentations:

D. (Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. (Commissioner Marc Kraft). Speaking were Commissioners Rodgers, Boyle and Kraft, Val McPherson of YSEALI, Commissioner Borgeson and Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller Dan Esch. Delegates representing the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative attended the County Board meeting: Ms. Sally Hani Noor Hazman representing Brunei, Mr. Rudy Dowruang, Ms. Sarah Wannakhot, and Mr. Faire Winnarong, representing Thailand, Mr. Ricardo Reis Araujo representing Timor-Leste, Mr. Sun Mai, Ms. Chi Nguyen and Ms. Amy Ngo representing Vietnam, Mr. Barry Afriando, Mr. Handra Agniawan, Ms. Fai Agustin and Ms. Tirza Theorupun representing Indonesia, Ms. Rocyie Wong and Mr. Naufal Hamdan representing Malaysia, Ms. Trisha Matute and Ms. Hati Tangging representing the Philippines, Mr. Khim Hean representing Cambodia, Mr. Van Bawi Bawi Mang and Ms. Suyi Hnin representing Myanmar, Mr. Alex Lew representing Singapore and Ms. Maybe Sonepaseuth representing Laos.

B. (Presentation by Craig Maher and John Bartle, professors of Public Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha – "Property Tax Policy Options for Nebraska Counties." (Commissioner Mike Boyle). Speaking were Commissioner

Boyle, John Bartle, Craig Maher, Commissioners Rodgers, Morgan, Kraft, Duda and Borgeson.

A. (Burke High School Athletic and Activities Renovation Project. (Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson). Speaking were Cindy Key, Commissioners Borgeson and Rodgers.

C. (Region Six Behavioral Healthcare Update and Stepping Up update. (Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson). Speaking were Commissioner Borgeson, Patricia Jurjevich, Commissioners Kraft, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Rodgers, Vicki Maca and Deputy Director of Corrections Amber Redmond.

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

Item **VII. C. 1.** (Discussion regarding out of home placements for Douglas County juveniles. (Commissioner Mike Boyle). Item not taken and will be rescheduled.

Item **VII. E. 1.** (Presentation by Lori Elkins, United Way of the Midlands, and Ron Murtaugh, Clerk of Douglas County Court, regarding the Offender to Work Program Pilot. (Commissioner Mike Boyle). Speaking were Commissioner Boyle, Lori Elkins, Ron Murtaugh, Commissioner Kraft, Deputy Director of Corrections Amber Redmond and Commissioner Borgeson.

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

Item **VII. G. 3.** (Resolution to amend the County Board's rules to remove "Citizens Comments" from the weekly County Board agenda. (Commissioners Mike Boyle and Clare Duda). Speaking were Commissioners Rodgers, Boyle, Duda, Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine, Commissioners Kraft, Borgeson, Cavanaugh and Morgan, Doug Kagan of Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom, Luis Jimenez, Ed Walsh, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller Dan Esch, Susan Gum, Larry Storer, Commissioner Cavanaugh and Deputy County Attorney Theresa Urich.

Motion to recess to Executive Session in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding labor negotiations and litigation at 12:11 p.m. by Boyle, second by Morgan. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Absent: Cavanaugh. Motion passed.

Motion to reconvene to add personnel to the executive session by Boyle, second by Duda at 12:30 p.m. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion Passed.

Motion to reconvene and adjourn by Boyle, second by Morgan at 12:36 p.m. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Cavanaugh, Duda, Kraft, Morgan, Rodgers. Motion Passed.