

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

4:00 p.m.

-Proclamation declaring May 2017 as "Bike Month; and May 15-19, 2017 as "Bike to Work Week."
(Charlie Bryan)

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1) (a) Consider approval of Commission Orders;
- (b) Consider approval of letter of support for Douglas County Conservation District Urban Agriculture Initiative Grant Application (Eileen Horn)

REGULAR AGENDA

- (2) Consider approval to implement a Douglas County House Arrest Program (Robert Bieniecki)
- (3) Consider approval of Accounts Payable (if necessary)
 - (b) Appointments
 - MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (1) position
 - Board of Zoning Appeals (1) position 10/16
 - Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority Board (1) position 06/17
 - Metropolitan Planning Commission – Positions (2) 05/17
 - (c) Public Comment
 - (d) Miscellaneous
- (4) Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

-Proclamation for National Preservation Month (Jan Shupert-Arick)
-Heritage Conservation Council Grant recommendations (Kurt von Archen)

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

9:00 a.m. Mail Election Canvass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

4:00 p.m.

CUP-17-00092: Consider a Conditional Use Permit for a mini-storage facility, located on approximately 11.63 acres in the 1700 Block of E 902 Rd. Submitted by BG Consultants, for Garber Enterprises, Inc., property owner of record. Mary Miller is the Planner.

TA-16-00511: Consider a Text Amendment to Chapter 12 of the County Code, *Zoning Regulations for the Unincorporated Territory of Douglas County, Kansas* to revise Section 12-319-4.31, *Radio, television, telecommunication, and microwave towers*, to bring the standards and definitions into compliance with State law. *Initiated by County Commission on 11/30/16.* Mary Miller is the Planner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

-Consider adoption of Douglas County Food System Plan (Helen Schnoes)

***Note:** The Douglas County Commission meets regularly on Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. for administrative items and/or 6:00 P.M. for public items at the Douglas County Courthouse. Specific regular meeting dates that are not listed above have not been cancelled unless specifically noted on this schedule. [*



Office of the County Commission

PROCLAMATION

BIKE MONTH AND BIKE TO WORK WEEK

MAY 2017

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and a high quality family recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce air pollution and road congestion; and

WHEREAS, education, starting at a young age, of all would-be cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motor vehicles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; cyclists, students, parents and community leaders throughout our state are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education for bicyclists and motorists in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County seeks to form and foster partnerships with bicyclists and incorporate bicycling as a part of the multi-modal regional transportation system designed to serve all Douglas County residents regardless of their travel mode choice; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County seeks to encourage symbiotic partnerships with organizations to promote bicycle awareness and education through the efforts of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department and other groups; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists has designated May as National Bike Month; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department has requested that the Douglas County Commission proclaim the month of May 2017 as Bike Month and encourage participation in the National Bike Challenge.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, that the month of May 2017 be recognized as "**BIKE MONTH**", proclaim the week of May 15th to 19th, 2017 as "**Bike-To-Work Week**", and encourage participation in the "**NATIONAL BIKE CHALLENGE**" beginning May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 in Douglas County, Kansas.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS**

Mike Gaughan, Chairman

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Michelle Derusseau

Memorandum

Douglas County

Administration/Sustainability

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Eileen Horn, Sustainability Director
CC: Craig Weinaug, County Administrator
DATE: April 27, 2017
RE: Letter of Support for Douglas County Conservation District Urban Agriculture Initiative Grant Application

Background

The Douglas County Conservation District is submitting an application for a \$50,000 grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts. The funding would support advancement of urban agriculture initiatives, including the Common Ground program and a demonstration teaching garden and high tunnel at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The grant application is due May 14. The Conservation District is requesting a letter of support from the County Commission to include with their application.

There is no financial commitment requested from the County. The Sustainability Director and Food Systems Coordinator will provide assistance with the grant application and eventual implementation, if awarded. County Maintenance staff will likely also assist with the planning for the teaching garden and high tunnel at the Fairgrounds.

Action

Consider signing the attached letter of support for the Douglas County Conservation District Urban Agriculture Initiative Grant Application.



DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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May 3, 2017

Attn: NACD Grant Review Team

It is with great enthusiasm that we submit this letter of support for the Douglas County Conservation District's application to the National Association of Conservation Districts Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative.

Our Conservation District serves agricultural producers throughout the County, including gardeners and urban farmers in our cities. They are a trusted source of information, funding, and best practices to protect our Douglas County natural resources.

We believe that the Conservation District's proposal for the Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative advances critical work that we have been undertaking in Douglas County.

In 2010, our County Commission created a Douglas County Food Policy Council, a citizen advisory body charged with helping us promote practices and policies to create a robust local food system. In 2012 we partnered with the Food Policy Council and the City of Lawrence to create the Common Ground community gardening program which annually engages 200+ citizens in gardening and urban food production. The Food Policy Council spearheaded the development of a regional Food Hub, and launched a SNAP matching program at regional farmers markets. Most recently, we initiated a countywide food system plan to continue to make progress on local food system development.

In 2016, our Douglas County Commission approved a \$7.9 million renovation to our Douglas County Fairgrounds to add to and modernize buildings on our historic agricultural fairgrounds. The work involved a Fairgrounds Landscape Master Plan where we engaged partners and neighbors to design inviting and active spaces at the Fairgrounds. One of the key proposals of the Master Plan (adopted in October 2016) was the creation of a Teaching Garden that would provide community garden space on the fairgrounds and support a partnership with Master Gardeners and nearby Kennedy elementary school.

The Conservation District's proposal would advance our local food system work in Douglas County by providing critical technical support, educational programs, and demonstration projects for the gardeners and urban growers in Douglas County.

Thank you for your consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

Mike Gaughan, Chair
Douglas County Commission



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G. Craig Weinaug
County Administrator

MEMO TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Robert Bieniecki, Criminal Justice Coordinator

SUBJECT: Implementation of a Douglas County House Arrest Program

DATE: May 3rd, 2017

One of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's goals for 2017 is to implement an internal House Arrest Program. An evaluation of current County and State resources indicated a need for additional staff to effectively manage this additional program.

While researching the need for a House Arrest Program, I learned that Defense Attorneys typically won't ask for House Arrest for their clients if they know the offender cannot afford the cost of the program through Bonding Companies. Bonding Companies will charge an upfront \$50 hook up fee and also a week upfront for the monitoring. Depending on the security level of the device used and the cost, an offender may need to pay \$150 to \$200 to get on the program.

I am proposing that this program incorporates a policy that doesn't charge offenders to be on house arrest if they can't pay the fees. The program would be available for both adult and juvenile offenders from district and municipal courts.

Initially the House Arrest program will use Advance Monitoring of Kansas for the equipment and electronic monitoring. This is the same vendor that is currently being used for the Pretrial Monitoring Program.

My proposal is to initially hire one fulltime House Arrest Officer to get the program started immediately. The officer would report to Pam Weigand, Director of Youth Services. Youth Services already has office space to accommodate the Officer. A significant benefit of placing this program at Youth Services is that there would be 24 hours 7 days a week coverage for notification in the event the monitoring company detects a violation or equipment malfunction outside of normal business hours.

The House Arrest Officer position would be a professional level position operating under the authority of the District and Municipal courts and managed by the Youth Services Director. The program will be designed and expected to maintain the integrity and credibility of the Courts. I am proposing this new position be a grade 11, \$20.76 to \$30.62 which is competitive in the field.

Financial impact:

Proposed 1.0 FTE House Arrest Officer annual salary with no benefits = 43,346.88
Estimated benefits = 25,618.26
Total = **68,965.14**

One time equipment expenses for startup equipment, i.e. computer, phone and furniture is estimated at \$4000.

A vehicle would be needed for field work estimated at \$19,500.

Ongoing expenses would include the cost of the electronic monitoring equipment. There are various types and combinations of equipment that can be used. The price sheet from Advanced Monitoring of Kansas is attached for your reference. The courts will dictate the type of equipment each offender needs. Caseload will determine ongoing cost of equipment.

The following motion is recommended to approve this item: ***“Consider approving the creation of a Douglas County Adult/Juvenile House Arrest Program and a 1.0 FTE House Arrest Officer position to support the program.”***

Advanced Monitoring of Kansas



Shadow GPS Tracking Device

\$6.50 Per day



XC with SecureCuff

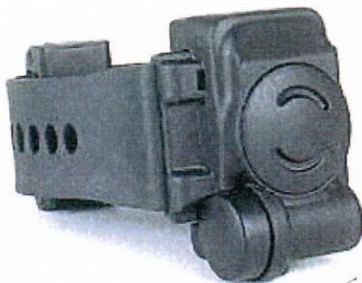
Standard 1 minute Tracking -\$11 Per day

Premium 2/3 way calling, 1 minute Tracking \$15 Per day



SoberLink Breath test/ GPS

\$5.00 Per day



Transdermal Alcohol Detector (TAD) RF

\$10.50 Per day Landline

\$12.50 Per day Cellular