

Leitchwood Co. Inc. Repealer No. 11243-1131

on present or projected traffic volumes have been presented, but it appears to be conceded that present traffic volume is quite heavy. The successful development of the industrial park could create a need for additional lanes to adequately provide for increased traffic.

Compounding the problem of increased traffic volume is that proper development of the east tract is said to require a grade level rail crossing across Highway 24/59. Virtually no information has been presented on the hazards, inconveniences, or traffic flow problems this crossing might cause. Will railroad use of the crossing cause traffic to be backed up to the west around the dangerous Midland curve, and to the east through the corridor? Until more information is presented, we can only assume such congestion is possible. Does the crossing create greater potential for industrial hazardous chemical spills and accidents? Without any information on the subject, we can only assume it will. We do not believe that such conditions would be tolerable. It is our determination that they would hinder or prevent proper growth and development of the area, particularly the corridor.

3. At this point, neither the general public nor the consultants contacted by the Planning Staff appear to have sufficient specific information about the costs and designs involved in this proposed industrial site. Communications from both the Director of Utilities and the Director of Public Works point to the need for more precise information about the proposed development before certain recommendations or projections can be made. In addition, area residents have expressed concern about the lack of definite information on issues such as the source of water supply or the costs of the water and sewage hook-ups. Perhaps most importantly, it is unclear what proportion of development costs the tax-paying public will be asked to assume. The anticipated public costs represent a critical question, in this period of nation-wide recession, and particularly in this community--when the majority of local tax-payers soon are likely to be called upon to contribute significantly to the costs of the downtown Lawrence redevelopment project. The members of the Board of Douglas County Commissioners feel it is our obligation to request that the public be made aware of all costs which they might be asked to assume in the proposed development. Moreover, it is our concern that, at the present time, the public is not aware of the extent of those costs.

4. Removing 274.5 acres of prime agricultural land from production. Both as individuals and as County Commissioners, we recognize not only the need for proper growth and development of our cities and counties, but also the desirability of retaining and preserving our agricultural lands. It is obvious that there will be times when one of these interests will have to give way to the other. Each time a confrontation between these interests takes place, the overriding need will have to be determined. Having already made the determinations shown above, it is not necessary for us to base our decision on the agricultural issue.

These findings and determinations without the attachments are to be placed verbatim in the minutes of this Board.

It is the sincere hope and desire of all the members of this Board that this decision will not be construed as being against industrial parks or other growth in the City of Lawrence of Douglas County. We appreciate the need to attract additional industries to our area, and to provide additional jobs for the residents of our county. We welcome an opportunity to play an active role in acquiring appropriate industries. However, at this point, we fear that the potential costs of this proposed development may offset the benefits of the park to the residents of Douglas County. Certainly, there are many unanswered questions concerning the impact of this park on the public safety and welfare of our fellow Douglas Countians.

Motion carried unanimously. It should be noted that a Petition with 56 signatures opposing the annexation of the property for an Industrial Park was presented to the Board.

The Board considered Resolution No. 83-7 which resolution relates to granting a cereal malt beverage license to John H. Senn for use at Smiley Pams, Highway 24-40 & 32, Lawrence, Kansas. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Hiebert that this resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, and carried unanimously.

The Board noted receipt of Statement for Architectural Services - Douglas County Courtroom Project - Douglas County Judicial and Law Enforcement Center from Walter J. Hicks & Associates, architects, Lawrence, in the amount of \$2000. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Bradley that this statement be approved and paid from revenue sharing funds, seconded by Mrs. Hiebert, and carried unanimously.

Linda Bollinger, administrative office assistant for the district attorney's office, appeared before the Board with three quotes for the purchase of a file cabinet. Mrs. Bollinger recommended that the Board accept the low quote from Crane & Company, Inc., Topeka, for the purchase of a 4-drawer, legal size, 214C Hon, file cabinet, in the amount of \$175. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Hiebert that this recommendation be approved, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, and carried unanimously.

In compliance with K.S.A. 2-133, the Board considered appointments to the Douglas County Fair Board for the period February 1, 1983 thru January 31, 1984. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Bradley that the following appointments be made for this one-year period: Tom Patchen, representing the City of Lawrence, (six-year term expires 1-31-87); Ross Wulfkuhle, representing Kanwaka Township, (six-year term expires 1-31-87); Fred Delano, representing Palmyra Township, (six-year term expires 1-31-87); Charles B. Taylor, Jr., representing Wakarusa Township, (six-year term expires 1-31-85); Joyce Dillon, representing Marion Township, (six-year term expires 1-31-85); Don Bagby, representing Eudora Township, (six-year term expires 1-31-85); Charlene Win-

Res. 83-7
Beer license
J. Senn

Jud. Bldg.
Arch. statement
Courtroom

D.A.
Purch file

Fair Board
Appl for
1983