

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER
FOR SPRINGFIELD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-104 (Reissue 1997), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-103 (Reissue 1997), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Sarpy County and the City of Springfield have previously entered into an Interlocal Agreement, known as the Permits/Inspections Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, effective on September 5, 2006, and said Interlocal Agreement is still in effect. Pursuant to said Interlocal Agreement, Sarpy County performs building inspections for the City of Springfield. Additionally, the City of Springfield is required to remit 50% of the building permit fee collected for all building permits requiring Sarpy County building inspection services.

WHEREAS, the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District is constructing a new fire station, located at 1st and Spruce Street in Springfield; the cost of which is estimated at \$494,464, with a building permit fee estimated at \$3,205.75, wherein the City of Springfield would be required to remit 50% or \$1,602.88 to Sarpy County. On January 6, 2009, the Springfield City Council voted to waive the building permit fee for the fire hall. On January 14, 2009, the Springfield City Clerk, Kathleen R. Fauver sent a letter requesting that Sarpy County waive its 50% portion of the building permit fee of \$1,602.88. Additionally, the Secretary of the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District requested a waiver of the building permit fee as the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District does not wish to expend public funds for the payment of the building permit fee.

WHEREAS, Rebecca Horner, Planning Director has evaluated said requested waiver and recommends approval of the waiver request in her report, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A. Exhibit A also includes the above referenced letters from the City of Springfield and the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT the Sarpy County 50% portion of the City of Springfield building permit fee for the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District to construct a fire station located at 1st and Spruce Street in Springfield, Sarpy County, Nebraska is hereby waived.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2009

Moved by Rich Jansen seconded by Pat Thomas, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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none

none

ABSTAIN:

none



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County Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
County Attorney

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners Report
February 3, 2009

Subject	Type	By
Request to waive Building Permit Fee remittance from Springfield for the Springfield Fire Station	Resolution	Rebecca Horner, Planning Director

Request

- Sarpy County received a request from the City of Springfield to waive the inspection fee remittance for the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District and the Springfield Volunteer Fire Department new fire hall.

Analysis

- Sarpy County currently performs inspections for the City of Springfield. Per the Permits/Inspections Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Sarpy County and the City of Springfield, 50% of the balance collected from the building permit fee is remitted to Sarpy County for all building permits requiring Sarpy County building inspector services.
- The Springfield Rural Fire Protection District plans to construct a new 12,800 square foot fire hall, the cost of which is estimated to be \$494,464. The estimated building permit fee is \$3,205.75, fifty percent of which would be remitted to Sarpy County or approximately \$1,602.88. On January 6, 2009, the Springfield City Council waived the building permit fee requested by the Springfield Fire Protection District and Springfield Volunteer Fire Department for the new fire hall. The City of Springfield and Springfield Rural Fire Protection District request approval to waive their portion, approximately \$1,602.88, of the building permit fee.
- The Sarpy County Board of Commissioners has received several requests by public agencies over the past six years to waive building permit fees, or remittance of inspection fees:
 - South Sarpy School District #46, Platteview High School addition, was waived on October 28, 2003.
 - Millard Public Schools, District #17 elementary school, was waived March 9, 2004.
 - Agricultural Society, 4-H Livestock building, was waived on March 29, 2005.
 - Gretna Public Schools, District #37 elementary school, was waived on April 11, 2006.
 - Millard Public Schools, Elementary School #25, was waived on January 23, 2007.

Recommendation

- The Sarpy County Board of Commissioners has been supportive of waiving the building permit fee or remittance of fees for public entities that receive funding from taxpayers in the County.
- For this reason I recommend approval to the request to remit the Sarpy County portion, approximately \$1,602.88, of the building permit fee.

Respectfully submitted by:



Rebecca Horner
Planning Director



January 14, 2009

Brian Hanson
Sarpy County Fiscal Administrator
1210 Golden Gate Drive, Suite 1129
Papillion, NE 68046-2845

Re: Springfield Rural Fire Protection District – Building Permit Fee Waiver

Dear Mr. Hanson:

On January 6, 2009, the Springfield City Council considered a request from the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District and Springfield Volunteer Fire Department to waive all building permit fees, city water and sewer tap fees and monthly water bill charges for the new fire hall to be constructed at the corner of 1st and Spruce Streets. The City Council motioned as follows:

Motion by Dill, seconded by Swenson, that the City of Springfield will (1) waive all building permit fees for the new fire hall, (2) waive the water and sewer tap fees as long as the fire department reimburses the city for all unique costs associated with the tap project, including equipment rental and supplies, and (3) not waive the monthly water bill. AYES: Bartels, Dill, Shotkoski, Swenson. NAYS: None.

As per the Permits/Inspections Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Springfield and Sarpy County, the City of Springfield is required to remit 50% of the balance collected from building permit fees to the County for all building permits issued requiring Sarpy County building inspector services.

It is my understanding that the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District has filed a written request with your office asking that Sarpy County also waive its portion of the building permit fee. The City of Springfield is supportive of this request and would be very appreciative if the County would waive their share of the fee as well.

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I would appreciate it if you would please let me know what Sarpy County officials decide in regards to the building permit fee request. Upon learning of the result, a building permit will be issued to the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District for construction of their new fire department.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kathleen R. Fauver
City Clerk/Treasurer

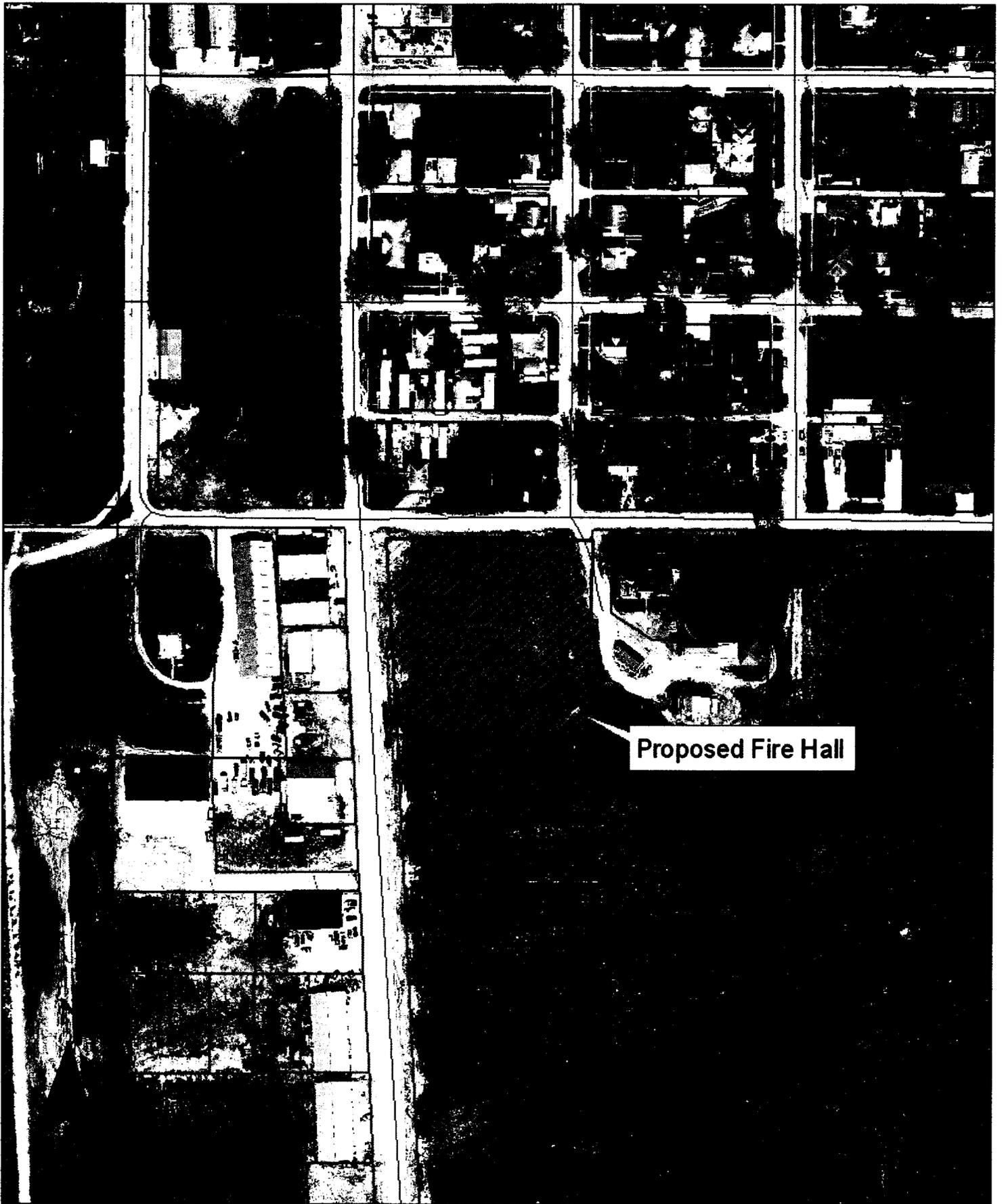
Sarpy County Fiscal Advisor:
Mr. Brian Hanson:

The Springfield Rural Fire Protection Board is requesting a waiver of fees from Sarpy County for the building permit, for the fire station at 1st and Spruce street in Springfield, Nebraska. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Stern". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Marcy Stern
Sec.
Springfield Rural Fire Protection District



Springfield Volunteer Fire Station