

# 2012 Nebraska Annual Planning and Zoning Institute Series

## Grand Island NE/Holiday Inn Midtown/ March 29, 2012

Sponsored by: Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association  
Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association

### **Legal Issues /Concurrent sessions: Findings of Fact & Open Meetings Act**

1:45 pm- 5:15 pm (Thursday---March 29, 2012) (Thursday only \$55.00/ lunch 11:45 am- 1:15 pm)

**Findings of Fact: Presenter---**David Ptak, Attorney, General Counsel and Vice President of Human Resources, Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska. Past-President, Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association. Formerly attorney at firms: Stratton, Ptak & Kube, P. C. /Domina & Copple, P. C./ Ptak & Schukel, P. C.

**Open Meetings Law: Presenter---**Charles A. Hamilton, Attorney, Principal Hamilton Property Law. Administrative Law Judge, UI Adjudicator and Field Representative for Nebraska Workforce Development. Served as Deputy County Attorney for Adams County.

*The Legal Issues Institute agenda for findings of fact provides case studies on the process and procedure for presentations addressing court case issues on subjects such as: zoning, subdivision, annexation, incompatible uses, non-conforming uses, and conflict of interest.*

*The Legal Issues Institute agenda for open meetings law covers the legal responsibilities for the elected official body, the planning commission, and officials/staff representing the local county and municipal government in public participation responsibility under the open meetings law.*

Mr. Ptak's experiences include serving as a representative to the Norfolk Planning Commission while the City of Norfolk's city attorney and former Deputy Madison County Attorney, which led him to become one of the foremost educators' in the practical and legal application of land use planning law in Nebraska. Mr. Ptak's role as an educator has continued while serving as legal counsel staff for the Northeast Community College, Norfolk Nebraska. Mr. Ptak is in the forefront as an educator/trainer for the statewide associations of the Nebraska Planning Association and the Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mr. Ptak's skills and knowledge are delivered in a comprehensive ethical approach for educating local municipal and county planning officials. Mr. Ptak has presented several institutes and workshop sessions throughout the past twenty years in support of land use planning law in Nebraska.

Mr. Hamilton's experiences include serving as the Adams County Deputy County attorney as legal counsel to the Adams County Planning Commission, the county Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Adjustment. Instrumental in the creation of rules and regulations in planning and zoning procedural processes and public participation for the Adams County Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and Board of Adjustment. Mr. Hamilton represented clients at Hamilton Property through researching zoning issues for property purchase decisions. Mr. Hamilton is a board member for the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association and has conducted training sessions throughout the past ten years on land use planning law in Nebraska.

### **Schedule**

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