

IN NEBRASKA

Relocation solves realtor's dilemma, Keeps 'monstrous' house on tax roll

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When Dave Scribner, president of Scrib's Moving and Heavy Hauling in David City, Nebraska, took a phone call in March of 2003, he was confronted with a realtor in Omaha who was in somewhat of a dilemma.

A prominent family had purchased a neighboring property for nearly a half-million dollars with the intention to extend their property line to include a tennis court but there was a problem: a seven-year-old huge colonial-style house sat right in the way. The realtor

was fearful the house would have to be demolished due to its size and the probability of property damage to move such a monstrous structure. The house was more than 5,000 square footage, a full two-stories with a large attic.

After assessing the situation, Dave was sure with some careful planning the house could be moved. He accepted the challenge, applied for permits, obtained signed contracts, and after several route changes, received the necessary permits.

The house had a bricked front side, and sat on a poured concrete basement wall. Holes had to be sawed in the concrete for the crossbeams on the brick side. Using a breaker on a skid steer loader, holes were then made for the crossbeams on the side without brick. The house measured 38 feet x 70 feet.

Dave used a set of 80-foot mains that were 18 inches tall and double I-beams at about 175 lbs. per foot. The crossbeams were 40 feet long with eight inch H beams at 31 lbs.



Keeping to the right of the centerline. Oops, that's the sidewalk.



C-clamps were used to hold cross loaders to the main beams.

per foot. There was an array of center beams and duct work, which made for the decision to C-clamp the crossbeams under the main beams. It also let us load just a little bit lower at 42 feet.

After the beams were in place, Dave pressurized nine unified jacks to about 3,500 psi., came down one inch to shim the cross loaders tight, then proceeded to pressurize again to 3,500 psi. After pressure he shimmed....

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