

January 26, 2016  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Dan Deming, Commissioners James Schlickau and Brad Dillon, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Reverend Kim Biery, Trinity United Methodist Church.

There were two additions to the agenda; executive session for acquisition of real property and the alternative security entrance discussion from Mr. Deming's visit to the Geary County Courthouse.

**Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 29th, 2016 of \$1,136,307.14 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2015-1446, 2016-4, 5, 10 through 12, 14 through 20, 22, through 31, 34 through 57, and 59 through 75. Next item was to appoint Todd Strain to the South Central Kansas Homeland Security as Reno County's Representative effective January 26, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Deming commented this was the official resolution finalizing the decision last week to vacate Mohawk Road. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve resolution #2016-01; A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF MOHAWK ROAD LYING IN SECTIONS 28 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 23S, RANGE 6W, RENO COUNTY, KANSAS. Public Works Director David McComb stated the effective date would be April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 or a date the necessary required barricades are installed, but no later than April 15th. Enterprise Products and Union Pacific along with Burlington Northern & Santa Fe railroads set the April date since Enterprise needed time to construct a private emergency road on their property with a gated access. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

**Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to return for consideration the agenda items #7, #8, and #9 tabled from January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 recommending approval of a resolution and two agreements. The resolution was for a stop sign to be posted at the intersection of Mohawk Road and Blanchard Avenue and agreements with the railroads. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Public Works Director David McComb stated he would coordinate with the township to install the stop signs effective from and after the date of its adoption and when the posting requirements had been satisfied. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve resolution #2016-02; A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REGULATION OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 8-2002 (Mohawk Road and Blanchard Avenue). The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. McComb stated these were safety closure agreements with the railroads each agreeing to pay a closure donation of \$42,500 for eliminating the grade crossing after the permanent road closure. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve agreements by and between BNSF Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company and Reno County, Kansas, for permanent closure of the at-grade railroad crossing for Mohawk Road Railroad Milepost 249.46. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. McComb was also present to recommend approval for a resolution to vacate a portion of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He stated the request from Mary Wheeler was to close the east half portion of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Mayfield and Kent Road. Mr. McComb stated that the west half had been closed previously. This resolution sets the viewing date of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. and the public hearing on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve resolution #2016-03; A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF 56<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, RENO COUNTY, KANSAS. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

**Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve a resolution #2016-04; A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN COUNTY WARRANTS. Mr. Meagher stated five or six of the checks were reissued and this resolution would cancel the balance of the warrants. County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan stated once these warrants were canceled they no longer could be reissued. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Emergency Management Coordinator Todd Strain met with the Board to recommend approval for a request from Fire District No. 7, Turon, Kansas, to spend up to but not to exceed \$35,000 to replace their 1969 Maxim Fire Pumper Truck with a 1989 Maxim Fire Engine from Stafford Fire Department with a 1000 water tank and 45,000 miles. The fire truck was inspected by Weis Fire from Salina, Kansas who also gave a repair cost estimate for the 1969 model of approximately \$13,327.50. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the Fire Chief to purchase the 1989 Maxim not to exceed \$35,000 as outlined by Mr. Strain. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Captain Darrin Campbell met with the Board recommending approval to purchase a 2016 Ford F-150 Crew cab 4X4 from Midwest Superstore, Hutchinson, for a total cost, after trade, of \$11,991.00. He stated they would trade in a 2012 F-150 with less than 100,000 miles. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the purchase as described by Captain Campbell. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Schlickau described discussions with Representative Becker at a recent legislative forum. Several subjects were discussed, including the Tax Lid and Gun Laws. Mr. Schlickau recommended to Rep. Becker that he only advance local issues that had full support by local government, Mr. Schlickau stated that issues not unanimously supported had little chance of making it out of committee, and damaged his credibility and effectiveness.

Mr. Schlickau expressed that he did not support term limits for County Commissioners, or legislation to appoint the Office of County Treasurer. Mr. Schlickau further commented that he felt strongly that the democratic process is critically important, and citizens should be able to vote for the candidate of their choice through the election process."

Commissioner Deming was in favor of presenting county commission term limits to a vote of the people however he agreed there was no need to press the issue this year with the commission divided on this issue and the legislature highly in favor of eventually continuing to pursue legislation allowing voters to decide whether county treasurers could be appointed by the commission rather than elected.

The Board moved into updates which included Reno County Extension quarterly Report from Jan Steen and Darren Busick and

the Horizons Mental Health Quarterly report from Michael Garrett.

Mr. McComb was also present for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board

At 10:10 the meeting recessed for ten minutes.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

**At 10:30 Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to go into executive session for 30 minutes for the discussion of acquisition of real property with no binding action to be taken as a result of this meeting and requesting County Administrator Mr. Meagher and Public Works Director David McComb to be present. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 11:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reno County Clerk  
cm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date