

February 9, 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 Willard Stafford, Reno County Police/Sheriff Chaplain.

There were three additions to the agenda; executive session for non-elected personnel, inmate R & R program, and update on ambulance revenue.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on February 12th, 2016 of \$465,809.62 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-15, 76, 257 through 281, 283, 285 through 291, and 293. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 9:05 **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to open the public hearing regarding zoning case number 15/ZA/01 a request for rezone of 2.5 acres at the dead-end intersection of West 69th Avenue and Redwood Road for discussion. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Planner Mark Vonachen briefly commented on the 9 factors in consideration for the approval as discussed in the last agenda meeting. He said staff and the Planning Commission were both in approval with six factors including an added factor for I-1 zoning that would be eliminated in the near future when industrial zoning changed. The request was made by Wendell and Keri Miller Living Trust, by applicant Garber Surveying Service, to rezone approximately 2.5 acres of land from R-3 - Moderate Residential District to I-1 - Light Industrial District for the purpose of establishing a contractor's storage yard for Miller Home Builders. The property was located at the dead-end intersection of West 69th Avenue and Redwood Road.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to close the public hearing. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to approve Zoning Case #15/ZA/01 rezoning approximately 2.5 acres of land from R-3 Moderate Residential District to I-1 Light Industrial District as described by Mr. Vonachen including #4, #6 and #7 as important reasons for action. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Aging/Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn met with the Board to recommend approval to declare two RCAT fixed route buses as surplus property to be sold on Purple Wave Auction and/or by private treaty to a local government. These buses are a 2010 Ford Eldorado Aerotech with 175,249 miles and a 2011 Ford Eldorado Aerotech with 172,441 miles. Both have been released from KDOT and ready to go for auction in March. She stated that Hutchinson Fire Department would like to purchase a bus so she took an average of past sales and agreed on a price of \$6,900 with the other to go to Purple Wave.

Mr. Schlickau asked Mr. Meagher about past procedures for selling surplus since some people wanted to purchase items and have been directed to Purple Wave instead of private sales.

County Administrator Mr. Meagher, replied by explaining private individual requests for purchasing equipment are referred to Purple Wave. He then stated that we try working with local governments when they want to purchase items instead of referring them to Purple Wave. We have not had a case of multiple entities wanting the same item.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the sale of a bus to Hutchinson Fire Department for \$6,900 and the other bus to go as surplus to Purple Wave Auction. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Meagher updated the Board on the Mortgage Registration Tax and Recording Fee Revenue from Register of Deeds. He reported we are down a total of \$6,351.26 from 2015.

Mr. Meagher gave a presentation on the proposed security entrance designed by Lynn Swartzkoff, Mann & Company, showing options for using the current entrance showing an ADA compliant ramp with a courtyard area. Mr. Meagher will be meeting with

Mr. Swartzkoff and the Historical Society on Wednesday to discuss alternatives. He explained they would install four doors, two available to go in and two to go out, instead of the current sliding metal door. Another option was to use the current vestibule and lobby area. The scanning machines would be positioned there. The Sheriff commented that the Fire Department would need to be contacted regarding egress doors for emergency use around the scanning machines, and then followed up by a discussion with the Historical Society. The east side of the building was also suggested for the handicap ramp keeping the main entrance with the security outpost in what is currently the men's restroom area. The Sheriff's option was to take out an existing window for a protected security entrance using the court clerk's office area since you would not be able to use the area from the current men's restroom because of size restraints. The handicap ramp would still be utilized. Mr. Meagher stated we have no cost estimates on the Sheriff's suggestion or other options at this time.

Commissioner Schlickau liked the look of the handicap ramp as designed. Mr. Meagher replied that Mr. Swartzkoff estimated the cost would be around \$150,000 making the ramp about the same as the previous estimate.

There was a large discussion on the square footage available in the restroom and court clerk's office. The Board discussed the possible cost of the designs. The Sheriff offered why he thought his design layout would be more secure on the restroom design stating someone would be gone due to the size.

Commissioner Dillon stated let's keep looking into this by speaking to the architect and the historical society before making any decisions.

Sgt. Troy Selby was in the audience and spoke about security and the safety of residents coming into the courthouse.

Jean Ediger, District Court Supervisor asked if the court clerk's office were moved where would they go. Mr. Dillon replied we would relocate that office to an appropriate location.

Willard Stafford addressed the Board regarding safety and told a story of being with the family of the shooter here at the courthouse that year. He did not want to make it personal but he was the one that notifies families of lost loved ones. "Don't think about money, think about lives saved", he stated.

He noted he would pay more taxes and believes others would like the best for those that lay their lives on the line and serve the public.

Commissioner Deming commented on a new recognition and rehabilitation program at the Reno County Correctional Facility. It involves a once a month classroom setting with a couple dozen men and women speaking frankly with former and recovering addicts to discuss programs that are available when they reach the outside. Mr. Deming appreciated the efforts that the Sheriff and his staff were doing with this program. Sheriff Henderson stated that Michael Hill was responsible for the program and also with working along with the Oxford House. The Sheriff went on to say Michael Hill has connected us with the Kansas Statewide Re-entry program which helps inmates not come back into the correction system. He also stated the work release program was up and running and working well. A small success was getting our first GED through. The Sheriff ended with news that Jesse Downard and Debbie Gibson will retire next month.

Mr. Deming also pointed out the ambulance subsidy during the past year. He stated we are down about \$178,000 in the amount of losses in the CMS operation compared to 2014. We had a subsidy of about \$850,000 in 2015 and \$1,034,000 in 2014 showing an under budget of \$350,000 for the year. He stated part was due to the call volume being up by 9.5 percent and having more revenue coming in with less discounts being applied. Mr. Deming commented that it appeared the subsidy is in a downward direction.

At 9:50 Mr. Meagher requested an executive session. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to go into executive session for 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel with no binding action to be taken as a result of this meeting and requesting County Administrator Mr. Meagher to be present. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 10:15 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 16th, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date