

February 23, 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 retired Reverend Mark Conard, First United Methodist Church.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on February 26th, 2016 of \$282,505.25 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-331 through 335, 337 through 341. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Deb Scheibler Executor Director of Kansas Workforce Investment Board met with the Board giving a brief history of the youth and adult employment opportunity programs. There was also a copy of the PY2014 Financial report. She stated this was a Federal program and their offices were located on the Hutchinson Community Junior College campus. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve a Chief Elected Officials' Agreement with the Kansas Workforce Investment Board, Local Area 1. The agreement establishes a local elected official's board (LEOB) to "provide for the effective planning, coordination and implementation of the employment and training system within the Kansas Workforce Investment Area 1". The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Lynn Swartzkoff, Mann & Company Architects, gave a presentation of the proposed security entrance using the current lobby area of the courthouse. He previously met with the historical society, fire department, Sheriff's officers and Mr. Meagher to get approvals on this proposed design. The sliding metal door would be removed and four single doors would replace it making the courthouse look like it previously did when

originally designed. The three door entry would also be ADA compliant for the incoming traffic, and one exit door for outgoing traffic with a glass wall separating the entrance/exit area. All four doors could be used for emergency exits. Mr. Swartzkoff stated they would address the issues of a soaker hose for landscaping in the courtyard along with a heated ramp way.

County Administrator Gary Meagher noted there was a security station to the north of the proposed entry that our maintenance crew would install. The remodeled men's restroom area would be locked to the public giving the security team a place to hold and wand individuals along with a private restroom.

Commissioner Deming inquired as to a cost for this proposed design. Mr. Swartzkoff estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 and stated that the bids would be available within the next thirty days for the Commissioners. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the proposal from Mann & Company Architects for the design as outlined today. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Captain Steve Lutz, Sheriff's Department, met with the Board to recommend approval to purchase two used detective vehicles. He stated these vehicles would be unmarked vehicles purchased from local dealers, Conklin Cars or Midway Motors. Captain Lutz prefers to rotate vehicles every four to six years purchasing vehicles that are non-descript so they blend in with the neighborhoods. They usually have trade in vehicles, however this time they may sell the vehicles to other Reno County Departments. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the purchase of two unmarked detective vehicles not to exceed \$39,000 with trade-in as outlined by Captain Lutz. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Deming opened the discussion on the proposed new logo for Reno County. He stated this would make all the county's stationary and vehicles for all departments consistent instead of having several different logo styles.

Mr. Meagher noted the design initiated from a committee made up of department directors and elected officials looking for something fresh. The new annex signage was the driving factor for the logo. The committee put the focus on the courthouse and the name Reno County, with individual departments identified below Reno County. Using a minimum amount of colors will reduce the cost of both vehicle and letterhead logos.

Commissioner Dillon had to leave the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Meagher introduced the new candidate for Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar. He gave a brief history of the vacancy caused in 2014 when Bill Guy retired. He stated Michelle Abbott along with Todd Strain had operated the department until recently when interview screening began for a director. Mr. Meagher noted that Mr. Weishaar was employed with the City of Hutchinson Police Department and previously had been with the Air National Guard. He explained Mr. Weishaar had emergency management certifications along with FEMA certifications from his guard experience.

Mr. Weishaar gave a brief explanation of his background. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Deming,** for approval of the appointment of Mr. Weishaar as Emergency Management Director for Reno County, Kansas; and subsequent employment agreement. The motion was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Jana McCarron, City of Hutchinson's Planning Director and City Manager John Deardoff met with the Board. Mrs. McCarron made a presentation of a rural housing incentive district (RHID). The City of Hutchinson adopted a policy with no cap on the price of housing or no proposed lid. She explained the benefits to the city's program and the county's possible tax basis benefits. Mr. Deardoff gave further details of the city's involvement and stated one contractor had come forth showing some interest in the program out of the five local contractor identified areas. The Board expressed concern on a cap amount for the affordable housing area. Mr. Meagher noted if a developer did come forward then whatever issues could be addressed at that time, this was just information at this point.

Commissioners Schlickau and Deming both asked questions regarding not having a cap or ceiling on the cost of homes that would qualify for special assessments being abated and property taxes diverted from normal taxing sources. Commissioner Deming said he had been told in previous discussions with Mrs. McCarron that if a majority of the county commission had concerns about the lack of a cap and would likely not approve projects involving approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 as a ceiling on participating, the city would like to know at this time and consider a possible revision in its guidelines. Mr. Deming said he had serious reservations about not capping participation at \$250,000 or less and would probably not approve any projects exceeding an agreed-on cap. Mr. Schlickau indicated agreement.

At 10:20 the meeting recessed for five minutes.

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

Appraiser Brad Wright met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board. The discussion included preliminary market and valuation increases with Mr. Wright noting that property owners would soon be receiving notification of any changes, giving them an opportunity to discuss why and make appeals.

At 10:40 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 1st, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date