

March 1, 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 Pastor David Dubovich, Park Place Christian 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 March 4th, 2016 of \$1,136,307.14 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-336, 346 through 349, 351, 376 through 379, 386, 403, 405 and 406. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Deming postponed agenda item #6 until after the City of Hutchinson's Council meeting today.

County Administrator Gary Meagher met with the Board to recommend a newly designed Reno County logo be approved before the annex sign is put up. He stated the font would follow for decals and letterhead. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the county logo as described by Mr. Meagher. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Meagher was also present to recommend approval for a contract with Mann & Company Architects for the design of the Courthouse Security Entrance not to exceed \$26,100. The entrance cost was estimated to be \$250,000 to \$300,000 plus approximately \$50,000 for new security equipment. He stated it was a simple AIA contract and could be reduced depending on time and material costs. The project was small but would meet ADA and Historical Society requirements and bid packages would go out in 30 to 45 days. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** for approval of the contract as outlined by Mr. Meagher.

The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Meagher added Treanor Architects is presently working through a few questions on the bid package for the Law Enforcement Center remodel and would send out bid requests in the next week or two.

Mr. Meagher also gave explanation of encumbering \$125,925 for the purpose of replacing a chassis for the EMS Unit #32. He stated they had initially put \$165,000 into the 2016 budget for a new ambulance unit. However the plan was to remount the box and set it on a new chassis instead saving approximately \$40,000. The actual work would not be done until November 2016 so we would reimburse the cost when the invoice comes through from the hospital around March 2017. His request was to encumber the money and give the approval today so the money would come out of the 2016 budget not the 2017 budget. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve encumbering \$125,925 for the purpose of replacing a chassis for EMS Unit #32 and authorizing Mr. Deming to sign a copy of the Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System Capital Equipment Project Requisition. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board to recommend approval for purchasing one (1) remote control trench roller for \$24,700. He also stated a request to purchase one (1) tandem vibratory steel roller for \$116,425 both from Foley Equipment, Wichita, Kansas. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve both purchases as outlined by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Emergency Management Coordinator Todd Strain met with the Board for his regularly scheduled monthly meeting. He briefly went over various events not requiring action by the Board.

At 9:22 the meeting recessed until 9:40 a.m.

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

Kansas State Forestry Services Incident Commander Eric Ward spoke briefly about the bush fire mitigation project taking place between March 20th and March 26th, 2016 around the Sand Hill State Park area. Also in attendance were Stacy Bain from Hutchinson Community College, Jennifer Williams with Kansas State Forestry Services Communications Coordinator, and Doug Hanan with Hutchinson Fire Department.

Commissioner Schlickau asked if the community college helped private owners wanting to mitigation burn. Hutchinson Community College Stacy Bain replied that they had volunteer students and at this time did not partner with private owners but are partnered with the Forestry Services. Mr. Ward stated most public agencies using public resources do not partner with private owners for various reasons.

Mr. Hanan replied that Pretty Prairie has started a prescribed burn association. It is a state organization consisting of two groups trying to come together for that purpose to help private owners. Mr. Hanan stated that there are 12 organizations across Kansas. He also stated that working along beside the Forestry Service with their 90 plus people on prescribed burns was an invaluable training experience for Hutchinson Fire Fighters.

At 9:50 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 8th, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date