

April 5th, 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 Mike McGuire, Trinity United Methodist church.

There was one addition to the agenda; follow up on the Haven City Council meeting.

**Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on April 8, 2016 of \$347,459.37 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-435. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Administrator Gary Meagher met with the Board to recommend approval for resolution #2016-07; **A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-43.** Mr. Meagher explained the resolution was clarifying some language. He stated that when a resident calls into the 9-1-1 call center to give notification of a burn, the call center would take the information and only advise conditions as to whether the person could burn or not, and would **not** be giving authorization to burn. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the resolution as outlined by Mr. Meagher. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board to discuss a request from Clay Township for lowering the speed limit to 35 mph on Mayfield Road between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. BG Consultants, Incorporated did a traffic study for the speed reduction request on Mayfield Road. They suggested posting the speed limit at 40 mph along Mayfield Road. This recommendation was after reviewing site conditions and speed

data of traffic along this route. In almost all of the data collected, the speed was well below the statutory speed limit of 55 mph. Recorded traffic speeds were consistently averaging 25 to 35 mph during the time period analyzed. The free-flowing traffic is traveling at or below 43 mph. The speed recorded is in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, which is commonly used by traffic engineers for establishing posted speed limits. Mr. McComb stated that Clay Township would post the signs reflecting the change. The Clay Township Board reviewed the recommendation for 40 mph and approved it. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the speed limit of 40 mph on Mayfield Road as outlined by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Schlickau reported that he attended a Haven City Council meeting. The city had received notification from Public Works to remove informational signs out of the county right of way. City staff had already removed the signs and Mr. Schlickau explained their options. The first option would be to place the signs on the west side of Haven Road which is annexed into the city. The second option would be to place the signs on private property on the east side of Haven Road out of the county right-of-way. The third option is to annex the east half of Haven Road into the city of Haven then the signs could be placed back where they had been removed. The City Council took action to place their signs on the west side of Haven Road.

Commissioner Deming stated the tax levy comparison information provided last week was on the renogov.org website.

Mr. Meagher also addressed the Board recommending approval for a cereal malt beverage license for the Highlands Golf Club under the new owners. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the license for Highlands. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Human Relations Director Renee Harris and Youth Services Director Bill Hermes met with the Board for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mrs. Harris discussed work comp updates and salary changes for salary versus hourly that take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hermes went over the Youth Services 2015 Annual Report.

Mr. Meagher updated the Board on the Mortgage Registration Tax and Recording Fee report. He stated it was up \$7,477.46 from 2015 at this same time.

At 10:05 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.

At 10:10 **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau**, to go into executive session not to exceed thirty minutes to discuss a privileged legal matter requesting Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Meagher be present, with no formal action to be taken. The motion carried 3-0.

At 10:35 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Approved:

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk  
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