

May 24, 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 William Green, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

There was one addition to the agenda; permission to destroy old election information at Sonoco.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on May 27, 2016 of \$197,249.22 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-482, 483. Next a proclamation was read by Mr. Deming proclaiming the month of May, 2016 as "Drug Court Month". Judge McCarville accepted the proclamation and gave a brief explanation of the success of the Drug Court. He then thanked and acknowledged Libertee Thompson from Reno County Community Corrections for all her hard work with the clients of the Drug Court. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Solid Waste Office Manager Megan Davidson met with the Board to recommend approval for the Master Plan at the Landfill including rate increases on the Reno County Solid Waste User Fees beginning in 2017 as presented in last week's agenda session. She stated due to funding for future projects and declined revenue the user fees need to increase by \$9.25 for residential next year making the household user fee \$80.00 and commercial would rise also. She said "This master plan will give us a bigger picture of what needs to happen." **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve resolution **#2016-16; A RESOLUTION PROVIDING A SCHEDULE OF FEES IN CONNECTION WITH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-09.** The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Schlickau complimented Justin Bland and Megan Davidson for their great job in planning ahead for the financial future at the Landfill. He commented the current user fees were held at a low rate for a long time and we can't sustain that forever. With Mr. Meagher's direction, this is a good plan to go forward.

Ms. Davidson noted with the Reno County citizens helping with the separation of items at the Landfill it helps user costs stay low versus if we charged tipping fees. If the citizens just dump everything together and it would fill the Landfill's cells faster.

Commissioner Deming regretted adding problems to the elderly with fixed incomes and the low income households, but he could not see any other alternative to raising the user fees by \$9.25 per household for 2017 to \$80.00. If we went to a tipping fee it has the possibility of creating bigger problems.

Voter Registration/Election Clerk Alisha Johnson met with the Board to request approval to destroy previous election records through Sonoco on May 26th, 2016. She went over the retention schedule for election records no longer required to be maintained. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the request to destroy records at Sonoco on May 26th. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar met with the Board to recommend approval to purchase a used three quarter ton pickup truck not to exceed \$26,000. Mr. Weishaar explained the vehicles they currently were using; 1999 Dodge Durango and 2010 ³/₄ Chevy pickup (daily drivers), 1994 RCAT bus (4 heavy duty generators and to move the 26 foot command trailer) and a 1984 ambulance (strictly for storage), five cargo trailers, and a one ton Chevy dually truck which can only be used to pull in a deployed environment in a 19 county wide area. They use these vehicles to assist pulling the Health Department and the Animal Response trailers. Mr. Weishaar requested to dispose of the RCAT bus, ambulance and the Dodge Durango. He said Conklin Cars had a couple of three quarter ton pickups, a 2007 and a 2010, priced at \$25,900. This pickup would be driven at least on a weekly basis. His request today is for approval to purchase a ³/₄ ton pickup truck to pull the trailers.

Mr. Dillon asked where all the equipment would be stored if the vehicles were disposed of. Mr. Weishaar replied they would like to purchase a small enclosed trailer for the CERT team and an open faced trailer for the generators.

County Administrator Mr. Meagher stated purchasing the two trailers would be considerably more functional than the RCAT bus and the ambulance and would also save the county money on insurance and vehicle maintenance.

Mr. Deming commented on the great job Mr. Weishaar and Mr. Strain were doing in the Emergency Management Department. He stated that Mr. Weishaar was asked to come up with a plan to be more organized and efficient and this is the plan he came up with. He expressed how glad he was that Mr. Weishaar was here. Mr. Deming stated he had a hard time justifying two vehicles for a two man operation and was in favor of sharing a truck with the Sheriff's office or Public Works or using a pool car instead of purchasing another vehicle that would be idle 75 percent of the time. He had no objection to purchasing the trailers and asked to wait until the 2017 budget to see how the county as a whole would be affected financially since it is taxpayers money not grant money being used to purchase the requested \$26,000 vehicle . We have a tax lid coming next year and he would like to wait on the purchase.

Mr. Schlickau questioned how the three vehicles would be disposed of. Mr. Weishaar stated the Durango would be traded-in and the bus and ambulance would be sold through PurpleWave Auction.

Mr. Weishaar explained using a Homeland Security Grant of \$41,000 following the grant guidelines. This grant had been idle for years stating it needed to be spent this year or lose it. He stated vehicles were not on the list of accepted expenditures, however they could use the grant money toward 50 percent of their salary. This would free up money from his budget toward the vehicle purchase. He would prefer to not give any money back to Homeland Security.

Mr. Meagher recommended the Board authorize spending up to \$26,000 for purchasing the vehicle and also give authorization to dispose of the RCAT bus and ambulance on PurpleWave then trade-in the Dodge Durango.

Mr. Weishaar informed the Board on the cost for two trailers. He stated the 6x10 foot cargo trailer was just under \$5,000 and the 8x10 foot open trailer was approximately \$2,000.

Mr. Meagher commented that the Durango was not in good shape and the EM Department may or may not have the money when it does decide to quit running. He stated it was a wise decision to get rid of equipment at this time and purchasing the trailers also made good sense. The suggestion of sharing with other departments is a good idea, however if that department is using the vehicle for other purposes it would not be available for Emergency Management to respond for their needs. Mr. Meagher believed this was a good move to purchase the truck.

Commissioner Schlickau stated that with eliminating vehicles the insurance would be less. The trailers could be unhooked and left at the scene and the truck still could be used to respond to multiple locations during an event. He thought for the price of the truck it made good sense to purchase.

Commissioner Dillon questioned if the 2010 Chevy pickup with topper hauled trailers why would we need two full time trucks.

Mr. Weishaar replied that if the Sheriff's officers were called out they could not haul the EM trailers. He went on to say if they purchased the new trailers the Sheriff's ½ ton pickups would not be able to pull the weighted trailer. He said it would not work in case of an emergency. Mr. Weishaar gave the example of the fires in Reno and Barber Counties when he went one way and Mr. Strain was stranded in another.

Commissioner Deming was strongly against purchasing the vehicle and wanted to share vehicles with other departments.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the request to spend up to \$26,000 for a ¾ ton pickup truck and then authorization to dispose of the Durango by trade-in, RCAT bus and ambulance by PurpleWave Auction as outlined by Mr. Weishaar. The motion included the authorization to purchase a cargo trailer not to exceed \$5,000 and an open trailer for approximately \$2,000. The motion was approved by a 2-1 vote with Mr. Deming opposing.

Aging/Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn recommended approval for a proposed RCAT South Route revision. She stated in response to the public's request they added back a portion of

the old route and would still have the same pick up times. They would like to implement the changes the first full week of June. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the route as outlined by Mrs. Lilyhorn. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Weishaar and Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board for their regularly scheduled meeting. Both discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

Mr. Meagher updated the Board with the proposed timeline for moving departments to the Reno County Courthouse Annex starting with June 3rd's walk thru adding the following week furniture will be delivered and possibly moving the Clerk's Department the week of June 20th.

At 10:10 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date