

June 14, 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 was one addition to the agenda; discussion on additional funds for agencies.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Deming, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on June 17, 2016 of \$835,299.92 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-486, 537 and 538. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Randy Henderson recommended approval for an annual agreement between the City of Hutchinson and Reno County for the 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award where the City of Hutchinson pays Reno County 31 percent of the grant awarded in the amount of \$8,321. Sheriff said this was an annual grant for \$18,521 that split with the City of Hutchinson. He would like to purchase with the county's share, storage devices for body cam videos was a loaner from Hutchinson Police Department several years ago and was used then they would like to purchase a mass storage unit for \$1,299. Mr. Deming wanted to know how many officers had body cams. Sheriff stated every officer has a cam including the jail staff. The X26 Tasers are obsolete so no repairing them so he proposed purchasing two X26P Tasers to replace them. He added to the list three body cam camera collar mounts instead of the shoulder for the roving officers at the jail facility \$102, four mega movers, five cot style movers \$212, one Motorola radio for out on street for the work release program. The final items on the list of purchases will be for seven head sets and ear muffs for firearms instructors along with tunicates and medical kits for the shooting range. He requested the agreement signed by

Commissioner Deming and County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan saying we share this money with the City of Hutchinson. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau**, to approve the agreement with City of Hutchinson and purchases as outlined by Sheriff Henderson authorizing Mr. Deming and Mr. O'Sullivan to sign. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Juvenile Justice Authority Administrator/Intake and Assessment Supervisor Shelly Bredemeier recommended approval for a Kansas Department of Corrections' grant program and budget for the first half of the State Fiscal Year 2017 (SFY17) with a grant amount of \$327,467.51, Graduated Sanctions and Prevention. She stated normally she would be requesting approval for a full year but since Senate Bill 367 passed, a Juvenile Reform bill. She continued with the Kansas Department of Corrections would still fund through December to get bill up and running and see what the communities are going to need. She stated with the bill action they could not dedicate time for the budget so they will continue the \$327,467.51 funding as scheduled. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau**, to approve the grant as outlined by Ms. Bredemeier and authorizes the chair to sign. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan explained a written request by Clinton Troyer for a fence viewing on certain property located at 11502 East Avenue G, Burrton, Kansas as per K.S.A. 29-304. He read the statute then said the Board would view the fence in question, north and south fence between Southwest quarter of Section 15 Valley (North) and Southeast quarter of Section 15 Valley (North) between property of Clinton Troyer and Jeannine Rayl and make a determination for who maintains an assigned portion of the fence. First National Bank manages the Jeannine Rayl side of the fence from Mr. Troyer and after contact between parties they could not reach a solution to the issue of maintenance/destruction. The Board set the date to view the fence on July 5th at 11:00 a.m. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau**, to set the date and time as discussed. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Justin Mitchell CEO of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Financial Services, Incorporated made a presentation to the Board of the annual audit report. He began with the statement, "This was a very, very good report the best year we ever had for Reno County by far". Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball had a 116 page Primary Government Financial Statement with Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2015 that he went through highlighting certain areas. The auditors' conclusions were

found in Section II Financial Statement Findings, no material findings or questioned costs are required to be disclosed under Government Auditing Standards. Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs, no material finds or questioned costs are required to be disclosed under the Uniform Guidance. Commissioner Dillon requested Mr. Mitchell provide us with a grade for this fiscal management for year 2015, Mr. Mitchell gave the county an A+ which is rare.

Mr. Mitchell brought with him another partner of the firm Melissa Romme who explained the budgetary limitations with the new Tax Lid that will affect the county next year.

At 10:20 the Board took a five minute break.

At 10:25 Commissioner Schlickau began the discussion on agency funding requests giving Mr. Meagher direction for the upcoming funding in 2017. Mr. Schlickau started with the Commissioner Discretionary Fund (CDF) that Mr. Deming suggested lowering in last week's agenda meeting. He stated the Discretionary fund currently had \$34,500 he suggested removing the K96 Corridor Development Association dues (\$8,000) and Police/Sheriff Chaplain payment (\$2,000) from the discretionary fund into the Courthouse General Fund which would lower the CDF to \$24,500. He additionally recommended taking an additional \$4,500 out of the CDF to maintain a minimum balance of \$20,000 for unforeseen expenditures. He suggested transferring the remaining \$4,500 to the Conservation District for their increased request since they have been operating at a deficit since 2009 and no adjustments for ten years.

Commissioner Schlickau also addressed the Quest Center stating it plays a role in our county and was part of the overall Eco-Devo portfolio. He thought the Chamber had more impact on project creation than the Quest Center. He recommended reducing their funds by \$5,000 for 2017 and fund \$60,000 and each year by \$5,000 until the ongoing balance is \$50,000 annually. Quest Center and HCC staff, and clients served, could make adjustments in their program in upcoming years.

Commissioner Schlickau ended with the Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber stating he recommended increasing the allocation by \$5,000 from the reduction from the Quest Center. Also, eliminating the funding to Market Hutchinson of \$13,500 from the County and add that amount into the Chamber allocation, bring that total amount to the Chamber to \$37,500 since Market

Hutchinson is part of the Chamber letting them determine the appropriate level to assist in promoting Reno County to attract potential projects. The Chamber currently contributes \$2,750 to Market Hutchinson. Mr. Schlickau stated that the amount given to the Chamber is not the limiting factor in bringing economic development projects to our county. The Chamber has also concluded a very successful fundraising campaign and exceeded their goal. Some of the proceeds could be used for staffing needs. There was a zero net effect from Mr. Schlickau's proposal, but stated he was willing to compromise on Mr. Deming's suggestion from the previous week.

Commissioner Deming said he still feels the county can justify a \$25,000 increase in spending toward Chamber of Commerce economic development, tied to the Chamber adding a second full time employee devoted to working with existing business expansion, recruitment of new businesses, job creation and overall economic development. He stated that a \$5,000 addition, as suggested by Commissioner Schlickau, at least is a step in the right direction. Mr. Deming noted the conservation district that is seeking an additional \$4,500 says it will have about \$74,000 in its' reserve fund by the end of this year. AS a result of the reserve, he believes that \$4,500 should come from that source not increased county tax funds. Mr. Deming also stated he agreed with a \$5,000 reduction in the county's Quest Center allocation along with the other suggestions from Commissioner Schlickau.

Commissioner Dillon said he continues to favor keeping the Chamber allocation unchanged for 2017 and retaining \$65,000 for Quest Center funding, as opposed to a \$5,000 cut. After further discussion Commissioner Dillon indicated agreement with the majority's expressions about both the Chamber and Quest Center.

Sheriff Henderson met with the Commission for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 11:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date