

July 12, 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, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Senior Pastor Mike McGuire, Trinity United Methodist Church. Mr. McGuire commented on the Ulster Project and was excited to have them visiting for a month in Hutchinson.

There were five additions to the agenda; cancel item #7 on agenda, report on the security entrance bids, retirement for Dennis Parsons, report on road closures, and Letter of Support for Law Enforcement.

**Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on July 15, 2016 of \$1,202,052.26 as submitted. Next item on the consent agenda was the appointment of Vickie Quick, Nurse from USD 308 Hutchinson schools, and Brenda Brown, Chief Operating Officer at Horizons, to the Health Department Advisory Board, effective immediately, for terms expiring December 31, 2018. Next was a new application for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Park Partners LLC, dba Cottonwood Hills Golf Club. Mr. Deming read the proclamation; proclaiming the month of July 2016 as "Ulster Project of Reno County Month". Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the Ulster Project were Kellyn McCarley and Shaun Kipp from Hutchinson; Chris McGuire from Portadown, Northern Ireland. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. McGuire thanked the Board for their acknowledgement on behalf of the Ulster Project and noted that Hutchinson, Kansas provides a neutral venue for them. He also stated they appreciated the support and it did not go unnoticed on their end or Hutchinson's either. He stated this project was established in 1975, 40 years ago to take young Protestants and Catholics out of troubled areas and help them to build a strong bond from their experiences here and hopefully build a better future.

Kellyn McCarley appreciated the support from the Board and Hutchinson to make this project such a success.

Jacob Grinstead 4-H Ambassador stated there were eleven ambassadors throughout the county that provided leadership for the face of 4-H. They were here today to thank the Board for continuing to support the Reno County 4-H and the Extension Office. He commented the Extension Offices were the best for Ag in Kansas. He was excited for the beef project it gave him a clear career path in animal Ag. The horse projects lead him to sign with the Kansas State Rodeo.

Grace Zonker said her favorite project was sewing. She stated that it is more than color and design and she now has moved up the leadership ladder to helping younger 4-Hers. She has learned a lot about public speaking through 4-H. She invited the Board to karaoke at the Fairgrounds Saturday night and tickets to the main event, the Blue Ribbon BBQ program, on Sunday 24th.

Katie Graham who is involved with the poultry project said her favorite event is the Barn Yard Olympics that takes place at 1:00 pm Saturday. She commented that 4-H has taught her leadership skills that she uses today.

Sarah Schlickau has been involved with 4-H for eleven years and her favorite project is the swine project that will be on Saturday at 8:00 am even though her family raises cattle. 4-H has given her public speaking and opportunities to grow. She is singing in the BBQ program.

Commissioner Deming acknowledged the retirement of Dennis Parson's and appreciated his hard work after 12 years of service with the county. Mr. Deming asked Maintenance Director Harlen Depew to present a plaque to Mr. Parson's and say a few words. Mr. Depew briefly told about projects that Mr. Parson's had worked on and stated he appreciated all the hard work wishing him well.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar updated the Board on road closings since the July 6<sup>th</sup> declaration was signed. He also noted the landfills communication was out from the last storm. Commissioner Schlickau questioned the \$225,000 amount Reno County had to meet the states thresh hold and the State's \$4 million. Mr. Weishaar stated the paperwork had to be submitted as one disaster event.

Commissioner Deming drafted a Letter of Support for Law Enforcement Officers after the Dallas shooting of 5 officers and the wounding of 7 others. The Board of Reno County Commissioners wanted to make its' position clear from local public agencies and fellow citizens. We support and appreciate the daily efforts made by local officers to keep the public safe and uphold the oath they have taken to protect and serve. They realize a small number of officers use excessive force and do not respect the rights and dignity of others. Locally any such incidents are rare and a major exception to how virtually all officers perform their duties. This commission wishes to thank and pledge continuing support to members of all departments and state, also corrections officers for their work and devotion to public safety and assisting their fellow citizens. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the support letter written by Commissioner Deming and make copies for all officers. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

**Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to table for an undetermined length of time the approval for a request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase two (2) 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor SUVs from Midway Motors for a total price of \$53,296. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Administrator Gary Meagher met with the Board to recommend approval to renew a contract with Canon for the lease and maintenance of 35 copiers for 60 months. He stated by the old contract the lease amount was \$2,485.86 for 33 machines and 12 colored machines with a maintenance agreement for 36 machines (33 leased and 3 owned). The new lease is \$2,368.00 for 35 machines, 21 upgraded to a higher end model and 16 colored machines with 35 machines on a maintenance agreement with no owned machines covered by the agreement. He stated this agreement will save \$117.86 monthly and \$1,414.32 annually. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the agreement as described by Mr. Meagher. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

**Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve a request to decide and execute an Assignment of Partition Fence following the July 5, 2016 fence viewing (Troyer/Rayl properties) as the document states. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

**Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve a resolution #2016-17; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDOOR STORAGE FACILITY,

CROSSFIT GYM, AND EVENT CENTER ON A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS located at 4601 North Plum Street. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Public Works Director David McComb discussed an agreement between BNSF Railroad Company, Reno County and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for construction and maintenance of highway crossing signals at Woodberry Road Mile 20, directly south of US 50 Highway. He stated that Harvey County and Reno County trade off so there are many miles on county roads that share county lines. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau**, to approve the agreement as described by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 9:45 the meeting recessed for five minutes.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners, County Administrator Gary Meagher, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

Mr. Meagher discussed the secure entrance bids received and opened on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Two bids were received, A & A Builders base bid was \$232,900 with an alternate of \$12,400, the other from Regier Construction \$286,471 and the alternate of \$11,863. He stated the project would be completed in 120 days. The base included the installation of an ADA compliant ramp and the alternate of a glass partition with safety glass. The architect estimated bid was \$250,000.

Mr. Meagher was also present to go over the preliminary overview of the 2017 budget. He stated the goal was to keep the ad valorem tax as low as we can. He went over mill levy changes from 39.629 in 2011 to 40.897 in 2016. **Mr. Meagher said the 2017 budget proposal calls for a one mill increase in property taxes, primarily to keep ending year reserves the same as anticipated reserves by the end of 2016.** Mr. Meagher also said the budget was prepared in anticipation of step increases for county employees not at the top of scale, which would cost about \$475,000. Another factor going into the 2017 budget is an increase in health insurance costs. The proposed budget calls for a 41.897 mill levy in 2017, one mill more than 2016. For 2016, Reno County ranked 90 out of the 105 counties based on mill levies and 94<sup>th</sup> based on per capita calculations, according to a report from the Kansas Association of Counties. Reno County valuations were largely flat from 2012 to 2016. Mr. Meagher went over the revenue part of the budget for generated

income and lost revenue then over the motor vehicle estimates. He stated the 2016 budget features of no added personnel, salary adjustments per pay plan, \$400,000 economic development projects; a continuation of 2 mills dedicated to the county's Special Bridge Fund and one mill for the Special Road Fund. He discussed the pay plan step increases from the survey market range last year and keeping to the salary schedule which had seven step increases per pay grade. Salaries after seven steps are determined by the Commission. Mr. Meagher then went to the Self Insurance Fund and what amount was needed to sustain that fund. He discussed road projects and the Fire Districts audit.

There was a large discussion between the Board and Mr. Meagher about the counties debt then Mr. Meagher went over the proposed timeline of events for July 19<sup>th</sup> BCBS renewable rates, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 Budget Summary, set date for budget hearing and August 9<sup>th</sup> conduct the 2017 Budget Hearing and have budget hearings in the evening at the library.

Information Services Director Mike Mathews and Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr met with the Board for their regularly scheduled meeting. Both went over various topics not requiring action by the Board.

At 11:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

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Members of the Board of Commissioners:

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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