

July 26, 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 Chad Trunkhill, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

There were four additions to the agenda; 2 executive sessions for privileged legal matter, sales tax report, security entrance, and event at The Barn, Pretty Prairie.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on July 29, 2016 of \$660,814.84 as submitted. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to un-table for consideration an item tabled from July 19, 2016 designating a voting delegate and alternate at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) annual meeting to be held November 15 - 17, 2016 in Overland Park, Kansas. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Administrator Gary Meagher stated that Renee Harris Human Resources Director, Donna Patton County Clerk and Deputy Clerk Jami Radloff would be attending the 41st Annual Conference. He asked if the Board would like to designate one of those attending. Donna Patton was chosen to be the voting delegate with Renee Harris and Jami Radloff as alternates.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to approve the KAC delegate and alternates. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Deming skipped to item #8 on the agenda.

Mr. Meagher was also present to recommend approval for a contract with VendTech Enterprises, Wichita, Kansas for armed

security guard services at the courthouse. He stated the contract would start as of December 1, 2016 and the renewal would be each consecutive three years and could be canceled with a 30 day notice. VendTech Enterprises has security contracts in Federal offices across the nation and Mr. Meagher reviewed training and operating areas and found positive feedback before considering the contract. The cost for an armed security guard is \$20.67 per hour per officer. The Sheriff estimated they would need 3, two to scan (with one on each device) and one rover to patrol the courthouse. The estimated cost for each hour the three officers are on duty comes to \$62.01 and \$155,025 per year. He stated the city would be billed 1 hour of operation since they have people at 7:00 a.m. for municipal court and 9 hours will be paid for by the county. County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Mr. Meagher recommended approving the contract with VendTech for the amounts given. The Sheriff will provide one sworn officer monitoring the cameras and a Sergeant who will split his time overseeing the civil process and be over the private armed security throughout the courthouse and also the main entrance scanning.

Commissioner Dillon questioned the need for armed personnel. Mr. Meagher replied that they changed the laws citing a statute that states, to enforce the provisional law to keep guns out of the courthouse you must have armed personnel.

Commissioner Schlickau asked if there are three hired officers at all times is that too much. Mr. Meagher stated they had noticed there were times that not many people come into the courthouse.

Commissioner Dillon asked if we decided to reduce the number of security personnel, either the rover or one of the scanning officer,s was that a possible change in staffing that was at our discretion.

Mr. Meagher replied that the contract would have to be renegotiated and could be higher without the staffing levels agreed to in this proposed contract.

The Board was very concerned about paying for the rover position when there may not be a need. Mr. Meagher stated it was the Commission's contract with VendTech Enterprises and it would be their decision. There would be one officer for the standing scanner and one for scanning bags then the rover for courthouse security.

Commissioner Deming stated that Sheriff's Officers escorting inmates to court are armed so this is overkill in his opinion for armed private security. He noted that overall courthouse security personnel costs at the courthouse would be about \$225,000 annually but the expense is still about \$125,000 less than the plan originally presented by the Sheriff. Mr. Meagher explained the breakdown of costs for Sheriff Officers, noting that originally scanners were not going to be armed and would be at a lesser cost, but with the change in the law, armed security is now necessary.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan stated that in the beginning the aim was to keep guns out of the courthouse so we could provide adequate security and was not defined in the original law. The has now been defined as armed personnel.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to table this item until next week for the contract with VendTech Enterprises for armed security guard services at the courthouse until the Sheriff could come give his views on the armed personnel. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Public Works Director Dave McComb met with the Board to recommend approval for resolution #2016-18; A RESOLUTION RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN ROADS IN THE RENO COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 68-506 specifically known as Medora Road Mile 29; Frisco Avenue Mile 35 and 4th Avenue Mile 39 between Victory Road and Buhler Road. Mr. McComb explained these roads were turned back after speaking with Medora Township. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the resolution as outlined by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Deming returned to item #7.

Mr. Meagher was present to review the County Budget and Special Districts Budget Summaries and set a date for the Budget Hearings. He suggested the date of August 9th at 9:00 a.m. for the Public Hearing. He stated they went through the overview in detail last week. He noted the main feature was an increase of one mill for the 2017 budget. The General Fund estimated reserves would be lowered without an increase in the mill levy so it is now set at 41.897 which reflected the one mill increase from the 2016 mill of 40.897. Mr. Meagher stated the one mill would equate to \$564,000 dollars.

Commissioner Deming talked about the tax lid. Mr. Meagher explained the computation of dollars from the state.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to set the Public Hearing on August 9th, 9:00 a.m. here in the Commission Chambers. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Deming mentioned an informal public hearing at the Hutchinson Library at 7:00 p.m. on August 3rd with all three Commissioners attending.

Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr met with the Board to recommend approval for the following end-of-year budget adjustments for Community Corrections; Juvenile Grant Budget Adjustments, Juvenile FY'17 Carryover Reimbursement Budget, Adult FY'17 Carryover Reimbursement Budget, Adult FY'17 Behavioral Health Revised Budget and Adult Grant Budget Adjustments. Mr. Regehr stated at the end of the fiscal year the state would prefer to not have a negative balance for their budget lines. These are adjustments where money is moved to cover the budget lines. He explained the carryovers for juvenile and adults' stating this was state grant money. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the budgets and budget adjustments as outlined by Mr. Regehr. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Regehr was also present to recommend approval for the Community Corrections' Adult Year End Outcome Report. He went through goals and reports that go to the Kansas Department of Corrections and then the Commission. He explained the three objectives for the year then discussed the progress and challenges. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the yearend report as outlined by Mr. Regehr. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Schlickau had an invitation to the ribbon cutting for "The Barn" at Pretty Prairie a must go and see and wonderful for events.

Commissioner Deming thanked the 4-H Fair for another great year with good food and exhibits.

Mr. Meagher was available to give the sales tax report. He stated for July on Countywide sales tax it was \$32,030.36 more than last month in June. For the same time last year we are \$24,930.80 more. He then stated to date we are still \$37,867.19 less. On the Jail sales tax it increased collections for July

to \$39,349.03 from June. For the same time last year we are up \$27,063.84, however for the year we are down \$66,834.38.

Public Works Director Dave McComb met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed the following: projects concerning the bridges, asphalt roads, sewer projects, weed spraying, and mowing. The Board had a large discussion on the weed department.

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 for fifteen minutes to discuss a privileged legal matter with no formal action to be taken and requesting Mr. Meagher and Mr. O'Sullivan attend. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 10:25 Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to extend the executive session by another fifteen minutes to discuss a privileged legal matter with no formal action to be taken and still requesting Mr. Meagher and Mr. O'Sullivan to attend. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 10:40 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk
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Date

