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August 9, 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 Darryl Peterson, Grace Christian Church.

There were two additions to the agenda; executive session for private legal matters, canvass on Thursday.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on August 12, 2016 of \$382,080.85 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-1168, 1169, 1208, 1212, 1225, 1226, 1234 through 1235. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to open the public hearing on the proposed FY2017 County Budget. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Administrator Gary Meagher gave an overview comparing the mill levy in 2016 of 40.897 stating the goal was to keep the mill levy at one mill in 2017 to 41.897. He stated the increase was because the valuation was flat, 2016 versus 2017, and the revenues were down in several areas. As we projected the ending balance for 2017 we anticipated having to spend reserve funds so we are looking at trying to increase the one mill to compensate. Auditors recommended keeping the balance at a certain level and that is why the one mill increase was recommended for 2017. Commissioner Deming stated that one mill equaled \$564,000 in additional taxes. Mr. Meagher stated that should **keep reserves from any significant drop.**

Commissioner Schlickau appreciated the hard work that Mr. Meagher put in for the power point at the informal public hearing at the library where five people were in attendance, including the administrator, three current commissioners, and incoming commissioner Bob Bush. No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to close the public hearing on the 2017 County Budget. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Meagher went over the next seven items on the agenda.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to approve resolution #2016-19; A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2017. Mr. Meagher stated this was a routine requirement before adopting the budget. The state has a computation (CPI) they developed and if you go over that amount (\$500,000) you need to adopt a resolution and we are \$64,000 over that amount. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to approve resolution #2016-20; A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE SPECIAL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2017. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to approve resolution #2016-21; A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILL LEVY RATE FOR THE ELDERLY SERVICE PROGRAM. Mr. Meagher explained this fund could be funded up to one mill for the aging. In 2017 the levy is .323 which is 1/3 of the mill for that annual purpose. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, to approve resolution #2016-22; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a. Mr. Meagher explained the auditor, Justin Mitchell recommended we do an annual resolution authorizing that Reno County uses the cash basis instead of the GAAP which the state requires. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve adopting the 2017 County Budget and 2017 Special Districts

Budget as outlined by Mr. Meagher. The budget would be given to the County Clerk to send out notices. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Schlickau appreciated the outstanding job that Mr. Meagher had done. Mr. Meagher replied it was a group effort.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve resolution #2016-23; A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HUTCHINSON NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER. Mr. Meagher commented that this was an annual resolution. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve resolution #2016-24; A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DEPOSITORY FOR RENO COUNTY FUNDS. Mr. Meagher stated this was an annual resolution for bank depositories to update any changes in names or new banks to the idle funds list. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Public Works Director Dave McComb met with the Board to discuss an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for Reno County to receive compensation for KDOT's use of Segoe Road as a six mile detour route. He explained that KDOT was repairing a bridge on the east side of Arlington and would need to use the county road, Segoe Road, as a detour. This had been in the works since 2013 when the county was asked to get costs together. He stated after considering a 37 percent increase in traffic, Shears gave an estimate on the six miles of road. The amount was divided by 12 at \$16,001.67 per month and after Mr. McComb received updated emails, in 2016 the cost had increased to \$16,976 per month which was reflected in the contract times 12 months. Commissioner Schlickau asked when the project would start and for an estimated time of completion. Mr. McComb replied 6 to 8 months to replace the bridge but they did not have a date since the work would have to work around the Wildlife and Parks. Commissioner Deming inquired about the shape of Segoe Road and where the money would go. Mr. McComb replied the road had been overlaid and was in excellent condition. The funds would be put in the road maintenance fund for Segoe Road. **Mr. Schlickau moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon,** to approve the agreement with KDOT as described by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Meagher was also present to give the Board an updated report for the Mortgage Registration Tax and Recording Fee

revenue. He stated the mortgage registration tax for July received \$4,254.13 less than June and \$10,003.83 less than July 2015. The recording fee was \$3,356.80 less than June and \$2,861.40 up from the same time last year. The overall year-to-date totals were down by \$19,024.70.

Commissioner Dillon would not be able to attend the August 2nd Primary Election Canvass on Thursday, August 11th at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:25 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 9:30 **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau**, to go into executive session for thirty minutes to discuss a privileged legal matter with no formal action to be taken and requested Mr. Meagher and Mr. O'Sullivan attend. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Approved:

Members of the Board of Commissioners:

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Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date