

August 16, 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 Kim Biery, Trinity United Methodist Church.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on August 19, 2016 of \$599,862.08 as submitted and also consisting of approval for July minutes; July 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Captain Campbell met with the Board to recommend approval to purchase two 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV vehicles from Midway Motors, Hutchinson for \$26,648 each for a total cost of \$53,296. He stated they sent out six bid requests including Wichita and Salina with Midway Motors returning the only bid. These will have the Police package that is equally priced to what the state purchases their vehicles for. **Mr. Dillon moved, seconded by Mr. Schlickau,** to approve the purchases as outlined by Captain Campbell. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Schlickau referred to a meeting of the Hutchinson City Council on this day concerning improvements made to Levy C of the City's Arkansas River Levy System. He asked County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan to briefly review the purpose for the City's meeting.

Mr. O'Sullivan indicated that the City, under authority of K.S.A. 12-696, created a benefit district to improve Levy C in order to comply with FEMA requirements and to finance the improvements. The statute allows cities to make infrastructure improvements in the three mile unincorporated area of the county outside the City limits. The City had not provided notice to residents of the proposed district of the public hearing when

the improvements and the methods of financing them were approved by the City Council. He explained that the statute did not require notice of the hearing when the petition signed by residents of the district contained the prerequisite number of signatures. He further indicated that the reason the matter was to be taken up today by the City was to provide the residents with an opportunity to object to the proposed assessments; and further to advise the residents that they could either pay their assessments in one lump sum or finance them over a ten year period as part of the city's bond issue. He affirmed that in his opinion Reno County has no legal authority to use general fund revenue to pay for improvements to the city owned levy system as the city had originally requested.

At 9:10 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date