

January 10, 2017  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Dan Deming, Commissioner Ron Hirst and Commissioner Bob Bush, 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 Commissioner Dan Deming.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Deming welcomed the new Commissioners Hirst and Bush. He also reminded the public that the Courthouse and Annex would be closed to observe Martin Luther King Day, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 13, 2017 of \$209,222.23 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2016-8630, 8634 through 8646, 8653, 8657 through 8662, 8667, 8671, and 2017-0001. Next item directs the Chairman to sign minutes for December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as submitted. Next on the consent agenda was to approve 2017 Mileage Reimbursement Rate to match the IRS Standard at 53.5 cents per mile. This is a reduction from the previously set 54 centers per mile. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

**Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the reorganization of the Board of Commissioners for 2017 electing Commissioner Deming as Chairman of the Board. The Motion was approved by a 2-0 vote from which Mr. Deming abstained from voting.

**Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Deming,** to approve the reorganization for 2017 Board of Commissioners electing Commissioner Hirst as Vice-Chair. The Motion was approved by a 2-0 vote from which Mr. Hirst abstained from voting.

Commissioner Deming suggested changing to roll call voting instead of how the Board votes currently. The Board will rotate every six months starting next week (i.e. District 1, 2, 3 or Deming, Hirst, Bush). He also asked fellow commissioners to set goals they would like to accomplish or changes they would like to discuss by January 30<sup>th</sup> agenda meeting.

Commissioner Bush asked for consideration in getting a flat screen TV to view presentations since it is difficult to see the drop down screen if you are in the audience.

**Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to open the public hearing. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Planner Mark Vonachen met with the Board to discuss Planning and Zoning Case No. 2016-06, a request by Reno County Sewer District #3/10 to vacate a portion of Redwood Road located between Juniper Drive and West 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Blue Spruce Subdivision. He explained vacating the right of way on Redwood Road would stop traffic from coming through between sewer ponds except for using the easement by Kansas Gas. This vacation would affect two property owners who had no objection to the road closing. In the December 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing there were no responses from the public so the Planning Board voted 7-0 to approve the request.

**Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to close the public hearing and take action in next week's agenda session. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Administrator Gary Meagher recommended approval of resolution 2017-01; **A RESOLUTION DIVIDING RENO COUNTY INTO COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 19-204.** He stated that state law requires the Board of County Commissioners to divide the county into three commissioner districts as compact and equal in population as possible every three years; however this Board made the decision to do an annual review. Around December 28, 2016 County Clerk Donna Patton verified with the office of Secretary of State, Division of Census that there were no updates or changes in redistricting for 2017. County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan stated the Census 2013 redistricting Data Summary File is the most current guide and that the division was based on the 2010 National Census figures taken since the Federal Census of 2000. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve resolution 2017-01 as outlined by Mr. Meagher. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Bond Attorney Kevin Cowan of Gilmore and Bell went over the process they follow for General Obligation Temporary Notes. He stated the resolution today is step two of a three step process for formal action. He stated the first step was authorizing Sewer District #8 for sewer treatment improvements by resolution no. 2016-38 for \$1,220,000 done in December by Charter Resolution No. 17. Then today is step two, what he refers to as "the sell resolution", which offers and directs the sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes selecting First National Bank of Hutchinson, Kansas as purchaser of the notes for the construction improvements at \$1,170,000. The third step was the note resolution which has all the terms and details and that would sell the notes. Mr. Cowan and Mr. Meagher stated that if this resolution is adopted today, they would work on the final details and put them into a final resolution bringing them back in next week's agenda session. Then have a scheduled closing for the notes on the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve resolution 2017-02; **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2017-1, OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS** for \$1,170,000 as described by Mr. Cowan. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Clerk Donna Patton met with the Board to discuss a resolution to cancel certain county warrants. She stated this is an annual resolution to cancel warrants issued from two years ago. Mrs. Patton said we try to contact the warrant recipient if the amount is \$100 or larger to give them the opportunity to reissue the warrant. Anyone could call and speak to the Treasurer's or Clerk's offices and the information is available on the Reno County website also. Mrs. Patton will return for action on January 24<sup>th</sup> agenda's session with an updated resolution that has reissued warrants removed from the list.

Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr recommended approval for a Community Corrections' contract with AMS (Alcohol Monitoring System) for leasing electronic monitoring equipment. He discussed the background of the contract applying for a Title II Federal Juvenile Grant through the Kansas Department of Corrections to serve juvenile offenders. This grant was to reduce the juveniles from out of home placement and is an alternative to detention grant. It is an eighteen month grant from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Mr. Regehr stated that Community Corrections had their own equipment and property for house arrest that ended in 2000 because it turned out to be a financial burden with the maintenance ending up around \$10,000. He stated that with the changes to the juvenile system,

basically what this grant does is bring kids back into the community with house monitoring. After meeting with other service providers, it was decided that the alternative to detention was a better option at no cost to the families to house arrest and would monitor them within the community. Mr. Regehr followed up with the explanation that if you used local monitoring for house arrest it was too expensive for families at a rate of \$10 to \$12 a day. He stated that with this grant Community Corrections would be able to pay the monitoring fees. He checked into the states contract which was at \$5.00 a day with this grant we will get \$3.50 a day with our staff installing the bracelets. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the contract as outlined by Mr. Regehr. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Henderson introduced Michael Hill who works at the Reno County Correctional Facility and Paula Hopkins a **therapist** with Horizons Mental Health. Sheriff Henderson stated a grant had previously paid for 20 hours at the jail facility and when that ran out Mr. Hill received a \$500 stipend from an unknown source to assist with funding. Along with funds from the "No shave November" for employees, they would now like to sustain the GED program with grant money. The program was so successful that Mike Garrett Horizons Director decided to fund 20 out of the 40 hour GED program at the jail. Mr. Hill stated the importance of this grant was transporting inmates to the college and getting tests done at the facility. Mr. Hill would like to see females take the same opportunity as the male population with the GED program as well. He stated without the GED program it would be difficult for former inmates to get a job when released, stating this was the reason for the grant. The grant application was for the Charles E. Carey memorial Fund in the amount of \$3,014.03 to facilitate the GED program at the Reno County Correctional Facility. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush**, to approve the grant application as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Community Corrections Intensive Supervision Officer II Liberty Thompson met with the Board to recommend approval for a Hutchinson Foundation Grant request for the Drug Court Program in the amount of \$10,881. They would like to use the money to help pay rent at one of the safe houses. The Oxford House is an option to keep clients sober and off drugs. She also stated that they use drug sweat patches which have become popular with clients. The patches can be applied for 24 hours a day for 10 days then sent to a lab where any substance could be detected making the patch a good deterrent, however they still do random

UA testing. She said 13 people could be assisted for one month until they find work. **Mr. Deming moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the grant request as described by Ms. Thompson. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Regehr was also available for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk  
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Date