

January 31, 2017  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with Chairman Dan Deming, Commissioners Ron Hirst and Bob Bush, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Accounts Payable Clerk Valorie Garcia to take minutes, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by retired Pastor Tim Kraft with Church of God.

There were three additions to the agenda; Mr. Hirst spoke about the memory of Ralph Krehbiel a former Commissioner, update on a Rural Water District #3 meeting and a United Way plaque recognizing Reno County employees for their contribution of \$13,077 to the campaign.

**Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on February 3, 2017 of \$792,281.20 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2017-212 through 226, 236, and 237. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

County Attorney Joe O'Sullivan met with the Board to recommend approval for an Easement Agreement between Bruce and Taunus Chavis and Reno County Sewer District No. #8 (Highlands). He stated last week the authorization was given for the sale of temporary notes for the sewer treatment at the Highlands, we now can move on to the contract closing and completion of the construction for the improvements. He further stated that part of the acquisition included the 20 acre site for the lagoon system in the southeast corner of the quarter section across from the Highlands (across Monroe Street) but we also needed an easement to maintain the services to the treatment system. Mr. O'Sullivan discussed paragraph #2 of the agreement that went over the purpose of the easement.

Public Works Director David McComb answered a question on the road map which showed 60 feet as easement. He explained

that the improved roadway itself would not exceed the 20 feet for an all-weather access road. Fencing will be provided around the lagoon only and not on the easement; however there will be a gate along the Monroe Street access point with cattle guards installed for any future use by the owner. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the Easement Agreement as outlined by Mr. O'Sullivan. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. McComb was also present to discuss a Notice of Award to Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company, Incorporated, Wichita, Kansas, in the amount of \$421,517.50 for the Reno County Sewer District 3 and 10 (Blue Spruce) Lagoon Lift Station Improvements Project #16055 base bid of \$395,178.50 and alternate 2 fencing bid of \$26,339. Mr. McComb stated there was an error in the bid tabulation that was supplied by the consultant on the second page for construction companies. He stated it did not affect amounts of bids only the bidder company names. Sid Arpin from BG Consultants recommended Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company based on base bid qualifications along with alternate 2 fence bid. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the bid and alternate as discussed by Mr. McComb requiring the Chair to sign documentation. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Captain Detective Steve Lutz explained the recommendation for approval of a request from the detective division to purchase two used vehicles for a total not to exceed \$39,000. He discussed rotating out older higher mileage vehicles (110,000 miles or more) of which two vehicles fit the criteria. He stated they seek used vehicles through local dealerships and these two vehicles will be used as trade-ins. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the purchase of two vehicles not to exceed \$39,000 as outlined by Captain Lutz. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Captain Darrian Campbell met with Board to recommend approval for fleet purchase of five new patrol vehicles and one new jail transport vehicle for a total cost of \$121,415. He stated that six bids were sent out to area dealerships and only one local dealer responded. He compared the bids to 2016 prices and found the cost went up only \$30.00 per fleet vehicle and found in 2015 they paid a little bit less. Midway Motors gave a bid of \$24,283 for each 2017 All-Wheel Drive SUV Ford Police Interceptor less the two trade-ins of \$15,000 makes the total cost \$121,415 for five. Captain Campbell discussed the

car versus the SUV in terms of maintenance and equity stating the SUV surpasses the past purchase of cars.

Captain Campbell also recommended approval to replace a Patrol Sergeant 4X4 pickup which they try to do annually. He stated the bid price from Midway Motors for a 2017 Ford F-150 was \$46,715 with a trade-in of \$34,790, makes the truck \$11,925. He compared the bids between Ford and Chevy trucks and trade-in values.

County Administrator Gary Meagher clarified the package price for the five SUV's and one F-150 Truck would be \$133,340.

**Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the purchase of 5 SUV patrol vehicles and 1 F-150 Truck for \$133,340 as outlined by Captain Campbell. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Terry David gave an Emergency Medical Services' year-end report for Fourth Quarter Operations Report Summary. He discussed some annual information along with a personnel report, a meeting with Pretty Prairie EMS and Haven EMS and the adoption of County-wide Medical Protocols, and also discussed training for EMS and County Fire Departments. The informational meeting was held on December 13 and there will be a follow up meeting (Buhler City Council), and an update on vehicles and planned purchases.

Aging/Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn met with the Board for her regularly scheduled meeting. She discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

Commissioner Hirst discussed a phone conversation from Phil Fishburn with Midwest Assistance Program regarding Rural Water District #3 Habit. Mr. Hirst also met with John Steele, Kansas Rural Water Association and Rick Jansen who operates Rural Water District #3, and his wife. They all had questions for the short and long term regarding the relationship between Rural Water District #3 and Reno County Water District #101 in the Yoder area. They also asked about the cost of water to be provided in case of an emergency between the two and review a contract.

Public Works Director David McComb explained about the emergency agreement between the water districts in that area. He stated the reason it was established was because of a ground water contamination in the HABIT area with a plume of contamination working its way toward the Rural Water District

#101 water well, and is about 600 feet from there. He further stated that once it could no longer provide water to the district then the emergency connection would come into effect. It would be a long term emergency connection and at that time other arrangements would have to be decided on.

At 10:40 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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