

March 28, 2017
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Dan Deming, Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Commissioner Bob Bush was not available.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Gary Worthington, New Life Nazarene Church.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on March 31, 2017 of \$309,512.34 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2017-398 through 400, 466, and 467 as submitted. Next item directs the chairman to sign minutes for February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 2017 as submitted. Mr. Deming was to read a proclamation; proclaiming the week of April 2-8, 2017 as "Reno County Crime Victim's Rights Week that would be accepted by District Attorney Keith Schroeder. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

County Planner Mark Vonachen met with the Board to recommend tabling the public hearing on Planning and Zoning Case #2017-02, a request by Cameron Peirce (Applicant: Harley Ewing) for a conditional use permit to construct a 196' tall meteorological tower for the purpose of measuring wind speed and direction. The property is currently zoned AG - Agricultural District and located on the east side of S. McNew Road between E. Greenfield Road and E. Lake Cable Road. He requested it be tabled until after April 20, 2017. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to table the public hearing until May 2, 2017. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr met with the Board to recommend approval for Community Corrections' Comprehensive Plan Grant application for the Adult Intensive Supervision Program to receive \$689,120.03 from the Kansas Department of Corrections. He stated the goals they want to achieve are part of this grant. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded Mr.**

Hirst, approved as outlined by Mr. Regehr. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Regehr was also available to recommend approval for a Community Corrections' Behavioral Health Grant application to receive \$243,205.80 from the Kansas Department of Corrections. He explained this grant will help pay for services for clients. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the grant as described by Mr. Regehr. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Regehr explained the recommendation for approval on Community Corrections' policy changes on Case File Audits, Levels of Supervision and Cognitive Skills Classes. The policy had some cleaning up done to help stay on task for audits. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush**, to approve policy changes as outlined by staff and authorized the Chair to sign. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Deming read the proclamation that was accepted by Keith Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder thanked and acknowledged Law Enforcement agencies and also Horizon's Mental Health for working with crime victims. He invited the public to attend the candle lighting ceremony at 7:00 p.m., 101 W. Ave C, South Hutchinson for all crime victims.

Solid Waste Office Manager Megan Davidson met with the Board to recommend approval for a proposal from SCS Engineers to provide Engineering and Planning Services in 2017 for Solid Waste at a total cost of \$370,475. She then introduced Monte Markley, SCS Engineers Vice President who went over the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) rules and regulations. He went over the seven individual tasks that made up their scope of services and the estimated cost breakdown per task. Mr. Markley commented that in his opinion, the Reno County Landfill was one of the best run in the state, was very clean, well run, and operated efficiently. The cost of professional services was higher than last year due to the gas collection cost. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve proposal as outlined by staff. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Markley was also present to give the Board an overview of the Master Plan at the Landfill including rate increases on Reno County Solid Waste User Fees for 2018. He discussed raising the fees across the board to \$86.

County Administrator Mr. Gary Meagher commented that the scale house would be moving across the road from its present

location making the transition for haulers, and user fees versus tipping fees.

Mr. Deming spoke about a public versus a privately owned landfill. Mr. Markley replied that it was much cheaper being a municipality than privately operated.

Mr. Hirst wanted to look in the future at total cost for tipping fees versus user fees with a few years of data. He also wanted to compliment Mr. Bland on the great job working with the fire and also thanking the staff.

Mr. Meagher discussed with the Board a request to dispose of surplus real estate (two parcels); one parcel is located within the City of Haven - approximately 329 feet west of Buhler/Haven Row, between Arlington Road and the railroad track; the other parcel is located within the City of Arlington - southwest of the Coop, between Highway 61 and the railroad track. The property, .6 of an acre in Arlington, has a park next to it that was established in 1958 with a shelter house. He went on to say that in 1941 the county condemned the property for a road and also noted that there was no recorded record of the project completion. The City of Arlington would like to see this property become part of their park. He stated we could quick claim the deed to the City of Arlington for park development.

County Attorney Joe O'Sullivan stated the county was the name on the tax roll through the courts. The court records in 1941 were incomplete as to the owner so he recommended a quick claim deed to the City of Arlington since the property is land locked between the Coop, highway and railroad.

Mr. Deming moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to dispose of surplus real estate to City of Arlington as discussed. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Meagher then discussed the 80 feet by 100 feet by 127 feet surplus property on the other side of the road between Arlington Road and the Missouri Railroad tracks. The county has owned the property since 1970 and previously owned by the American Legion Post then deeded to Reno County. He was requesting the best way to dispose of the property and wanted consideration to put up the piece for sale since the county has no interest in the ownership. Mr. Bush wanted to know what process we would use for disposal. Mr. Meagher replied that we would put a public notice in the newspaper with a minimum amount bid. The Appraisers Office has the piece valued at \$5,480.

After a brief discussion with county counselor, **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to declare the real estate as surplus property and work out the details as described above. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

Register of Deeds Michelle Updegrove updated the Board on the Mortgage Registration Tax and Recording Fee Revenue Report and discussed e-recording which is digital scanning. Currently there is not enough storage for the digital scanning. Mrs. Updegrove purchased computer screens for each station along with document scanners. Mr. Deming inquired about the Tech Fund. Mrs. Updegrove replied that they had \$279,000 in their Tech Fund. Monitors would be \$6,000 and imaging would be \$10,000 to \$15,000. She also stated that half of the records were not scanned and some 200,000 were not recorded for easy access. Mr. Bush agreed it would be difficult to research when the records were not digitized.

Information Services Director Mike Mathews spoke to the Board about the storage capacity. He stated currently we would not have room to store all the documentation and since storage is expensive it could be 3 to 5 years down the road before replacement would be possible.

Mrs. Updegrove stated this was a goal for the future. Mr. Meagher replied that anything over \$50,000 in the Tech Fund could be transferred to County General for tech uses for the County, and also spoke about this not being budgeted in the 2018 budget. Mrs. Updegrove said she had a planned budget for the Tech Fund. She also gave her scheduled update at the same time.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board for his regularly scheduled update. He discussed various issues not requiring action by the Board.

Mr. Deming commented he would like to discuss goals and changes in early April instead of waiting until May.

Mr. Hirst commented REAP meeting will be discussing Alaska Airlines and the SKEDD meeting on Thursday for executive director.

Mr. Bush had nothing to comment on.

At 11:12 the Board took a 3 minute break reconvening at 11:15 a.m. with all Board members, Mr. Meagher, Mr. O'Sullivan, and Cindy Martin.

At 11:15 Mr. O'Sullivan requested an executive session recommending Mr. Meagher be present. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded**

by Mr. Bush, to go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss a privileged legal matter with no formal action to be taken. The motion was approved by roll call by a 3-0 vote.

At 11:30 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date