

May 16, 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 Ron Hirst.

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 May 23, 2017 of \$219,399.30. Next item directs the chairman to sign minutes for March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 2017 then April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 2017 as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Hirst addressed item #6 which was tabled on 4/11/17 and further discussed on 4/25/17 for a resolution pertaining to open burning and establishing requirements, restrictions, and prohibited acts with respect thereto; and rescinding resolution 2016-07. He stated appreciation for the time and effort to revise the resolution to create a system to slow down the calls to 9-1-1 regarding burning. It will take time to re-train residents to use our website with the various links and information attached. He further stated that we need to get the word out that if someone does not want to follow this new resolution they are subject to their own liability. Mr. Hirst outlined the resolution with the changes.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan stated there was not a department in the county that could operate 24/7 except the 9-1-1 dispatch so it had been removed from the draft. The only information that 9-1-1 will take is the name, address of the person that would like to burn and let them know if a burn ban is in place or not. It will be up to the individual to determine to burn or not by checking the weather conditions. He went over 3.b2 of the resolution prohibiting burn that is regulated by the county. Any violation will be dealt with through the District Attorney's office. The part under the resolution changed 9-1-1 not to give permission to burn since

people would get confused so 9-1-1 would not give a yes or no answer to a caller for burning.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar spoke to the Board about his concerns that people won't check their own information before burning but was glad to see that they would be held responsible for out of control burns. Mr. Deming confirmed that they would have to control burn. Mr. Weishaar was also concerned that the volunteer rural fire fighters would be called out more if this resolution was passed.

9-1-1 Director Michele Abbott would like to shorten the time spent on a call for burning. She suggested using an Admin line to receive calls from the public for burning instead of having them dial 9-1-1. Education is the key to changing the public habit of calling 9-1-1 since their priority is life safety not burn control. It would greatly reduce the phone calls coming in on emergency lines by using the admin line which is already setup for calls phasing out the 9-1-1 calling. Step one, she suggested, is educating the public and training them to call a different number and understands it could take some time to get it all worked out.

Ken Schrag, Ninnescah PBA (Public Burning Association) was concerned about burn bans and whether 9-1-1 would be letting people know if they were in effect or not. Mr. Hirst stated burn information would be on our website for the general public and links would also be on our county webpage.

Commissioner Deming noted that this resolution was a reasonable compromise and that staff would work on an admin number for the public as well as change the language to reflect that number. It would be voted on next week's agenda.

Human Relations Director Renee Harris met with the Board to recommend approval for the revision to the Electronic Media Policy. She stated revisions were made to section 4.3, 4.4 and 7 with training for employees starting next week. The final form will need to be signed by all employees. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the revision to the Electronic Media Policy as outlined. The motion was approved by roll call vote of 3-0.

Mrs. Harris was also present to recommend approval for the Reno County 2018 Holiday Schedule which included December 24th as the Commission Holiday. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush**, to approve the Holiday schedule as presented by staff. The motion was approved by roll call vote of 3-0.

Public Works Director Dave McComb met with the Board recommending approval to declare a 2000 Volvo Semi-Haul Truck and a 2000 Trail King Low Boy Trailer as surplus property for trade or to be sold at public auction, and to purchase a used Semi Haul Truck and a new Low Boy Trailer at a not to exceed cost of \$160,000. He stated these were key pieces of equipment for Public Works since they haul large pieces of equipment with the trailer. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve items #9 and #10 on the agenda for selling at public auction and purchasing Semi Haul Truck and Low Boy Trailer. The motion was approved by roll call vote of 3-0.

Health Department Director Nick Baldetti met with the Board to recommend approval for a letter of support that was previously discussed. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve a letter of support for the Health Department's accreditation application to the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Juvenile Justice Authority Administrator/Intake and Assessment Supervisor Shelly Bredemeier met with the Board to recommend approval for a Kansas Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS) FY2018 Prevention and Graduated Sanctions block grant totaling \$654,935.02. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the block grant as outlined by Ms. Bredemeier. The motion was approved by roll call of 3-0.

Commissioner Deming went to item #14 coming back to #13 after the discussion of the 2018 Quest Center's Budget that was requesting an increase in funds. The Quest Center Director Dave Dukart spoke to the Board and introduced Dr. Carter File, Jeff Erickson and Stan Porter as support staff in the audience. Mr. Dukart would like to see funds restored to the amount of the 2016 budget which is \$5,000 more than currently funded. He stated that the Quest Center had reserve funds targeted for revolving and continued education funds and not for everyday operational expenses.

Dr. Carter File commented that the Quest Center has to be cost effective and that the reserve was used for programs that benefit the community.

Commissioner Hirst said the Quest Center Board decided to sell the building, and with the original funds, to start the Quest Center along with Hutchinson Community College (HCC) with an economic development plan but limiting it. The \$5,000 taken from the Quest Center last budget year was given to the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Bush asked for the numbers showing where the money was going and how many businesses it helps. Mr. Bush mentioned the Lunch and Learn sessions. Mr. Dukart replied that he would bring the numbers back or email them.

Steve Porter, HCC partnership in 2014 with Quest Center stated that Dave Mullins from the college will host the Lunch and Learn sessions.

Jeff Erickson, HCC stated that the reporting was done reflecting the overall year's activities and was an ongoing project for the numbers that Mr. Bush was asking for.

The Board will wait and review the overall budgets before making any decisions on the Quest Center.

County Administrator Gary Meagher asked Department Heads to explain their 2018 Budget Capital Improvement Plans for the Appraiser, IS Special Equipment Fund, Public Transportation, Solid Waste, Health, Public works, Youth Services, Maintenance, and Sheriff. Each of them answered questions from the Board regarding items listed in their capital improvement plans.

Mr. Deming commented on a letter for the Honor Flight Program, and also thanked RCAT for installing the bench and shelter outside the Hutchinson Clinic on Waldron Street.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Hirst had no comments at this time.

Note: A "Town Hall" meeting will take place this evening at 7:00 p.m. with residents and property owners within the Highlands area at the Crazy Horse Sports Club for the purpose of discussing the proposed third class city status for the area. The Commission will be attending.

At 11:50 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date