

May 30th, 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 Gary Getting, Elliott Mortuary.

There was one addition to the agenda; letter to hospital.

Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on June 2, 2017 of \$382,417.07 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2017-527, 534, 535, 604 through 606 as submitted. Next item on the consent agenda was a request to destroy election materials at Sonoco with Jace Bruce and Janet Schwerdtfeger as electors present to serve as witnesses. Materials to be destroyed are from the 1/27/13 USD 313 Special Election and the 4/7/15 City/School General Election. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Appraiser Brad Wright and Quality Control Analyst Real Estate Cindy Rehlander met with the Board to recommend consideration for approval of tax abatement requests submitted pertaining to homes demolished or damaged during the March 2017 wildfires. Mrs. Rehlander explained five requests were submitted for the completely damaged homes and would receive an 84 percent abatement of the 2017 fair market value of the homestead improvements as described by K.S.A. 79-1613 based on time of year. They are as follows: Chester and Barbara Brown, 9517 N. Plum Street mobile home completely destroyed with detached garage standing, Wayne and Richel Calvert, 9604 N. Plum Street home completely destroyed, Cheryl Chance, 8715 N. Lorraine Street ag land and buildings were removed from adjusted appraised value, Jeffrey S. Jackson and Zane M. Jackson, 10651 Seneca Lane home completely destroyed, Travis and Britney Kinast, 8801 N. Lorraine Street home completely destroyed removing ag building. John and Deb Theis, 10051 Wovoka Drive's application did not meet the requirement of damage to their dwelling and was not equal to or exceeded 50 percent of its fair market value prior to the damage occurring. The

percent of damage was at 18.65 percent so the request was denied.

Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the five recommendations, Brown, Chance, Jackson, Calvert, and Kinast given by the Appraisers office for complete damage to homes. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the recommendation by staff to deny the application from Theis family as discussed by statue. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

County Administrator Gary Meagher stated they had for review and signatures each of the Disaster Relief Determination Orders for the end of the meeting today.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan further indicated the statue talks about issuing an order and this is the format suggested by PVD and we modified it. This process can extend through December 31, 2018. He said at this stage the 2017 taxes have not been assessed and will not be until the fall. So the action you as a Board are taking right now will result in the issuance of an add/abate order. He spoke about taking longer to apply and how it could affect taxes at this point you are abating out valuations not taxes.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to open the public hearing for planning case #2017-05, a request by Kim and Mary Ann Altvater (Applicant: Kyle Altvater) for a conditional use permit to establish a contractor's storage yard. The property is currently zoned R-1 - Rural Residential District and located at 2505 E. 56th Avenue, approximately 700 feet east of Halstead Street on the south side of East 56th Avenue. The motion was approved by a roll call of 3-0.

County Planner Mark Vonachen explained the conditional use permit Mr. Altvater requested. It was for a building that would house industrial equipment related to his concrete business and personal recreational vehicles. Mr. Altvater listed items to be stored; a skid steer, mini excavator, a dump truck and two or three passenger size trucks. The Planning Board voted 5-0 to approve the application with staff recommending approval with six factors and eight conditions. Staff recommends accepting the parking and paving plan for 6 parking stalls and granting a waiver from the number of parking stalls required by regulations. Staff also recommends County Commissioners grant a waiver for the off-street loading, no landscaping be installed, no additional lighting is needed for the parking lot, proposed fence plan as shown on site plan. Mr. Kim Altvater spoke about the building not being seen from the road and gated to the

public so only employees would be using the storage building in the morning and returning in the evenings.

The Board discussed briefly about the number of equipment allowed to be stored. Public Works Director David McComb stated they could come in and speak to them if in the future the need arises to increase machines instead of going through process for permit again.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to close the public hearing and take a vote next week after the protest period ends. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. O'Sullivan was also present for tabled item from 5/23/17 for consideration of a resolution pertaining to open burning. He explained that section 4 changed for temporary burn ban in effect for twelve hours and this information would be relayed to the caller from the 9-1-1 dispatcher. Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve resolution #2017-12; **A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07.** The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Emergency Management Specialist Todd Strain met with the Board to recommend approval to declare engine #781 of the Reno County (Turon area) Fire District No. #7's as surplus to be sold on Purple Wave Auction. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the sale of Fire District No. 7's equipment as described by staff as surplus to be sold by Purple Wave Auction. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Reno County Extension Director Jan Steen met with the Board to give the quarterly report. He went over briefly highlighted items from the report stating they assisted year round with Medicare consulting and hosting programs during October to December when open enrollment occurs assisting Reno County Department of Aging with residents under the age of 60 and the over flow from Department of Aging.

Mr. Steen also introduced Northeast Area Director Chris Onstad who did a presentation on districting for the Extension office. He gave a brief history and overview on districting from his experience. He also reviewed the Specialization of Agents and OP's. There was a large discussion on mill levies, caps and financing of the counties involved with districting. Mr. Steen stated four counties were interested in joining together, Reno, Kingman, Stafford, and Rice.

Commissioner Deming was concerned that taxpayers would be paying more for districting than current funding for support. He also was concerned about creating another taxing district economizing the cost instead of increasing the taxpayer's burden.

Mr. Onstad stated education is valuable and expenses could increase when you see the value of the services provided. There are lots of items to go over and study and decisions to be made. The taxpayers that are elected to the board are good stewards with the taxpayer's money. He appreciated the commission and their jobs.

Brandon Thompson for Extension Board Chair spoke about the funding and need to compare the per capita level in the other counties that may explain why Reno County looks higher because the other counties have funded at a higher level. Our board would love to move forward with districting realizing the scope and scale of the educational opportunity and benefits far out way the cost for the county. Mr. Hirst would like to see a comparison of benefits with two counties versus four in the districts.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew presented a list of property to be declared surplus and sold on Purple Wave Auction these are smaller items of equipment and furniture. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the surplus list of equipment and authorize sale on Purple Wave Auction. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Bush discussed the Board of Commissioners setting up a meeting with the hospital requesting Mr. Deming to lead. He would like to see Reno County get more involved with EMS since they are a major contributor. Chief David was to follow up with more details.

Mr. Deming echoed the other commissioner's comments. Planning Commission will be meeting the third Thursday in June regarding the request from a gentleman representing the Sunflower Glider about the 5 mile radius out at HABIT.

Mr. Hirst commented his appreciation to staff on the burn ban. He will be gone Wednesday for the Fire Chief meeting. It will be attended by Mr. Weishaar instead of the Commission. He attended a REAP meeting before the SKEDD meeting on June 8th he continued with the new director of SKEDD taking over on June 1st.

Mr. Bush thanked Mr. Hirst on his hard work putting together the burn ban. He stated public policy should be well

thought out. He further stated they should plan public policies with ten years in mind to protect the community. He also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Deming's article on Law Enforcement.

At 11:30 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk
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Date