

June 13, 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 Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, County Administrator Gary Meagher, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Kim Biery, Trinity United Methodist.

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 June 16, 2017 of \$588,903.87 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2017-607 as submitted. Next on the consent agenda was a Cereal Malt Beverage License for O'Briens Marina LLC (FKA) Kaps Inc. located at Cheney Lake. Next was to appoint Carmen Booz and John Paul Jones to the Reno County Council on Aging for the term July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020. Resolution **#2017-13; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTRACTOR'S STORAGE YARD ON A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS.** Conditional Use Permit for Kim and Mary Ann Altvater (Applicant: Kyle Altvater) to establish a contractor's storage yard on property located at 2505 E. 56th Avenue. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Aging/Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn met with the Board to recommend approval by Public Transportation for a resolution of support for a KDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant. This grant, asking for \$76,620 in state/federal funds, would require a \$19,130 Reno County match. The total cost would be \$95,650 using an 80 percent grant/20 percent local match formula. It would enable construction and placement of approximately 18 to 20 shelters and waiting stations for RCAT bus passengers. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve Resolution #2017-14; A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY OF RENO COUNTY KANSAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR USE OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS SET FORTH BY MAP-21 FOR A RCAT FIXED**

ROUTE BUS SHELTERS PROJECT IN THE CITIES OF HUTCHINSON AND SOUTH HUTCHINSON AND AUTHORIZING BARBARA LILYHORN, RENO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION. The motion was approved by a roll call vote 3-0.

County Clerk Donna Patton reported to the Board on the legal sufficiency of a Petition to Incorporate The Highlands as a Third Class City (K.S.A. 15-117). She stated that the petition had 110 signatures for processing and only 106 were accepted; one person passed away in between signing the petition and the petition being turned in, one person had not registered and two people moved and had not registered at their new address in The Highlands. She further stated they have a 90 day appeal period.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to set a Public Hearing date of July 18th, 2017, time of 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene, 43rd Avenue and Monroe Street for the Board of County Commissioners to hear comments and concerns regarding the petition to incorporate The Highlands as a third-class city. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Deming moved the next item to the June 20th agenda session. The item was a request from District Attorney Keith Schroeder to upgrade a part-time administrative associate position to full-time status. Mr. Schroeder was detained by a jury trial and wasn't available today. Mr. Schroeder would not be present for his regularly scheduled department update.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board for the next three items starting with a Notice of Award to PCiRoads, St. Michel, MN, in the amount of \$672,613.28 for the rehabilitation of the Woody Seat Bridge over the Arkansas River. He stated that on June 6th at 10:00 a.m. 8 bids came in and PCiRoads was the lowest bid. Mr. McComb commented that they have a local office in Topeka, Kansas. The bid was to replace two expansion joints and rockers that were rusted along with various other repairs, leaving the bridge still open to traffic. Mr. McComb stated that the construction timeline would follow the signed contract. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Notice of Award to PCiRoads as outlined by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. McComb stated the next Notice of Award was to L & M Contractors, Inc., Great Bend, Kansas, in the amount of \$68,875.00 for the rehabilitation of the Nickerson Blvd Bridge over the Cow Creek Diversion Canal. He stated that on June 6th, 2017 they received 7 bids with L & M Contractors being the lowest. They will close the bridge for repairs and traffic will be detoured. He commented that this bridge was a complete fail

and needed two expansion devices replaced also. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst**, to approve the Notice of Award for L & M Contractors as described by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. McComb gave explanation of the replacement of the 43rd Avenue Bridge 33.80 over the Union Pacific Railroad between Old K-61 Hwy North and Lucille Drive. Mr. Hirst asked to see the bridge condition before making the decision to tear out, replace or close the bridge. Mr. Bush stated that the residents in the area would like it to stay open and the school buses had already been re-routed to avoid going over the bridge. Mr. Bush questioned the removal cost. Mr. McComb replied that the estimate in 2008 when it was discussed was approximately \$100,000 now it is \$125,000. If a bond is issued for the stacked bridges, in the 5 year plan not being done and pushed back, Mr. McComb would like to have 4 million if using bonds to get caught back up on bridges.

USD 313 Superintendent Mike Berblinger would prefer the bridge stay open but they could survive with it as is. He stated it put more stress on 30th Avenue and Lucille with the increased traffic and turning is a real problem with buses and vehicles. A total shut down of that bridge is a large concern for safety and in the mornings and afternoons it is a major traffic jam. He further stated that they have 15 routes that had to be re-routed with the bridge issue.

Mr. McComb commented that with the traffic count in 2008, over a 1,000 vehicles passed over that bridge in a day. He believed there would be more with today's traffic and noted that it is the busiest township bridge crossing in Reno County.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar discussed the wild fires, citizens, and the school with concerns on emergency issues for fire fighters being out of the area trying to assist and having to be re-routed since fire vehicles would be over weight limits. The ambulances would not be allowed to cross the bridge as is and would travel at least two extra miles to get around the 43rd bridge area.

Captain Steve Lutz of the Detective Division met with the Board in place of Sheriff Henderson who was unavailable. He spoke about various issues not requiring action by the Board.

Commissioner's comments:

Mr. Deming complimented Mr. Bush, Mr. O'Sullivan and John Green from the Hutchinson News on getting the information put together for questions about The Highlands becoming a third class city.

Mr. Hirst thanked the staff on hosting the open house for SKEED with the new facility. He also thanked Mr. Bush for organizing the meeting in Buhler.

Mr. Bush commented on organizing a date and time with Mr. Meagher for the Buhler Commission meeting to be held either June 28th or 29th. The Commission decided on the 29th at 6:30 p.m. asking the EMS to be available along with Mr. McComb from Public Works to discuss services and roads, Law Enforcement, Buhler City Council and Mayor, Township officials, and residents of the community to attend at the new wellness center.

At 10:15 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date