

June 20, 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 Deming.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on June 23, 2017 of \$415,837.64 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2017-609, 610 thru 613 as submitted. Next on the consent agenda was the introduction of Hutchinson Fire District #2 Chief Steven Beer. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Chief Beer gave a brief background of his fire fighter experience and his family history. He told about his educational qualifications and expectations for the future of the fire department and how it interacts with the community.

Melissa Romme with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Chartered reported on the 2016 Audit Report. She went over various pages briefly explaining funds and any requirements. The overall report was perfect (they call it modified) with an "A" rating and stated that it was in compliance with no issues. Ms. Romme also thanked the staff for their cooperation. Taylor Dirks, Manager with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball gave explanation of the auditor standards letter for requirements and they had no recommendations this year. The Board and Mr. Meagher thanked Internal Auditor Leslie Roederer for all her competent and positive hard work. Mr. Meagher thanked the Department Heads for their involvement and cooperation. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the 2016 Audit Report as presented by the auditor. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Deming stated item #7 will be removed from the agenda and put on next week's agenda. District Attorney Keith

Schroeder is requesting to upgrade a part-time administrative associate position to full time status but was detained by a trial. Commissioner's Bush and Hirst requested a copy of the dollar amount of the full time position.

Public Works Director David McComb discussed the replacement of Woodberry Road Bridge 25.68 over the Little Arkansas River between 30th Avenue and 43rd Avenue. He stated that the bridge was a seven span timber bridge constructed in 1970 and does not meet required standards to keep it open. The WSP estimated replacement costs at \$815,000. The bridge borders the Reno/Harvey County line and the cost would be split between counties. Because of the cost involved, Harvey County was not interested in giving their 34 percent for rebuilding the bridge. Mr. McComb recommended not rebuilding the bridge and closing it with a detour. The Board will put this on the July 5th agenda for a vote.

Mr. McComb was also available to give explanation for a Notice of Award to Flint Hills Materials, Cedar Point, Kansas, in the amount of \$628,096 for the mill and overlay of Plum Street from 43rd Avenue to 108th Avenue. Also an amendment to this contract including four miles of overlay on 56th Avenue between Monroe and K-61 Highway which was scheduled in 2019. He stated they would be using the funding from the Special Road Fund approved in 2014 to be 1 mill giving Public Works \$500,000 annually for road improvements. Supervisor Don Brittan explained the reason for the no mill just the overlay on 56th Avenue is because it was a base and did not have enough to mill at this time. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Notice of Award as outlined by Mr. McComb and authorizes the addition of four miles as described; the project was not to exceed the engineer's estimate of one million. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew met with the Board for his regularly scheduled update. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

Mr. Hirst commented about not being able to attend the REAP meeting on June 29th for Harvey/Reno County where they will discuss transportation. He wanted to know if someone could attend it.

Mr. Bush announced the Buhler Community meeting on Thursday, June 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Buhler Wellness Center with Mayor Daniel Friesen, the public, Reno County Public Works Director, Sheriff and Law Enforcement officials and County Commissioners. They will be speaking about various subjects like

the bridge on 43rd and Old Hwy. 61. Mr. Meagher stated an agenda would be forth coming.

Mr. Deming commented about preparations for the upcoming joint City/County Luncheon on July 18th, 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Reno County Correctional Facility with Sheriff Henderson in attendance. They will be discussing the issues at the LEC and the 43rd Bridge issue.

At 10:30 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date