

June 27, 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 Commissioner Deming.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Deming, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on June 30, 2017 of \$927,480.32 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2017-529, 614 thru 621 as submitted. Next on consent agenda was a Letter of Support for the Transportation Alternatives Program funding which will provide for bus stop shelters to be placed within Hutchinson and South Hutchinson. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Commissioner Deming stated item #6 would be moved to next week's agenda on July 5th. It was to consider a request from District Attorney Keith Schroeder to upgrade a part-time administrative associate position to full-time status.

County Administrator Gary Meagher met with the Board recommending approval for a resolution #2017-15; **A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING BRAD WRIGHT AS THE RENO COUNTY APPRAISER.** He went over a brief history of Mr. Wright's employment with Reno County and his job accomplishments since 2014 when he became the Appraiser. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Deming,** to approve the resolution as presented by Mr. Meagher. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Human Resources Director Renee Harris met with the Board to discuss a revision to the Violence in the Workplace Policy. She stated this was a revision to get our policy up to date with the statutes on concealed carry since Kansas is an open carry state and residents are no longer required to have a concealed carry license. One of the changes was details of who can carry and who was exempt.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan tried replying to a question from Mr. Deming about open carry and if the county could limit or restrict carrying in public buildings. He checked with Mrs. Harris about changes made to section 4 paragraph A. He went to research the changes and report back to the commission.

Register of Deeds Michelle Updegrave met with the Board to give the Mortgage Registration Tax (MRT) and Recording Fee Revenue report. She stated May was down \$4,590.72 for mortgage tax and the recording fees were up \$3,893.80. The year to date was down approximately \$13,967.25 from last year same time. She stated they had 845 documents during May which was a large amount to record.

Appraiser Brad Wright met with the Board for his regularly scheduled update. He thanked the Commission for their support and for the continued opportunity to serve Reno County with his reappointment. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

Commissioner Deming asked Mrs. Harris if she and Mr. O'Sullivan located the answer to the open/concealed carry question. Mr. O'Sullivan replied in his opinion there were no state law prohibits or regulates concealed carry. It is an issue to be addressed with county policy and procedures. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Deming**, to approve the revision to Violence in the Workplace Policy as outlined by Mrs. Harris. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Commission comments are as follows:

Mr. Hirst thanked Mr. Meagher on the follow up from Chief David's EMS financial report. He appreciated the useful communication regarding the tax payer's response. He also stated the upcoming meeting with the Chamber and that he would not be able to attend. Mr. Hirst wanted to have reports from elected and appointed department heads like the County Treasurer.

Mr. Deming reminded the public of the Thursday, June 29th meeting in Buhler at the new Wellness Center at 6:30 p.m. The Planning Board took up the request from Andrew Peters from Sunflower Gliders for the 5 mile radius at H.A.B.I.T. They decided it was not their position to make a determination. He and Commissioner Hirst decided to put the issue on the agenda for further consideration requesting Mr. Vonachen to attend to explain the Planning Boards decision. Mr. Deming then stated that next week the agenda meeting would be Wednesday, July 5th instead of Tuesday since it was a holiday.

At 9:40 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday,
July 5, 2017.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date