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First Reno County Commission meeting held with five-member elected commission

Reno County, Kansas – January 24, 2023

The Reno County Commission held their meeting Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at the Reno County Annex. John Whitesel was sworn in by District Judge Daniel Gilligan as Reno County Commissioner for District 4.

For the first time in Reno County history, the county commission is now a governing body of five elected commissioners. They are Randy Parks in District 1, Ron Hirst in District 2, Daniel Friesen in District 3, John Whitesel in District 4, and Don Bogner in District 5. Voters chose to expand to a five-member elected commission in November 2021 and replace the three-member governing body used since the first commission was appointed and elected in 1872.

During the commission meeting, Daniel Friesen was appointed as chairman and Randy Parks was appointed as vice-chairman for 2023. The commissioners approved the ARPA Subrecipient Agreement with South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) for \$500,000. The commissioners also heard a quarterly report by Horizons Mental Health Center CEO Vikki Mader. The commission will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, for a special business meeting and a work session.

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