

AGENDA SESSION
RENO COUNTY COMMISSION
COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF COURTHOUSE
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Prayer
3. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda. Please come forward to the podium, state your name and address and limit your remarks to not more than 5 minutes per item.
4. Commission and County Administrator Comments
5. Determine Additions to the Agenda. (Restricted to subject matters that were not known at the time of the agenda publication and to subject matters that require immediate Board discussion and/or action and which cannot be deferred to a later date.)
6. Consent Agenda (items considered routine for approval. If any commissioner or person in the audience would like further discussions or explanation of any item they may ask that it be removed from the consent agenda for additional consideration).
 - a. Vouchers (bills or payments owed by the county or related taxing units).
Action – Motion to *approve* the Consent Agenda
_____Hirst _____Sellers _____Bush
7. Action Items
 - a. Reno County EMS update and approval to declare ambulance #30 as salvage. The chassis will be sold for scrap and the remaining parts will be used for the existing fleet.
Action – Motion to *approve/not approve* declaring ambulance 330 as salvage to be parted out for existing fleet and to sell the chassis for scrap.
_____Hirst _____Sellers _____Bush
8. Additions to the agenda
9. Department Updates
 - a. County Appraiser
10. Adjournment



Reno County Emergency Medical Services
At Hutchinson Regional Medical Center

To: Reno County Commission

From: Dave Johnston, EMS Chief

Date: October 14, 2019

Subject: Request Salvage Title for RCEMS Ambulance #30

Summary:

Reno County Ambulance #30 is a 14-year-old unit that has been out of service since July 2018 due to a catastrophic engine failure. The ambulance was replaced in the fleet and parts from it has been used for other fleet repairs. EMS is still encountering costs due to the active vehicle title status. EMS recommends to change the status of the vehicle to a salvage title. Salvage parts that can be used for the existing fleet and sell the chassis for scrap.

Details:

Ambulance #30, a 2004 Ford E450 Type 3 ambulance was purchased new in February 2005. The vehicle was equipped with the 6.0L diesel engine and experienced numerous mechanical issues. The issues were specific to the 6.0L engines and they impacted EMS fleets at a national level. Reno County EMS was included in a class-action lawsuit against Ford due to the engine issues. Reno County EMS did receive an approximate \$3,000 settlement from class-action suit.

In July of 2018 the engine failed to start with 157,490 miles showing on the odometer. It was discovered by Mike's Automotive that the engine would need to be replaced. Problems were identified with cylinders, valves and fuel injectors. An estimate of \$17,000 was received for repairs. Due to the cost of the repairs and the age of the ambulance it was decided to remove it from service. Unit 30 was placed into storage at Mike's Automotive and was used as a parts vehicle for EMS' current fleet.

Currently, Unit 30 remains at Mike's Automotive, several parts have been salvaged for other fleet vehicles. The vehicle is currently tagged and covered by insurance. It is recommended to request a salvage title for the vehicle to eliminate those expenditures. Mike's Automotive is willing to allow continued storage of Unit 30 for parts retrieval until a decision is made to sell it for scrap value.



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Commissioners Update

Personal Property:

Personal property has certified all final values to the County Clerk's office to begin preparing tax statements for the 2019 tax year.

They have valued approximately 2,000 taxable trailers stored in Reno County. That number is subject to change with new purchases, sales, and discovering tangible trailers in the County through inspection. Commercial and industrial equipment has been valued as well. They will continue to mass value personal property as the valuation publications are released.

All manufactured homes have been reinspected and data has been updated. Some values have decreased while others have increased. Examples of change in value are due to quality of materials used to build the manufactured home, complexity or unique design of the structure, or the location of the property.

Commercial Real Estate:

The State mandated 17% reinspection of commercial real estate has been completed for this year.

The commercial staff is working on reviewing building permits. This will be an ongoing process until the end of the year.

At this time the major undertaking is the analytical phase of the appraisal process. This phase involves neighborhood analysis, commercial trend analysis of land and land values along with construction cost analysis.

Residential Real Estate:

The 17% reinspection of 6,000 residential county properties that is mandated by the State of Kansas is almost complete for the year.

Residential permits are being reviewed by the field staff and will continue to be until the end of the year to ensure that the value on these properties are as accurate as possible.

The same as with the commercial division, the major undertaking currently is the analytical phase of the valuation cycle.

- The sales files must be current to ensure that the market approach is accurate.
- The residential land analysis is complete
- The residential construction cost analysis is complete.

- The Manufactured homes time trend analysis, replacement cost, depreciation analysis, sales files and the land modeling analysis has been completed.

Agricultural use

- The current agricultural land use has been verified
- The irrigation ratio tables have been updated and calculated.
- The division of water resources irrigation water report has been reviewed and changes made.
- The CRP (conservation reserve program) acres have been verified.

These are all crucial steps in trying to ensure that the values in Reno County are as accurate as possible.