

January 8, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Ron Hirst, Commissioner Dan Deming, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Commissioner Bob Bush was not available.

Commissioner Hirst announced today's meeting would not be recorded.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Retired Pastor Mike McGuire, Trinity United Methodist Church.

Public comments:

Amy Brown, Haven, spoke about perspective and protection regarding wind farms for Reno County residents.

Kristi Hirsch, Haven, also spoke on perspective but from an economic impact to the county.

Commissioner comments:

County Administrator Gary Meagher thanked Mr. Deming for his years of service and appreciated working with him.

Commissioner Deming asked NextEra representative Spencer Jenkins if his company would be planning on filing for the conditional use permit before January 15th to be able to have a public hearing by February 21st. Mr. Jenkins replied that he did not have any public comment on a date.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan stated the January 15th date was not an absolute date to file by and noted it was a guideline. He noted that it takes time to review the application and then you publish, hold a hearing, send notices to landowners by mail, wait twenty-five days before the Planning Commission Board (PCB) meeting on February 21st. It could be closer to January 25th or 26th to make the February 21st or if not filed it may end up being heard at the March Planning Commission. If a development agreement was drafted, in his opinion it would address issues from the Planning Commission and Commission.

Commissioner Deming asked if Mr. O'Sullivan thought it could be March instead of February. Public Works Director David McComb agreed with Mr. O'Sullivan's comments concluding that depending on the filing date it could be March or later.

Commissioner Hirst thanked Mr. Deming for serving and working with him.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Deming moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 4, 2019 of \$150,474.18 as reviewed in last week's agenda session and January 11, 2019 of \$789,596.42 as submitted also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2018-1293, 1323, 1328 through 1330, and 1340 through 1348. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board to recommend approval instead of discussion on an agreement with Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc., Ellsworth, Kansas to complete the survey and design plans for the replacement of Silver Lake Road Bridge 13.90 located 1 mile north and 11.1 miles west of Pretty Prairie at an engineer design cost of \$31,250. This bridge has been accepted in the Kansas Department of Transportation's Off-System Bridge Funding Program with a tentative letting date of October 2020. He stated they don't do RFQ's to qualifying engineering firms for all projects it is per purchase requirements. He would see about using Kirkham, Michael and Assoc. in the future for the annual and bi-annual bridge work. **Mr. Deming moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the agreement with Kirkham, Michael and Assoc. as recommended by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr met with the Board for his scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 9:30 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday,
January 15, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date