

January 15, 2019  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Ron Hirst, Commissioner Ron Sellers, 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 Pastor Tim Kraft, First Church of God.

Public comments:

NextEra Project Manager Spencer Jenkins updated the Board on their filing for a Conditional Use Permit. He stated it would be no later than February 15, 2019. The delay in filing was due to additional interest from residents in the project area following the last Open House they held. He noted NextEra would be sponsoring a private landowner event or meeting to answer their questions.

Commissioner comments:

County Administrator Gary Meagher commented there would be no meeting the week of January 29<sup>th</sup> or February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. He and the County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan would review the vouchers for approval at the next agenda meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Commissioner Ron Sellers stated that he had won the Commission seat in the November Election. He read his expectations for his term.

Commissioner Hirst noted Commissioner Sellers would be an asset to the Reno County Commission. He also wanted to note a couple of long-term issues that needed discussion. They were the state fair, emergency preparedness, and storage space lost on Avenue G. He said two new members needed to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission giving them time to adjust and learn the rules and regulations of their new jobs and to gain knowledge in the next two to three months on upcoming issues.

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 18, 2019 of \$458,727.69 as submitted also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2018-1291, 1292, 2019-003, 005 through 0013, and 0016 through 0020. Next item on the consent agenda was to appoint Don Yoder as Treasurer of Salt Creek Township to fill a vacancy from the resignation of Wade Eldridge. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0. Commissioner Hirst stated he knew Mr. Yoder and thought he would be a plus to the Township board and was well qualified.

Information Services Director Mike Mathews met with the Board to recommend approval of a Virtual Network Infrastructure replacement at the LEC from a local vendor for a total cost of \$190,161. He stated this purchase would be divided four ways by each agency of \$47,540.00: Reno County Sheriff, Hutchinson Police Department, Reno County 9-1-1 and Hutchinson Fire Department. He checked into this a year ago and decided to settle with the same network to make both sides compatible. It is replacing drive space and has 40 machines that will live on 3 hosts. The second part was one would be at courthouse and the other at the jail. If a ransomware attack occurred, they would live outside the jail. You could possibly lose 15 minutes if this happened since the server backs up every 15 minutes. He noted that this project needed to be done several years ago. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the purchase of a Virtual Network Infrastructure replacement for a total cost of \$190,161, to be divided four ways with equal amounts of \$47,540.00. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board to recommend approval of Addendum No. 6 to the 10/26/1988 agreement Reno County Water District No. 101 (Water District 101) has with Ray E. Bontrager and Carol J. Bontrager pertaining to rate payout for water drawn from the WD 101 well. He said this agreement is re-negotiated every five years to determine an increase. From 2014-2019 it was 6.5 percent on \$.13 cents and \$.15 cents. It serves unincorporated Yoder town and area with 9 million gallons a year. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the agreement as recommended by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

County Administrator Gary Meagher met with the Board to discuss a tabled item from December 31, 2018 regarding an agreement with Horizons Mental Health for a Behavioral health

Services for inmates and recently released inmates at the Reno County Correctional Facility. This is a partnership between Reno County and Horizons for the Stepping Up Program where Horizons will provide a person and services for inmates incarcerated and after release. The county's obligation was \$1,825.86 monthly (paying half of salary for the person provided) mentioned in Section 8, then in Section 10 was the term of the agreement beginning January 1, 2019 ending December 31, 2019. The contract is renewable in two years but reviewed annually and adjusted appropriately. Section 11 was added to agreement stating that Horizons would give a report in the third year, July 2021, then negotiate another agreement if needed.

Commissioner Sellers asked where the funds were coming from. Mr. Meagher replied the Sheriff's budget. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the behavioral agreement as discussed by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Horizons mental Health quarterly update was given by Mike Garrett. He thanked the Board for the approval of the Behavioral health Services for inmates stating he was in full support. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 9:55 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Approved:

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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