The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Commissioner Bob Bush and Commissioner Ron Hirst present, along with Interim County Administrator Bill Hermes, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Chairman Ron Sellers was not available.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments; however, Commissioner Bush went over the available options provided for contacting the Commissioners.

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Hirst appreciated the time and effort on the letter Commissioner Bush sent to Senator Berger regarding the taxing issues in Senate Bill 294. Commissioner Bush gave appreciation and thanks to County Counselor Joe O’Sullivan who drafted the letter.

County Counselor Joe O’Sullivan sent an email to the Board regarding the $50,000 request from New Beginnings for improvements to their building for a detox center. He was asking for a longer time frame, by March 3rd, in drafting a contract with the correct criteria and also giving him time to discuss the request with the new Administrator, Randy Parkington. He was not certain all the information needed would be here by next Tuesday. The Board agreed by consensus to extend the contract with New Beginnings for a minimum of March 3rd or maybe even April. Mr. O’Sullivan stated that he had been in contact with The City of Hutchinson’s Attorney Paul Brown about their drafted contract information. Mr. O’Sullivan would contact Mr. Henderson and Ms. Gonzales about moving the date out. Commissioner Bush asked Mr. Hermes to let Mr. Sellers know the decision made today for moving the date out and why, stating pre-planning was key and wanted to do it right the first time for the social detox program.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on February 14, 2020 of $921,735.79 as submitted. Next item was a resolution #2020-05; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING DOG TRAINING AND BOARDING FACILITY ON A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS by George and Jennifer Miller at 6019 S. Victory Road, Burrton, Kansas. Final item was the appointment of Heather Jones to the Reno County Health Department Advisory Board for a term effective 2/11/2020 through 12/31/2022 as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Commissioner Bush moved the Sheriff’s update after the consent agenda because of training reasons.

Sheriff Darrian Campbell gave a presentation to the Board. He spoke about current statistics for inmates, the work release program, civil process, drone license and training, and staffing. He showed the rebranding of vehicles with the new high visible graphic decals on the side of the fleet. The Command Staff identified Core Values, and Mission and Vision Statements. The Core Values of Respect-Courage-Integrity-Devotion have been introduced to the leader groups and passed down through the ranks, and then posters were made. The Mission Statement: “Our mission is to ensure the highest level of public safety while protecting the rights and dignity of those we serve through community partnerships and unbiased enforcement of the law.” There had not been a Vision Statement until now: “The Reno County Sheriff’s Office is recognized as one of the leading law enforcement agencies in the State of Kansas; continuing to be a model organization based on respect, courage, integrity, devotion and public trust. We shall strive to ensure the personal safety of every citizen by aligning our decisions, resources and community involvement with these values.”

Public Works Director Don Brittain met with the Board to recommend approval for annual reports required by state statutes for treatment throughout the county. Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the Noxious Weed Annual Management Plan and Eradication Progress Report for 2021 as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Brittain also gave explanation to approve purchasing (2) 2021 International Dump Trucks with a 16-foot dump body; and (2) Monroe 12-foot Trip Moldboard Snowplows; and (2) Monroe Salt/Sand Spreaders from Summit Truck Group for a total cost of $311,180 after trade in of (2) 2009 Sterling Trucks snowplows and spreaders for a value of $54,000. They received three bids with one meeting the specs and had the lowest bid at $365,180.
coming from Summit Truck Group, for the International Truck and equipment. He stated they had budgeted $322,000 for the purchases in Fund 007. Public Works has an equipment plan which trades equipment either 12 years or 225,000 miles. He also stated that they purchase as a group not individual pieces to insure they can operate as a unit. Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the purchase from Summit Truck Group for $311,180 for a truck and snowplows with salt/sand spreader as outlined by Mr. Brittain. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

County Clerk Donna Patton met with the Board to discuss a resolution to cancel certain county warrants from FY2017. She stated some larger amounts had been removed from the list and that most of the check warrants on the list are unclaimed jury checks, tag refunds, or over payment of taxes. The checks can be canceled by the person or reissued, and she noted that the list would be posted on the county’s website or people may call the County Clerk’s Office. She would return in two weeks, February 25th, 2020, with the final list and resolution.

Mr. O’Sullivan clarified these were checks issued by the county and not cashed by individuals or companies. He stated the funds when deleted would return to either the fund drawn on or County General.

Interim County Administrator Bill Hermes stated it was an honor and privilege to have served with the Board during the interim period.

At 9:45 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Approved:

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners
(ATTEST)

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Reno County Clerk Date
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