

March 24, 2020
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Ron Sellers, Commissioner Bob Bush and Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Commissioner Hirst.

Commissioner Sellers recessed the meeting per County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan's advice until 9:30 a.m. The reason for the recess was that Media had been advised earlier that commencement of the meeting would be delayed until 9:30 a.m. due to a time conflict for Commissioner Bush.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Sellers reconvened the meeting and asked Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar and Health Department Director Nick Baldetti for a COVID-19 update.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar gave an overview of events relative to the COVID-19 virus starting with February 3rd, 2020 through March 23rd, 2020, providing a sequence of events which transpired during that time as they effected Reno County. He stated employees and agencies were working together for the safety and operation of county offices. He thanked the community for their support.

Health Department Director Nick Baldetti also thanked the Reno County community for their support. He reported two people had tested positive with COVID-19 in Reno County; that 50 tests had been administered and that the results from half of those tests had been negative. He said 19 counties had reported positive cases with 82 confirmed cases in Kansas. Some counties have issued stay at home orders. Nationally there are approximately 40,000 reported positive cases and over 500 deaths throughout the United States. It is anticipated those numbers would continue to grow as the result of increased testing. He updated the Board on the two confirmed cases, he stated the first was a female who had traveled to Israel; the second was a male that traveled to New York. An investigation regarding contacts with those two individuals was ongoing at this time. Mr. Baldetti reaffirmed the importance of adhering to the

personal safety guidelines for COVID-19. A new statewide stay at home order was issued from the Governor for not more than 10 people gathering.

Commissioner Sellers suggested Mr. Baldetti in conjunction with County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan prepare a stay at home draft order for implementation in Reno County. There continued to be discussions on COVID-19 and the Board expressed its appreciation for Mr. Baldetti and Mr. Weishaar's work in keeping the public informed.

Commissioners comments:

Commissioner Hirst thanked the IT Department for keeping business going.

Commissioner Sellers thanked all departments for cooperating with the news over the last few weeks.

County Administrator Randy Partington reported that all departments have done a great job with every changing circumstances of COVID-19 effecting the hours and business operations in order to provide services to the community in a safe manner. He also stated that an economic development agreement with Superior Boilers relative to its business expansion would be presented to the County Commission at its regular meeting next week.

Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on March 27th, 2020 of \$603,018.76 and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2020-137, and 138 as submitted. Next, a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency-Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19. Also, to appoint Derick Doherty to a three-year term on the Reno County Public transportation Commission beginning April 2020 and ending December 31, 2022. Last on the consent agenda was the purchase of a used mid-sized sedan for Community Corrections at a not-to-exceed cost of \$14,000 with trade of their 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer with 117,800 miles. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

County Planner Mark Vonachen met with the Board to recommend approval for Planning & Zoning Case 2020-01, a request to amend Article 1-103 Jurisdiction of the Reno County Zoning Regulations to expand zoning to southeastern Reno County. He

gave an overview of the timeline for the process. At the public hearing 14 people were in favor and one against so the CUP was granted to 7 properties identified as non-conforming so they could stay as they are; however, if something changed they would have to come back to the county. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush**, to approve case 2020-01 a request to amend Article 1-103 jurisdiction of the Reno County Zoning Regulations to expand zoning to southeastern Reno County as outlined by Mr. Vonachen. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

At 10:20 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date