

April 16, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Henry Blickhahn, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Public comments: no comments

Commissioner comments:

County Administrator Gary Meagher informed the Board and the public of the next scheduled Planning and Zoning hearing. It was to take place Tuesday, April 23rd at the Fox Theater with NextEra giving a short presentation. Reno County Staff will have an opportunity to speak before the Planning Commission goes over the factors from the regulations in open discussion and hopefully come to a recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners. Following the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation, a fourteen-day protest by petition period could be filed with the County Clerk's Office. He noted the people eligible to sign the petition were the residents the county sent notices to.

Commissioner Bush stated the notices were sent out according to state statute. All residents were welcome to attend the open meeting and watch the process, however there would be no public comments accepted.

Commissioner Sellers welcomed three students visiting from Sterling College. He mentioned that citizens were complaining about trash blowing on their property from vehicles not covered traveling down 4th Avenue from Hendricks toward the Landfill. He said he hoped the residents from the City of Hutchinson would be more considerate and cover their loads of yard waste. The Sheriff would try to monitor the route to keep the community clean.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on April 19, 2019 of \$280,443.61 as submitted also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-163. Next item on the consent agenda was to appoint Sandra Gustafson to the Reno County Council on Aging for a 3-year term from 5/1/2019 to 12/31/2021. Last on the consent agenda was to appoint Mark Mains to the Reno County Health Department Advisory Board for a 3-year term from 4/16/2019 to 12/31/2021. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0. Commissioner Sellers commented that he had no input or involvement for the payment to Luminous Neon. Mr. O'Sullivan stated it would not be a problem with Mr. Sellers motion.

Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to table action item 7a for a Letter of Intent to grant tax and job incentives to Ade Enterprises LLC for the construction of a new office building. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board to recommend approval to purchase (1) 2020 Kenworth truck with a mounted Etnyre asphalt distributor from GW Van Keppel, Wichita for a total purchase price of \$154,644. It was a major piece of equipment that was replaced 16 years ago and was the final part of the 2019 Equipment Replacement Plan which was budgeted for \$160,000. They received two bids with GW Van Keppel having the lowest bid under the budgeted number. Issues with delivery of Kenworth trucks means it would be delivered at the end of the asphalt season in September. Mr. McComb stated they did not get the bid requests out as fast as they would have liked since Kenworth has a four to six-month window for delivery. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the purchase of the 2020 Kenworth for \$154,644 from GW Van Keppel as outlined by Mr. McComb. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Solid Waste Office Manager Megan Davidson met with the Board to recommend approval for an annual update plan for the South-Central Solid Waste Management Plan, KDHE Regional Plan with Rice, Reno and Kingman Counties. She stated the Commissioners were updated, TECH E-waste program was removed but the landfill would still accept E-waste, and Kingman County no longer accepts appliances. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the Annual Update for the South-Central Solid Waste Management Plan asking the Commissioners to sign the KDHE

authority sheet for proof of minutes. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Ms. Davidson introduced SCS Engineers Vice-president/Senior Project Director, Monte Markely, PG who gave an overview presentation on the Solid Waste Master Plan including rate increases on Solid Waste User Fees, Out of County Fees and Special Rates for the 2020 Budget Year. This financial model gives an overview of the landfill and what the future holds financially for the operations. The model will go through the capital outlay purchases, equipment, fee schedule increases, and new facilities conceptual.

Commissioner Sellers asked about the inbound tonnage and why would the landfill encourage out of county users? He also asked about recycling, life of the landfill facility, and burning the gas off at the landfill.

Ms. Davidson went over the current formula used at the landfill to determine the rates from KDHE.

Mr. Meagher replied that out of county usage has declined overtime and it helps to keep the user rate fees down.

Ms. Davidson explained the single stream recycling dumpsters to residents stating the landfill waste had been reduced by 15 to 20 percent since residents recycle.

Mr. Markely stated if they follow the Master Plan the life of the landfill facility would be in excess of 50-years or if it goes out instead of up, per the plan, it would be full in 8 to 10 years and Reno County would have to purchase more land. He went over the environmentally friendly gas collection burning currently used at the landfill. He explained it was cheaper to burn off the excess than to try and sell it however, SCS would consider all options that would benefit the landfill and still maintain compliance with the gas collection.

Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the resolution #2019-05: **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING A SCHEDULE OF FEES IN CONNDECTION WITH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-10.** Landfill rate increases to \$96.00 per year for residents and commercial user fees, \$33 per ton for Out-of-County, \$40 per ton for contaminated soil and \$40 per ton for special waste for the 2020 Budget year. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Markely briefly outlined the 2019 Scope of Services for Engineering & Planning Services from SCS engineers for the Reno County Landfill. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the 2019 Scope of Services as described. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew, Aging/Public Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn, and Sheriff Henderson met with the Board for their regularly scheduled meeting. They all discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 10:30 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date