

April 23, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

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

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: no comments

Commissioner comments:

Mr. Meagher reminded everyone of the 6:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning continued public hearing on the Pretty Prairie Wind Farm this evening at the Fox Theater for the Conditional Use Permit submitted by NextEra.

Commissioner Sellers welcomed the three Sterling College Government students to the Board meeting mentioning his government class at Hutchinson Community Junior College in 1968 when Senator Bert Chaney was a government instructor. He commented how good the Solid Waste presentation was last week. He then noted that several citizens contacted him about the long wait with vehicles backed up at the landfill during spring cleanup rush, he asked Mr. Meagher if the Landfill provided extra staff on weekends.

Mr. Meagher replied that the Landfill has two different crews, one that works Monday through Thursday and the other Wednesday through Saturday, usually not adding additional employees for a busy weekend. The long wait was due to vehicles going through the weigh station. He would check into what the Landfill could do to better serve the public.

Commissioner Hirst thanked the Sheriff for watching the 4th Street traffic going to the Landfill, reminding citizens to cover their loads.

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 April 26th, 2019 of \$447,261.45 as submitted also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-164, 166. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Commissioner Hirst asked Appraiser Brad Wright to explain a change order. Mr. Wright explained sometimes all the information is not available pertaining to a taxable property. When the hearing process is completed, and the value is corrected, this is the process for getting it corrected in our tax system and getting it in line where it should be with the true market value. In getting this number it changes the taxes on that property generating a change order. Mr. Meagher noted that was not the only way a change order was generated. It could be a citizen sold a piece of personal property but did not notify the Appraiser to take that item off the tax role, that would also generate a change order.

Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr met with the Board to recommend approval for a Community Corrections Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Juvenile Reinvestment Grant application for FY20 in the amount of \$80,000. He stated the grant was for jurisdictions to provide evidence based on behavioral health services to youth in the community rather than placing them out-of-home. The requested amount will be used to continue the contract with the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas to provide outpatient substance abuse treatment and mentoring to youth supervised by Community Corrections or Court Services. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the grant application for \$80,000 as outlined by Mr. Regehr. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Assistant Director of Youth Services, Shelly Bredemeier met with the Board to recommend approval for a grant application for State FY20 Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan for the Graduated Sanctions and Prevention programs for youth and families. She explained this was an annual grant with the allocation remaining the same at \$654,935.02 since 2016 and would run from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The grant funds were divided \$590,922.39 for the core programs (Graduated Sanctions) and \$64,012.63 for prevention programs. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the grant application for \$654,935.02 as described. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Reno/Kingman Joint Fire District No. 1 Fire Chief Rick Graber discussed replacing the 1995 Freightliner pumper truck in his fleet because of the cost for repairs, age of the truck, dependability and safety issues. He sent 3 bid requests out on a 2020 four door, four-wheel drive model with a minimum of 1250 gpm pump, minimum of 1000 gallon tank. He said delivery time was 8 to 16 months out due to the manufacture of the chassis backlog. The lowest bid was from Danko Emergency Fire Company, Snyder, NE for \$292,545. They have \$285,000 in their Special Equipment Fund and would like to put \$210,000 toward the payment financing the balance. The purchase price was good for thirty days from the bid date of April 3, 2019. He stated when delivery was made next year the older model would be sold through Purple Wave Auction.

Mr. Meagher stated he researched financing through banks and a temporary note through bond council. The best finance was using People's Bank with a 3.5 percent interest on a four-year lease purchase and noted that most other banks were 3.87 percent for the same time period. He found that a four-year temporary note would be higher than the bank. He reviewed the lease agreement with County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Chief Graber.

Commissioner Sellers asked if the bank note would be the county's responsibility or the Fire District. Mr. Meagher replied the Joint Fire District #1 would carry the note. Mr. Sellers asked Chief Graber to explain about the fire district boundaries, their other equipment, volunteer firefighters getting out to rural fires and giving his opinion on the future of volunteers in rural fire districts.

The Chief stated they average 60 to 65 calls in his district a year with 2/3 of those call being grass fires and the balance house and auto. Their other equipment consists of three brush trucks with 1000-gallon tanks, small tender and a 3,000-gallon tender, rescue truck and equipment all in their Pretty Prairie Station. He said in his thirty-eight years of service the same situation has been an issue for volunteer fire fighters leaving their regular jobs to come fight fires. He has had as low as 14 firefighters on his staff and as high as 25 with a Junior Fire Fighter Program suppling one or two students and did not see these numbers changing in the future.

Reno County Appraiser Brad Wright met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 9:35 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday,
April 30, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date