

April 27, 2021
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held the agenda session with Chairman Ron Hirst, Commissioner Daniel Friesen and Commissioner Ron Sellers, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Darryl Peterson, Grace Christian Church.

Commissioner Hirst thanked the District Attorney Tom Stanton and his staff on the presentation for crime victims held in South Hutchinson. He commented on the Fallen Police Officers Ceremony for peace officers on May 14th at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Hirst then read a proclamation declaring May 9th through 15th as Police Week with Sergeant Chris Massingill accepting and thanking the commission for their support stating that there were 103 fallen officers so far this year across the nation.

There were no public comments or additions to the agenda.

Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of 6A through 6E. The Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on April 30, 2021 of \$709,608.54 as presented. Next item directs the chairman to sign minutes for February 9th, 9th work study session, 23rd, also March 9th, 23rd, and 30th, 2021 as submitted. Appointment of Brooke Davis to the Reno County Health Department Advisory Board. Resolution 2021-10; **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A MANUFACTURED HOME ON A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS (Vernon Buckaloo for a home at 1002 N. Obee Road).** Last on the consent agenda was a Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewal for Oasis Convenience Store for Off Premises Sales as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0. Commissioner Sellers said on page 28 of the February minutes there was a correction from 6,000 vaccine shots which should be 600 shots. Commissioner Friesen asked if the minutes could be shortened. Mr. Partington commented that the new minutes taker would be a more condensed version.

Health Department Director Karla Nichols met with the Board to recommend approval for Guideline Revisions for the Reno County Health Department Advisory Board. Mr. Friesen questioned whether the Covid policy was reviewed by the Advisory Board, and Mrs. Nichols replied that it did review them. **Mr. Sellers moved, Mr. Friesen seconded,** to approve the Guideline Revisions for the Health Department Advisory Board as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Interim Juvenile Intake & Assessment Supervisor for Youth Services Jessica Susee met with the Board to recommend a Kansas Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS) FY2022 Prevention and Graduated Sanctions Block Grant for a total of \$654,935.02. She stated that the grant period runs from July 31, 2021 and June 30, 2022 but noted that the amount could change with the budget from the state. Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr confirmed they were totally grant funded and commented there was no county match, benefits, or financial contribution. **Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** to approve the grant request as outlined by Ms. Susee. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Communications Specialist Laurie Moody gave a six-month update to the Board on what she has accomplished since starting with Reno County and she detailed current major projects. One of the projects was to redesign the website. The Board had a few suggestions for her to consider.

ISO II/Reno County Drug Court Coordinator Libertee Thompson discussed a request of \$10,000 alcohol tax funding and county funds of \$10,000, broken down as follows; \$4,000 for recovery assistance and \$6,000 in county funds to help with Oxford House rent.

StartUp Hutch Program Director Jackson Swearer made a presentation to the Board stating in 2021 StartUp Hutch received a budget allocation of \$82,500 from the county. They are requesting for FY2022 an allocation of \$70,000 a decrease of \$12,500 from last year. He went over programs and projects in leadership and development of Entrepreneurship programs in our community in detail. He brought Board Chair Jeni Bryan.

Conservation District Manager Chloe Wilson discussed a request for an allocation of \$47,500 from the General Fund for FY2022. She went over in detail what the Conservation District

programs that serve the community do and their proposed budget for FY2022.

Reno County Emergency Medical Services Chief Dave Johnston discussed his proposed budget for FY2022, detailing the revenues and expenditures. He gave a presentation outlining the budget request from Reno County to cover a projected operating deficit **Revenue**; charges (transports) \$6,830,945.10 subtracting contractual adjustments of 68 percent (\$4,645,042.67) adjusted gross revenue \$2,185,902.43 **Expenditures**; operating expenses (\$3,602,578.67) plus capital equipment (\$425,000.00) total operating expenses (\$4,027,578.67) making a total operating deficit of (\$1,841,676.24) which is requested from Reno County. He stated he would be back to discuss with the Board options for Capital Equipment savings.

Economic Development Council Chamber President Debra Teufel made a presentation detailing funding requests for FY2022; Market Hutch \$14,000 and Greater Hutch \$36,000 for a total of \$50,000 from Reno County. She stated it was the same amount as their 2021 request. The new five-year Reno Rising campaign is being launched on June 3rd, 2021 with the goal of raising \$300,000 in private sector contributions for economic development programs. She explained upcoming programs and projects.

At 11:25 the meeting recessed for five minutes.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

County Administrator Randy Partington made a presentation showing the Law Enforcement Building Signage to the Board. Emergency Management remains in the basement of the LEC along with 9-1-1 dispatch and the Sheriff's Drug Unit. The City of Hutchinson was going to split the cost (50%) for the sign for the Law Enforcement Center. He then discussed the cost for a logo design and cost of \$14,409.20 to put the Emergency Management logo on the right-hand side of the LEC building. By consensus, the Board agreed to support half of the cost of the Law Enforcement Center signage however the other would be addressed in another meeting.

Mr. Partington commented on this Thursday's meeting being canceled by Five Bugle and rescheduled for May 7th, 8:30 a.m. at the Annex Conference Room.

Last item Mr. Partington mentioned was the sales tax amount being above last year by approximately \$35,000.

Commissioner Sellers commented on decreasing the minutes since video was being kept on file and having minutes for approval after each meeting on the next agenda.

Commissioner Friesen also discussed minutes. He reminded all citizens to take the opportunity to vaccinate thanking the Health Department for their support. He was in favor of getting input from citizens regarding zoning of the un-zoned area of Reno County.

Commissioner Hirst mentioned visiting with Mr. Vonachen regarding the zoning interest and holding citizen meetings in the un-zoned area. He commented on the LEC program on May 14th, 2021 in front of the LEC building. Marketing Reno County with Laurie Moody putting events on a community page.

At 11:50 a.m. the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date