

May 7, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Bob Bush, Commissioner Ron Hirst and Commissioner Ron Sellers, County Administrator Gary Meagher, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

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

There were no Public comments.

Commissioner comments:

County Administrator Gary Meagher reminded the Board about the Department Capital Improvements Budget meeting May 14th at 1:00 p.m. and another meeting on May 28th at 1:00 p.m. for the Agency Funded Budgets.

Commissioner Bush requested that after the protest period ends at 5:00 p.m. for NextEra's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application, he would like to hear an update from the County Planner Mark Vonachen during the May 14th agenda meeting. Mr. Bush mentioned the 6:30 p.m. May 21st meeting at the Atrium to hear the Planning and Zoning recommendation on NextEra CUP and stated that meeting would be recorded. He also noted the May 28th budget meeting at 1:00 p.m. for outside funded agencies to explain their funding requests.

Commissioner Hirst spoke about a meeting he attended last week that covered in depth an Ag Law presentation. He said it also had several other topics of interest and was a good meeting for networking.

Commissioner Bush agreed with Mr. Hirst's comments and the networking. Reno County was also very popular with questions on the NextEra Wind Energy project. He enjoyed the HR presentation on state and federal laws. He was asked why Reno County Commission meets every week instead of once or twice a month and his response was that he thought it was important to be here every week to act quickly on issues and was better for business in hand.

Commissioner Hirst agreed that they would be available directly each week.

Commissioner Sellers had no comments.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on May 10th, 2019 of \$519,703.45 as submitted also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-167, 168, 170 through 172. Last on the consent agenda was a renewal application for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Oasis convenience Store. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0 for consent items 6a and 6b, then Mr. Bush abstained as noted from consent item 6c.

Mr. Meagher was present to recommend a Letter of Support for the proposed Obee Day Care Center in the Buhler School District and the issuance of Tax Credits for Capital Improvements. He stated this was a time sensitive matter. The location was the Obee Elementary School building at 4712 East 4th Avenue, Hutchinson which had been vacant for several years. According to 2018 data more families moved into the area needing quality daycare programs in a safe and secure area. He stated 46 percent of families need childcare in Reno County.

Commissioner Bush supported the importance of daycare in Reno County.

Commissioner Hirst stated rural areas needed daycare even one on the outskirts of Hutchinson would help. Mr. Hirst worked with Arlington on their daycare and stated the state needed to be more user friendly and suggested they look at all the excess paperwork involved at the state level for daycare centers. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Letter of Support for the Obee Day Care Center as outlined by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

At 9:15 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date