

May 14, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met for a budget hearing session with Chairman Bob Bush, Commissioners Ron Hirst and Ron Sellers, County Administrator Gary Meagher, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

County Administrator Gary Meagher thanked all the Department Heads for their hard work on the budget process and looking at the Capital Improvement Budget five-year plan. He said the focus was on the FY2020 and less on 2022, 2023, 2024 as some items needed to be taken care of now and some can wait another year or two and adjustments can be made accordingly as we go forward. The budgets for Reno County were very large and complicated taking a lot of time. He briefly went over some of the items the Department Heads requested. Revenue numbers and capital improvements were the big ones, then assessed evaluation then the number crunch in late June or July. Today was for the Commission to have the opportunity to understand why budgeting for Capital Improvements was so important and ask the department heads questions. Mr. Meagher spoke about Emergency Management remodeling in the basement of LEC when communications moves out.

Appraiser Brad Wright went over his vehicle request of \$25,000 each year from his Capital Improvement Plan. He stated they pay trade in value to other departments for their used vehicles, usually the Sheriff's Office.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar explained the upgrade of the 800 mhz radio lease purchase to replace older models. He stated they would pay off current radios and sell one or two older radios to the smaller fire departments for communications and stated that other bigger fire districts are on board to a purchase with the group. He said all the 800 mhz radios were purchased together at the same time and they would like to phase in the radios. The 9-1-1 Advisory Board recommended purchasing the new radios as a group purchase to communicate with the encrypted button for the updated Law Enforcement.

Health Department Director Nick Baldetti went over his FY2020 vehicle replacement expense of \$20,000 each year. He is trying to rotate lower mileage vehicles into their fleet. He stated

they had 14 vehicles and use 12 daily for various personnel. He put \$5,000 each year for upgrades on information technology since it seems to change often. The \$2,500 budgeted for vaccine equipment was to purchase special temperature-controlled coolers because the vaccines were temperature sensitive and noted that they keep a log of the temperature.

Mr. Meagher explained why the Health Department had built-in the \$15,000 each year for building and equipment repairs stating they pay for their own repairs out of a budgeted outlay fund instead of drawing out of the County General Fund.

Information Services Director Mike Mathews briefly discussed his five-year Capital Improvement Plan with replacing the firewall, stating how important it was for it not to fail. He said the 25 desktops were figured in as replacements and that he had found a smaller less expensive version without a CD rom drive that he hoped some departments would be able to use. Microsoft Office was budgeted for \$42,000 each year on upgrades. To upgrade the wireless network for \$5,000 was an inexpensive support for expanding the firewall to other areas of the building. He stated the backup disaster recovery expansion for \$20,000 was because data was growing faster than he thought so they needed to expand in the future. He noted in 2021 there is \$30,000 for network switches, and in 2022 \$80,000 for San replacement which should be replaced every 4 to 5 years. He noted that they were last updated seven years ago. He also included 25 desktop replacements for \$15,000, 4 notebooks for \$6,000 and 4 notebooks for Public Works for \$6,000, and \$50,000 for 3 new VM Ware servers.

Commissioner Sellers asked if some of the larger expenses could be spread out more. Mr. Meagher replied that he would investigate if they could flatten out more of the cost and find the best way to fund the Microsoft payments. Commissioner Bush inquired as to what the San replacement was. Mr. Mathews replied it dealt with all the storage for the county's data and he would work on smoothing out that cost if possible.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew started with two items not on the Capital Improvement Plan for maintenance but still needed to be noted. Community Corrections Carpet replacement for \$35,000 which comes out of their special fund and Community Corrections Building with 14 rooftop unit replacements and controls upgraded using their special rent fund of \$140,000. He commented that this was a standalone fund. Other items in 2020 were to replace their S-10 pickup for \$18,000 and mostly

purchasing other departments used vehicles and resurface the west recreation Youth Services yard for \$38,000. The Courthouse window fund or other CIP items from the five-year plan that have been deferred had the \$194,000 amount. He stated that the state historical society wanted him to rebuild the metal windows not replace them, and this could take several years to address this issue. He said the metal around the windows was rusted after 90 years and he should hear what they decide in a couple of weeks after personally meeting with them a couple of weeks ago. He briefly went over the next four years proposed maintenance CIP items and the amounts stating he was attempting to keep it level at \$250,000. Commissioner Hirst noted an energy grant that may be available to assist with the cost.

Commissioner Sellers mentioned to Mr. Depew to investigate the unattractive basement and the bad signage we have in such a beautiful building.

Aging/Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn discussed the items in her Capital Improvement Plan for 3 replacement vehicles every year, either a Paratransit or Fixed Route vehicle. Then she briefly discussed bus stop shelters at five per year for \$22,000 each year. She noted the next three years Reno County's 20 percent share would go from \$54,000 to \$56,000.

Public Works Director David McComb discussed the Road and Bridge Fund Equipment that consists of 250 pieces for \$7.9 million worth of equipment and noted that he tried to keep the fund level with \$550,000 each year. The equipment is under a mileage or hour replacement plan with government discounts. Next on the CIP was the K-14/Sego Road project Fund with an amount of \$3,200,000.00. In FY2022, Special Road/Highway Fund-road projects were still being built up each year except 2021 he put \$800,000 for 56th Avenue (5 miles). FY2020 \$1,736,000.00 Special Bridge Fund with FY2021 \$800,000 and 2023 \$2,400,000.00. In the spring of 2020, some will go into 2021, \$5,636,000.00, Bridge Bond Projects, \$330,000 each year Road & Bridge Fund - bridges, FY2020 \$1,900,000.00 Utilities/Sewer & Water Districts, then ended with nothing expected with the Noxious Weed Fund projects.

Sheriff Henderson's CIP Plan was next, he was not available for questions.

Solid Waste Management Supervisor Justin Bland went over their CIP from FY2020 through FY2024 for an estimated

\$7,239,000.00 replacement of equipment, scale relocation and vehicles in their plan.

Youth Services Director Bill Hermes discussed the replacement of steel bed systems with plastic beds in the original detention cells to reduce suicide risk at \$1,700 each. He went over the replacement of carpet in the high traffic areas of their building.

At 2:35 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk
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Date