

June 16, 2020
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Claire Gager, South Hutchinson United Methodist Church.

District Attorney employees Kimberly Rodebaugh and Jennifer Harper introduced themselves to the Board and gave a brief overview of their education and job descriptions within the District Attorney's Office.

Health Department Director Nick Baldetti briefly went over statistics for the Country, Kansas, and Reno County. He commented about Secretary Lee Norman commented in his press conference yesterday that the State has released a COVID-19 map with red arrows for increased cases and green arrows for decreasing cases and showing the reopening plan for each county. He said Dr. Norman indicated Reno County was lumped with other counties showing a red arrow for increased cases trending but noted that he disagreed on the upward trend of Dr. Norman's comment. Mr. Baldetti gave a press release yesterday with an explanation of cases in Reno County. He commented on Dr. Norman's press conference about Wyandotte and Reno County being test sites for the RV testing, and noted the correct counties were Wyandotte and Geary. He recommended keeping social distancing, masks and staying vigil.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar briefly spoke about several points; 1) health declaration until mid-July 2) down to one call a week with updates, 3) still monitoring all activity with COVID-19, protests, and high fire danger.

There were no public comments.

There was one addition to the agenda: change the executive session to thirty-minutes instead of fifteen.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for

claims payable on June 19th, 2020 of \$524,400.56 as submitted and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2020-193 through 195, and 201. Next item directs the chairman to sign minutes for May 4th, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 27th, 2020 as submitted. **Resolution 2020-14; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS TO CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF RCB BANK'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE COUNTY'S TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2018 (AGRI CENTER) TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HUTCHINSON; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUPPLEMENTAL BOND AGREEMENT NO. 1 FURTHER AMENDING AND MODIFYING THE BOND AGREEMENT DATED AS OF THE ISSUE DATE OF THE BONDS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ANY OTER DOCUMENTS TO EFFECT THE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED IN THIS RESOLUTION** this resolution changed from one bank to another. **RESOLUTION 2020-15; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A HOMESTEAD AGRICULTURAL LOT SPLIT TO DIVIDE OFF AN EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SO A SECOND SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING MAY BE CONSTRUCTED ON A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE WEST OF THE 6 P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS** Rita Quillen by and through Patrick Wilson for address 10208 N. Wilson Road as provided for under Article 3-106 of the Reno County Subdivision Regulations, Planning Case #2020-02. **RESOLUTION 2020-16; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE CONSRUCTION OF A 178-FOOT TALL TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER ON A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS** Joseph E. and Susan K Leonard Trust (Applicant: Branch Communications) on a vacant parcel of land south of 4101 E. Elma Drive, Planning Case #2020-03. Next item on consent agenda was for O'Brien's Marina renewal for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Off Premises Sales and also a Cereal Malt Beverage License for On Premises Sales as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Hirst stated that Jim Seitnater had been the Treasurer on the SCKEDD Board representing Reno County, but due to additional duties with a City of Hutchinson program and a possible retirement, he was going to step down. In conversations with Mr. Seitnater, Jackson Swearer's name came up for a replacement on the SCKEDD Board. He thought Mr. Swearer with his position at Start Up Hutch would be a highly qualified candidate and he gave Mr. Swearer the SCKEDD handbook to study. **Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** to table 8a from the agenda until next week to discuss how Mr. Swearer would represent us with SCKEDD. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew explained costs in a document for the courthouse projects estimated close to \$3 million. He introduced Mike Seiwert, GLMV Architecture who advised using one contractor for all projects and not spreading out the repairs/replacements. He discussed in detail each project:

- 1) The window restoration project was estimated at \$1.6 million and would take a year to complete.
- 2) General exterior weatherization and tuckpointing was estimated at \$604,450 plus proposal for architectural services at \$88,500 and up to \$4,500 in reimbursable expenses. This project will qualify for a 25 percent reimbursement in the form of Kansas Income Tax credits.
- 3) Exterior repairs from earthquake damage was estimated at \$420,833 and architectural services for this scope is \$94,500. This expense should be covered by insurance and was not eligible for tax credits.
- 4) Interior plaster repairs from earthquake damage was estimated at \$600,000.
- 5) Estimated reimbursement from insurance was \$1,000,000

Mr. Seiwert's company recommended to proceed with bids by mid-summer with the intent of having repairs made before winter. When the exterior repairs for the dome and general weatherization projects were completed, they will begin the window project and interior repairs starting in 2021.

The Board discussed various options for financing the \$3.2 million dollar project and which contractor to use for all repairs or replacements. The consensus was to have Mr. Partington look into financing and insurance, then have Mr. Depew proceed with the bid process. Mr. Depew said he would bring Mr. Seiwert's paperwork next week for approval.

Mr. Partington commented on several items; 1) looking into closed captioning vendor options since the cost was estimated at \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year to cover all meetings for Planning & Zoning and Commissioners. Information Services Director Mike Mathews will bring hard numbers shortly. 2) June 25th and June 26th department head budget meetings starting at 8:30 a.m. until noon with the Sheriff having an hour, Health Department and Public Works having 30 minutes and all other departments 15 minutes for an overview of their budgets. 3) June 30th CIP presentation by July 1st with requests for a long-range five-year plan.

County Administrator and Commissioners comments:

Commissioner Hirst thanked the public for a peaceful protest last Sunday stating that our law enforcement officers were looking out for the public. He noted 97 peace officers lost their lives in the line of duty. He commented on the Extensions Project, "Community Conversations" that involved youth in government, encourage program for the youth.

At 10:30 Mr. O'Sullivan requested an executive session. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to go into executive session for thirty minutes to discuss a privileged legal matter with no formal action to be taken requesting Mr. Partington and Mr. O'Sullivan attend. Mr. O'Sullivan noted it was to discuss options with the decision of Judge Chambers on the Pretty Prairie Wind Energy case. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

At 11:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk
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Date