

June 29, 2017
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met for an evening agenda session at the Buhler Wellness Center with, Chairman Dan Deming, Commissioner Ron Hirst and Commissioner Bob Bush, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Phil Neufeldt.

Attending the meeting at the Buhler Wellness Center were Mayor Daniel Friesen, City Council members, Sarah Berblinger, Michael Yutzy, Chris Ledbetter, David Zook, Jake Schmidt. Reno County employees Sheriff Henderson, Undersheriff Shawn McHaley, Detective Captain Steve Lutz and Patrol Captain Darrin Campbell, ROTC Jeremy Vanwey, Public Works Director David McComb and Public Works Superintendent Don Brittan. EMS Director Chief Terry David, Kansas House Representative #104th District Steven Becker, Kansas Senator 34th District Edward Berger, USD 313 Superintendent Mike Berblinger all were in the audience. The audience had about fifty people.

After introductions a large discussion ensued led by Chief Terry David Director of Reno County EMS regarding emergency medical response issues in Reno County, and specifically in the Reno County/Harvey County Fire District #2/Buhler area. He reviewed the levels of certifications, related training, and education received for each position. He explained the difference between EMR, First Responders, EMT, Advanced EMT, and Para-medics. Chief David spoke about issues and steps they were taking to correct them. Then he reviewed the levels at Reno County EMS, the Medical Centers annual budget of \$3,000,000 of which Reno County provides \$1.2 million of funding where private pay and insurance does not cover the expense of a response.

Mayor Friesen spoke about the meeting with Chief David six months ago and the decisions to help with better service to the Buhler residents.

Public Works Director David McComb went over the Reno County Bridge Plan. He went over the number of bridges and status of those bridges and roads in the county. He explained the Woodbury Bridge closing funding issues and why it would not qualify for a low water bridge also reasons within the bridge plan that the township bridges would not be replaced by the county.

Representative Becker brought to attention the closing of four bridges around the Buhler area and how it was now leaving them with few options to cross the river for emergency services to residents.

Sheriff Henderson explained history and working with the local agency. Captain Campbell told about the Patrol end of the Sheriff's Department and their role for Buhler citizens. Captain Lutz explained the role of Detectives in helping Buhler's local Police agency.

At 8:35 p.m. this meeting adjourned and Commissioner Deming commented that the issues discussed this evening would be addressed in the Wednesday, July 5th agenda meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk
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Date