

July 2, 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 Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Minutes were taken by Valorie Garcia, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor David Dubovich, Park Place Christian Church.

There were no public or Commissioner comments:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on July 5th, 2019 of \$789,780.20 as submitted, also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-289 through 291. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Fire Chief Steven Beer, City of Hutchinson Fire District #2, met with the Board to give an update and the budget request for FY2020. He went over the summary page that included FY2019, 2019 revised and the FY2020 amounts. He also had the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund (MERF) equipment listing, lease payments and other purchases for a total of \$876,086. They budgeted a sale of \$160,000 of equipment as revenue, which included one of the large brush trucks and another one coming up and going out for bids on a used smaller brush truck to replace the other two. He provided bond payment details and the Capital Improvement projects which include a logistics building, a transfer to their CIP reserve for building maintenance, and a conceptual drawing for Fire Station #1. The logistics building will be bonded and no reimbursement for this has been included at this time. There was an error in the total increase and he noted that it went down \$15,000. The amount of \$10,193,806 was \$54,366 higher than FY2019. In conclusion, if the 2019 actual figures are less than budgeted, they will reduce the amount billed in 2020. The valuation for the city went down for the first time in years and he stated that no one can remember when it last happened. Chief Beer discussed the Wildfire program for Hutchinson Fire District.

Commissioner Bush asked for an explanation of sizes on brush trucks. Chief Beer spoke about the modified brush trucks from larger to smaller brush trucks type 5 and 6 to fight wildfires with a 450 or 550 chassis, with 450 gallons of water on the bed of a pickup truck and certain equipment requirements to be deployed to other states. He stated they were one of the only red card certified departments. Red card means strictly wildfire training, in the state of Kansas for fighting wildfires.

Commissioner Sellers asked for an explanation of the logistics building. The Chief discussed the logistic building that would be shared with the Hutchinson Community College partner and training in all aspects of firefighting. Mr. Sellers wanted an explanation for how the city/county split would be divided. Chief Beer said it was based on valuation.

Chief Beer talked about the Back to School Drive from July to August for under privileged kids and stated that it is in the 3rd year with a \$35,000 goal.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew met with the Board to recommend approval for surplus property to be sold on Purple Wave Auction declaring those various items as surplus property by the commission. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** to approve the surplus property as outlined by Mr. Depew. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan briefly went over the Letter of Support for the City of Hutchinson's application for Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) funding for the Heart of Hutchinson Multimodal Gateway Corridor Project. There is a letter of Support from Reno County to Secretary of Transportation Honorable Elaine L. Chao to remove the outdated and dangerous Woodie Seat Freeway and Avenue A interchange, replacing it with a "complete streets" corridor that will provide better access to Hutchinson's Main Street and trails network for users of all modes. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Hutchinson's application as described by Mr. O'Sullivan. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Aging/Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn met with the Board for her regularly scheduled update. She discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 9:50 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date