

August 13, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Bob Bush, Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Commissioner Ron Sellers was not available.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Kim Biery, Trinity United Methodist Church.

There were no public or Commissioners' comments.

There were no added items to the agenda.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on August 16, 2019 of \$280,231.47 and consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-531, and 535 as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to open the FY2020 Budget Hearing. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

County Administrator Gary Meagher gave the Board an overview of the 2020 Budget. He stated the mill levy would be the same as last year at 4.1687 mills. This budget contained salary adjustments, Economic Development project funds, 2 mills for Bridge Fund, 1 mill for Special Road Fund, Special Highway Funds, Health Department transfer to Capital Outlay Fund, hiring one for the Sheriff's Department, and a weatherization fund from the Jail Sales Tax to restore the courthouse. He stated the budget was calculated well below what the tax lid allowed, not using what could be levied, but staying under. He appreciated all the staff that helped to put this budget together.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to close the FY2020 Budget Hearing. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Meagher explained this was to acknowledge overages on Special District's with a required resolution allowed by the state. He noted special districts do not have a tax lid and those districts were as follows:

Fire District #9 Haven and St. Joe area
Sewer District #1 Cedar view Lodge, Cheney, KS
Sewer District 201 Yoder, KS
Sewer District 202 H.A.B.I.T.

Mr. Meagher recommended approval for a resolution **#2019-12; A RESOLUTION 2019-12 EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS; ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR 2020.** Mr. Meagher stated these special districts have a low valuation and need help funding since they are smaller, however the county tries to keep the mill constant unless major projects need funding like Sewer Districts #201 and #202. Commissioner Hirst commented the special districts were funded by that district not county funded. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve resolution 2019-12 as outlined by Mr. Meagher. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Meagher also recommended to adopt the 2020 County Budget and 2020 Special Districts Budget since they had the budget hearing earlier. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the 2020 Budget and 2020 Special District Budget as outlined by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Meagher went over the resolution waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a which speaks about GAP accounting. It was determined that GAP would be more costly to the county than it would benefit from it. Reno County has been using the KMAG, an alternative accounting procedure for years. This resolution waives the requirement for auditing purposes. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve resolution **2019-13; A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a.** The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve resolution **#2019-14; A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HUTCHINSON NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER,** this is an annual resolution. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve resolution #2019-15; A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DEPOSITORIES FOR RENO COUNTY FUNDS. This resolution is done annually to update any name changes made by banks for deposits of idle funds. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Public Works Director David McComb met with the Board to recommend approval to declare certain items as surplus property to be sold on Purple Wave Auction. He stated there was a 2002 ³/₄ ton Chevy Silverado Pickup, a 2001 6' Landpride Grass Drill, miscellaneous shop equipment and tools, miscellaneous vehicle and equipment parts along with accessories and and miscellaneous office equipment. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the items described by Mr. McComb as surplus property to be sold on Purple Wave Auction. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Don Brittain updated the Board regarding the damage to a wooden ninety-four bridge on Herren Road between 17th and 30th Avenue caused by a truck from a subcontractor of Progressive Pipeline. The truck did not adhere to the posted weight limit which damaged the deck and stringers underneath one side of the bridge. The company's insurance would pay for the repairs to the bridge and he noted that those repairs should be completed within six to seven weeks. Mr. Brittain stated in a year or two it will be scheduled for replacement.

Health Department Director Nick Baldetti met with the Board to recommend approval for a Memorandum of Understanding for continuance of WIC Dietitian Services for Rice County. He went over the terms of the MOU for Reno County and Rice County. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the MOU for continuance of WIC Dietitian Services as outlined by Mr. Baldetti. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

County Sheriff Randy Henderson met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 9:35 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date