

August 20, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Chairman Bob Bush, Commissioners Ron Hirst and Ron Sellers, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Bush asked Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar to update the Board on the recent earthquakes in Reno County. Mr. Weishaar stated they contacted the Kansas Geological Survey and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to determine the cause of the earthquakes. They are working on answers however, there were no answers for the Board or the public at this time and he would pass the information along when they have any. He stated we had two earthquakes over 4.0 in the past week making it 13 in the past seven days. He received information on only minor damage to properties. He said the only major damage he was aware of was at the Burrton school.

Mr. Meagher noted that Maintenance Director Harlen Depew was still in the process of assessing the damage to the courthouse and would make a report in a future agenda meeting.

Commissioner comments;

Commissioner Hirst thanked Health Department Director Mr. Baldetti for the professional way he handled the Wastewater Management meeting. Communication was good with all that attended. Mr. Hirst could see positive steps moving forward for interpreting the rules and speeding up the process.

Mr. Baldetti stated it was a productive meeting with two major pillars being ironed out: 1) communication, 2) discussing why Reno County had the rules in place that they do. He felt it was a positive first step. He said they would continue working together in the quarterly morning meetings with plans in the future to expand the meetings to include others.

Commissioner Sellers appreciated that Mr. Hirst attended the meeting since he was not able to be there. He stated sometimes government thinks it is doing well and users feel the government is not doing well, at least we are working to fix the process with communication.

There was one addition to the agenda; Mr. Sellers wanted to discuss appointing a committee to expedite the hiring process for a County Administrator.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on August 23rd, 2019 of \$238,206.96 as submitted, also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-546, 547, 550, 551, and 564. Next item on the consent agenda was approval of July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th minutes. Last item was to appoint Billie Redd to the position of Clerk on the Clay Township Board. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Baldetti gave a brief overview on the 2019 Reno County Community Health Assessment. He stated the report was over 100 pages long and he touched on the highlights and said that non-profit documentation was required to meet the IRS standards when filing 1040 forms. The Community Health Assessment (CHA) is done every five years and the last one was in 2018. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) repeats in a three-year cycle that began in 2013 to align with the local hospital's CHNA. Mr. Baldetti gave explanation of the process for the CHA and CHIP. The community healthcare taskforce includes Hutchinson Regional Hospital, Hutchinson Clinic, Prairie Star Medical Center, Veteran's Affairs, United Way, Horizons Mental Health Center, USD 308, Hutchinson Community College and others are in the throes of conducting Reno County's Community Health Assessment. He spoke about utilizing the C.A.S.P.E.R. (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) method. Mr. Baldetti stated that they went door to door with 182 homes in a random sampling of census tracts and household tracts within those census tracts. The public was asked questions for three levels; the household, the community or neighborhood they live in, and the county. Mr. Baldetti spoke about PACE-EH Methodology that was comprised of 13 tasks the first 10 tasks would be included in the Community Health Assessment the other 3 would be used to develop the Community Health Improvement Plan in 2019. The next steps to develop the Community Health Improvement Planning process included: going door to door, consulting with the CDC (Center from Disease Control and

Prevention), and feedback from focus groups. He gave conclusions of people living in Reno County and had a ranking of issues they found throughout the questionnaire. Under Clinical, the number 1) issue was Maternal/Child Health, 2) Cardiovascular, 3) Diabetes and under Social/Behavioral the number 1) issue was Substance Use, 2) Economy, and 3) Community/Physical Environment. The Commission asked questions about the number of homes surveyed and if anything stuck out or was at face value, also about finances instead of spending habits, limited number of surveys, parks and recreation report, and longevity of life in certain areas of Reno County. Mr. Baldetti stated the whole report would be posted on the website for Reno County.

Commissioner Sellers asked the other Commissioners their thoughts on putting together a larger committee to help with the hiring process of the Reno County Administrator position.

Commissioner Bush expressed his opinion in using the same type of process as when Mr. Meagher was hired, stating there was no need for another committee and stated that they would meet with the search committee after narrowing down to three candidates. The Commissioners would talk with the search committee and work together for the appropriate candidate.

Mr. Meagher noted when they get down to the final process the committee would give the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates. He stated next week's agenda would have the updated proposal since they were waiting for the second search firm to reply.

Commissioner Sellers stated a larger group can be more productive than individuals.

All Commissioners agreed on gathering input from residents using the county at large regardless of their designated areas.

Maintenance Director Harlen Depew and Automotive Director Kyle Berg met with the Board for their regularly scheduled meeting. Both discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board. Mr. Berg stated that the Sheriff's Department was ordering a hybrid vehicle to test for their fleet.

At 10:25 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday,
August 27, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk
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Date