

September 24, 2019
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in agenda session with, Commissioner Ron Hirst and Commissioner Ron Sellers, County Administrator Gary Meagher, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and County Clerk Donna Patton, present. Chairman Bob Bush was unavailable.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer by Commissioner Hirst.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Sellers asked about an article in the Wichita paper about county websites being hacked and gaining information to county information. Mr. Meagher stated that our website is hosted by Civic Plus and stored on a separate system. If they hack our website, they can't gain access to our internal systems. He also noted that we continually monitor to see if people are trying to hack our website. We scan all emails twice before they are sent to employees, we have continual employee training, use web root antivirus and a firewall that scans information coming in and prevents intrusions. We also backup everything daily and some systems are updated every 15 minutes. Commissioner Sellers would also like to discuss the County Administrator Profile that was sent to the Board for review.

Commissioner Hirst stated that he appreciated the training materials and courses on the computer.

There was one addition to the agenda: A discussion on the County Administrator Profile and the changes the Board would like to see on the Profile.

Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on September 27, 2019 of \$1,483,316.55 as submitted, also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2019-628, 629 and 639. Mr. Sellers wanted some discussion on Resolution 2019-16 about some equipment he saw on the parcel that was listed on the resolution. After some discussion he amended his motion to

include items a and b and to table item c until next week. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

On Page 3 of the County Administrator Profile, Mr. Sellers noted that The Kansas Cosmosphere didn't have an Imax Theatre. He also noted that the Kansas State Fair ran for 10 days not 2 weeks. On Page 5, he would like to see the language changed for the overseeing of the Landfill. Mr. Sellers was concerned that the language made it sound like the landfill would run out of room in 2 or 3 years. Mr. Meagher noted that the landfill has enough capacity for 50 or 60 years and what they are wanting is to update the facility. Also was the language for the long-term revitalization for the changes to the Courthouse. Mr. Meagher said he would make the language changes. Mr. Sellers was concerned about the language about County-wide zoning. His understanding was the Planning/Zoning Board is looking into this matter and then they bring any recommendations to the Board for approval or denial. Mr. Meagher agreed with the comment and said he would remove that section. Mr. Hirst noted that on Page 5, there was language about improving efficiencies of fire services. Mr. Sellers said it was his understanding that the people in this area are happy with the services. He would like to see improving efficiencies removed. On Page 6, Mr. Hirst would like to see 5 years in County Government experience instead of 5 years in Local Management experience. He is ok with 3 years in Government experience but prefers 5 years in County Government experience. Mr. Hirst also wanted the language changed about the local economy. He stated that the area is still strong, but more things are improving, and he would like them mentioned. Mr. Meagher said he would get with Mr. Hirst after the meeting to get the language he wanted. Mr. Sellers discussed the minimum starting wage of \$120,000. He looked at some comparable counties bordering Reno County and thought \$120,000 was a good starting wage. Mr. Meagher noted that the comparable counties wages are for Administrators that had been there for several years. Mr. Hirst said he would like to see the starting wage a little higher, but he is ok with \$120,000 and they can negotiate with the applicant depending on experience and years of service. Mr. Meagher will work with Mrs. Harris to reword the language so it is known that depending on qualifications, the salary could be negotiated.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

Reno County Health Director Nick Baldetti met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board.

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date