

October 22, 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 Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Chairman Bob Bush and County Administrator Gary Meagher were unavailable.

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 comments.

There was one addition to the agenda, Union Pacific Public Highway Overpass Agreement.

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Sellers spoke to Public Works Superintendent Don Brittain about a citizen concern with a drop off from his driveway to the overlay done on Hendricks St. Mr. Brittain stated when they do a two inch overlay it is tapered into residents' driveways and if the match does not meet the tapered asphalt area then the person may need to raise their existing driveway.

Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on October 25, 2019 of \$652,868.29 with voucher amount as stated. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Mr. Brittain was also present to explain the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Company Public Highway Overpass Agreement regarding the 43rd Avenue Bridge project. This real estate agreement between the railroad and Reno County will allow the county temporary access to .12 acres of railroad property to construct, maintain and repair the 43rd Avenue bridge over the UPRR. Reno County will pay UPRR the sum of \$1,000 for this temporary access. The temporary rights will be effective as of the date of said agreement and will continue for 24 months or until the project has been completed, whichever occurs earlier.

The timeline was the only issue changed in the agreement extending it to 24 months instead of 12 months for construction.

Commissioner Hirst questioned the total expenses to the railroad of \$187,000 for flagging. Mr. Brittain explained that flagging was a person employed by the railroad to protect their tracks and ensure safety for the railroad and the contractors. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the Public Highway Overpass Agreement from Union Pacific as outlined by Mr. Brittain and request the Chairman sign the documentation. The motion was approved by a 2-0 vote.

New EMS Chief Dave Johnson spoke with the Board to recommend approval to declare ambulance #30 as salvage and change the title to reflect salvage. The chassis will be sold for scrap and the remaining parts will be used for the existing fleet. He said the engine failed on #30 last year and would cost a lot to fix so they have been using it for salvage. They have seven ambulances in the fleet with one of them being a remount and the other one was an outright replacement. He told a heartwarming story of a person from out of town who suffered a heart attack and how it was handled with the gentleman walking away on Friday. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve ambulance #30 as a salvage title to be parted out for the existing fleet and to sell the chassis for scrap. The motion was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Appraiser Brad Wright met with the Board for his regularly scheduled meeting. He discussed various current issues not requiring action by the Board. He also explained AG values set by the state versus how recreation values are assessed.

At 9:30 the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk

Date

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