



REGULAR SESSION

Ron Sellers
District 1
Member

Ron Hirst
District 2
Chair

Daniel P. Friesen
District 3
Vice-Chair

Courthouse
206 W. 1st Avenue
Hutchinson, KS 67501

A G E N D A

**Reno County Public Works' Conference Room,
600 Scott Blvd., South Hutchinson
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 9:00 AM**

LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RenoCounty/videos>

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Prayer**
- III. Welcome and Announcements by Commission Chair**
- IV. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**
Please come forward to the podium, state your name and address and limit your remarks to not more than 5 minutes per item.
- V. Determine Additions or Revisions to the Agenda**
- VI. Consent Agenda**
 - VI.A Vouchers (bills or payments owed by the county or related taxing units).
 - VI.B Declare 2006 Dodge Dakota as surplus and dispose of on PurpleWave auction.
 - VI.C Declare Public Works' 2001 Superior Trailer as surplus to be auctioned on PurpleWave.
 - VI.D Letter of Support for Disability Supports of The Great Plains' (DSGP) application for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Operating Assistance Grant.
 - VI.E BOCC minutes for September 14th, 2021, tabled from Oct. 12, 2021
 - VI.F BOCC October 12, 2021 drafted minutes
- VII. Business Items**
 - VII.A StartUp Hutch Report
- VIII. County Administrator Report**
- IX. County Commission Report/Comments**
- X. Adjournment**



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.B

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

PRESENTED BY: Kyle Berg

AGENDA TOPIC:

Declare 2006 Dodge Dakota as surplus and dispose of on Purple Wave auction.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:

Would like to declare a 2006 Dodge Dakota as surplus property to be sold on Purple Wave auction. This vehicle has 101,028 miles and has had numerous electrical, transmission and corrosion issues. Vehicle started out in with the Sheriff's Department and was transferred to the Appraiser's Department around 10 years ago so it has been well utilized. A used Sheriff's patrol vehicle has already been transferred to the Appraisers with the intent to replace this Dodge Dakota.

ALL OPTIONS:

1. Declare vehicle as surplus property.
2. Keep vehicle and use as trade to replace another vehicle in the future.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:

Declare 2006 Dodge Dakota as surplus.

POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:

Disposition of surplus property policy attached.



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.C

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

PRESENTED BY: Don Brittain, Public Works Director

AGENDA TOPIC:

Declare Public Works' 2001 Superior Trailer as surplus to be auctioned on PurpleWave.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:

Declare Public Works' 2001 Superior Trailer as surplus to be auctioned on PurpleWave.

ALL OPTIONS:

The Board of County Commissions have the following options:


1. Approve the 2001 Superior Trailer as surplus to be auctioned on PurpleWave.
2. Deny item to be auctioned on PurpleWave.
3. Return to staff the agenda items with recommendations to bring back to the board.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:

Approval

POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:

See attached Disposition of Surplus Reno County Property Policy.

	SUBJECT: Disposition of Surplus Reno County Property	
	ENABLING RESOLUTION: 07-16	PAGES: 4
	RESOLUTION DATE: May 30, 2007	
RELATED POLICIES:	REVISED RESOLUTION & DATE:	
	OFFICE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE: Maintenance / Purchasing	

I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes guidelines for the identification and disposition of surplus property, including personal and real property owned by Reno County.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Real and personal property owned by Reno County represents a considerable investment of public funds. Procedures and safeguards provided herein are designed to encourage efficient utilization of property, establish managerial control, and provide for the efficient disposition of property deemed as surplus in accordance with this policy or other applicable restrictions governing the disposition of such property.

It is the policy of Reno County to dispose of surplus property in a manner which provides the greatest monetary return to County government or which serves some valid public purpose.

III. DEFINITIONS

- Surplus Property Real or personal property owned by Reno County which is no longer needed due to changing service requirements, damage, wear, or because the property has become obsolete or redundant to the County's needs.

- Personal Property Movable items, including equipment, vehicles, machinery, furniture, fixtures, tools or other moveable, physical goods are considered personal property.

- Real Property Real estate, including land, easements, buildings and related permanent, immovable assets affixed to land are considered real property.

IV. **PROCEDURES**

A. Personal Property

1. Each Department Director respectively will determine whether department property has become Surplus Property. The director will also determine how the Surplus Property was acquired, and whether a transfer or disposition is subject to any restrictions due to the original source of funding. Examples include, but are not limited to, federal or state grant requirements or other statutory restraints.

2. The Director will notify the Maintenance/Purchasing Director of available Surplus Property. The Maintenance/Purchasing Director will ensure that Surplus Property is made available to other County departments before sale or other disposition in order to maintain the maximum economic utility from such property.

3. If Surplus Property is not transferred to another County department, the Director of Maintenance/Purchasing will determine the value of the Surplus Property. In those instances where the Maintenance/Purchasing Director determines Surplus Personal Property to be damaged, worn out, obsolete, or where the expected sale proceeds do not justify the costs of sale, the Director shall have the authority to dispose of such Surplus Property in the County's landfill or at a recycling facility, if available.

4. If the Maintenance/Purchasing Director determines the Surplus Property to have a value justifying the costs of sale, the Director will provide this information to the Board of County Commissioners who may declare the item or items to be "Surplus County Property" and authorize sale or disposal. Such action will be duly recorded in the official Minutes of the governing body.

5. After the property has been declared Surplus County Property, it may be disposed of through the most efficient and economical method likely to maximize returns, which shall include, but are not limited to, live public auction, online public auction, trade-in, sealed bid, fixed price, private negotiation or any other method deemed most beneficial to the County; Provided, if the cumulative value of Surplus Property is estimated to exceed \$10,000.00, the method of disposal shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. It is further provided that if the cumulative value of Surplus Property is estimated to be less than \$10,000.00, the Director of Maintenance/Purchasing may use any method of disposal which in his or her discretion is the most efficient and economical method to maximize the proceeds of sale.

6. Following the sale or other disposition of Surplus County Property, notification shall be provided to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the method of disposition, description of the property, the time and date of sale, the recipient of the property and the value received. Such notification may also be published on the County's website.

7. County Property which is traded to a vendor in exchange for new or used property of like kind, such as motor vehicles, shall not be considered Surplus Property whose sale, disposition or transfer is subject to the terms of this policy.

B. Real Property

1. Sale or disposition of real property shall be coordinated by the County's Fiscal Administrator. The Fiscal Administrator shall be responsible for obtaining the current fair market value of the real property and shall gather and retain information regarding the location and size of the property, zoning, and any restrictions, covenants, encumbrances, etc. that remain attached to the parcel.

2. Real property may be disposed of through live public auction, public online auction, sealed bid, negotiated sale, or any other method approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

3. Following sale or disposition of real property, notification shall be provided to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the method of disposition, description of property, time and date of sale, recipient of property and value received. Such notification may also be published on the County's website.

4. Following disposition of real property, the Fiscal Administrator will be responsible for updating any relevant financial records and for notifying the County's Risk Manager for the update of insurance and risk management information.

C. Public Notice

Public notice of the sale or disposition of Surplus Property may vary depending upon the nature of the Surplus Property and the method of sale. Public notices may be given by posting on the County's website, by publication in the official County newspaper, or by any other mechanism deemed appropriate under the circumstances to allow public participation or notification. Inclusion of items on the Board of County Commissioners agenda shall constitute sufficient public notification. When the cumulative value of Surplus Property to be offered for sale exceeds \$5,000.00, the form of public notice shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

D. Legal Review

All contracts, deeds, and related documents must be reviewed and approved by the County Counselor prior to the disposition of real or personal property.

E. Donations

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, surplus property may be donated to other governments or non-profit organizations if, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, doing so serves the best interest of the County. Donations of County owned property shall require approval of the Board of County Commissioners through the established agenda process. The agenda item shall include a description of the property, recipient, date of transfer, and estimated fair market value. Donation of Surplus Property acquired with proceeds of a dedicated mill levy may be prohibited without compensating the dedicated fund for the fair market value of the Surplus Property.

F. Conflicts of Interest

County employees shall be permitted to participate as buyers in public sales of Surplus County property only. Consistent with ethical conduct, County employees shall not take advantage to gain personal benefit from such transactions.

G. Exceptions

Exceptions to or waivers of this policy may be approved by the Board of County Commissioners on an individual basis.



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.D

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

PRESENTED BY: Rachael Grubbs, Administrative Support, Disability Supports of The Great Plains

AGENDA TOPIC:

Letter of Support for Disability Supports of The Great Plains' (DSGP) application for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Operating Assistance Grant.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:

DSGP is applying for the KDOT Operating Assistance Grant for SF2023 (07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023). This grant would help our organization cover expenses such as vehicle insurance, vehicle tags, fuel cost, driver licensing, driver training, and repair and maintenance costs. The approximate amount we are submitting for our annual operating expenses is \$8,540.00. If approved for the operating assistance grant, we could receive 70% funding from KDOT for our submitted expenses.

ALL OPTIONS:

- Approval for the Chairperson to sign the letter of support.
- Return the item to staff for revisions to be made and placed on a subsequent meeting date.
- Elect not to sign a letter of support to go with DSGP's KDOT Operating Assistance grant application.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:

Approval for the Chairperson to sign recommended letter of support.

POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no policy or fiscal impact to Reno County.



RENO COUNTY COMMISSION
206 West First Avenue
Hutchinson, Kansas 67501
620-694-2929

October 26, 2021

Rene Hart
KDOT Public Transportation
700 S.W. Harrison Street
Topeka, Ks 66603-3754

Dear Rene Hart:

Disability Supports of the Great Plains-Hutchinson is seeking funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation to assist in serving client transportation needs in Reno County.

The funding will provide operating assistance for expenses related to providing transportation for their clients. Our county bus system, R-CAT, is helpful to some clients but does not operate on holidays, Sundays or after 7 p.m. and a client's severity of disability may prevent them from riding on R-CAT vans or buses.

Because of transportation furnished by Disability Supports, their clients are able to be much more independent and enjoy the opportunity of inclusion in activities and events that otherwise would not be possible.

Since the county is only able to assist in limited ways, we urge K-DOT's approval of the funding request.

The Reno County Commission gave unanimous approval to this support at their regular meeting on October 26, 2021. Disability Supports is a highly respected service organization in Hutchinson that has an excellent record of community service to its residents.

Ron Hirst, Chairperson
Reno County Commission



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.E

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

PRESENTED BY: Cindy Martin

AGENDA TOPIC:
BOCC minutes for September 14th, 2021, tabled from Oct. 12, 2021

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:
None

ALL OPTIONS:
Approval by Board

RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:
Approve minutes for Sept. 14th, 2021

POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:
None

September 14, 2021
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held the agenda session with Chairman Ron Hirst, Commissioner Daniel Friesen and Commissioner Ron Sellers, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Darryl Peterson, Grace Christian Church.

Commissioner Hirst commented on the South Hutchinson Fire Departments 9-1-1 commemorative event. He and Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar met with Kansas State Fair's Mr. Shultz and commented that the county has a good working relationship with the Kansas State Fair.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Friesen requested moving business item 7C Reno County Zoning Regulations regarding Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (CWECS) to the bottom of the business items below 7G.

Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 6A through 6D which consisted of the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on September 10th, 2021, totaling \$759,926.01 and September 17th, 2021, totaling \$696,468.73 as presented by staff. Next item directs the chairman to sign final minutes for August 10th, 24th, and 31st, 2021 after approval of drafts for August 24th and 31st. Designate voting delegate as Ron Hirst and Daniel Friesen as alternate for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) annual conference on October 18th, 2021. Final item was to set a date and time for County Canvass of the 2021 General City/School Election. Deputy Clerk Jenna Fager recommended November 9th, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Reno County Annex Conference Room. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0. The Board requested County Administrator Randy Partington appoint someone for Mr. Friesen's absence with the November 9th Canvass.

County Administrator Randy Partington introduced a resolution for Board approval that stated the four objectives of the Treasurer of the United States regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Fiscal Recovery Funds of \$12,042,385.00 awarded to Reno County. Mr. Hirst asked about a joint resolution with the City of Hutchinson. Mr. Partington explained the City of Hutchinson would be receiving \$6 million and consented to view the use of Reno County language. After discussing with County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, the City of Hutchinson agreed to prepare two individual resolutions that are similar in nature to support the efforts of the Reno County ARPA Taskforce.

Commissioner Sellers asked why a joint resolution would be needed. He commented that Reno County had done what the Federal Government asked regarding getting public input and the commission would hear the results in a report later and applauded efforts to get here by the ARPA Taskforce. He read the last paragraph of the document that will be agreed upon that stated "Be it further resolved that subject to federally established criteria for eligibility, this Board of County Commissioners shall exercise in its sole discretion the authority to prioritize and distribute ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds and shall not be bound by any recommendations made by the ARPA Taskforce" which is expected to be received later this fall. He stated the commission would have some tough decisions to make after listening to the recommendations from the public report. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen, to approve resolution 2021-19; A RESOLUTION OF INTENT WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS** as outlined by Mr. Partington. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar met with the Board to request extending the local disaster declaration that expires on September 21, 2021, for another 60 days from today's date. He gave a brief timeline on declaring a public health emergency stating that it began on March 19, 2020, and after extending several times, it will expire on June 31, 2021. Reno County needs to have the declaration in place to activate supply assistance from the state which is needed since cases are rising again. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen, to approve a resolution 2021-20; A RESOLUTION RENEWING A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR RENO COUNTY, KANSAS** as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Vonachen presented to the Board Planning Case #2021-09 a request by E & E Legacy Farms, Inc., (Applicant: Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.) for a conditional use permit to establish a one-megawatt AC/ 1.4-megawatt DC single axis tracking solar system (solar farm) on land zoned AG - Agricultural Land District. The property is located on the south side of E.

108th Avenue, approximately 825 feet east of the intersection of N. Sunrise Road and E. 108th Avenue. The solar farm would consist of 3,500 solar panels for Ark Valley customers only and would generate electricity for the next 25-years then going to a five-year renewal or return it to farmland and spoke about setbacks. The Planning Board approved the conditional use permit with a vote of 5-0 stating nine factors then adding nine conditions from staff.

Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to approve Planning Case #2021-09 as outlined by Mr. Vonachen. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Friesen expressed appreciation to Ark Valley for their \$1.4 million-dollar investment in Reno County.

Solid Waste Director Megan Davidson and SCS Engineer Vice President/Senior Project Director Monte Markley and SCS Senior Project Manager Steve Lindham met with the Board to recommend approval for the Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) Expansion at the Reno County Landfill. Gas collection needed to be installed on Cell 7 by January 2022 so construction would need to begin quickly, noting that SCS engineered it. KDHE requires that within five-years of collecting waste, you must have gas collection control wells installed. Where they currently are, it is putting waste in cell 7. They are also tying in the Site B gas flare system into Site D flare system. The reason for the connection was migration gas issues along the northern boundary. The Site B flare has to be manually started since the gas is not as prevalent as Site D.

Mr. Friesen commented on going out for bids. Ms. Davidson stated there were two reasons why this did not go out for bid. (1) there was not a local company that would do this type of installation with gas systems, (2) SCS has been their consultant for the last 10 plus years and been involved with the Site D flare. They have reinstalled gas well systems and fixed issues when systems go down and have to be up and running within five-days. SCS is a local company out of Wichita, and they do competitive pricing on bids and have broad services that they offer.

Mr. Hirst encouraged Ms. Davidson for the future to make sure local contractors and local businesses that supply materials have the opportunity to bid on solid waste projects. Ms. Davidson stated they post bids in the local paper and online. Mr. Hirst asked to have a face to face for a bid and Mr. Friesen asked about a policy on bids. Mr. Partington stated there was a purchasing

policy and noted that some departments had exceptions within that policy.

Mr. Monte Markley noted they reviewed other contractors for their costs and found they were 15 percent higher than ours. We are using local businesses if available in our bids to give Reno County the best possible bid we can. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen,** to approve the Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) Expansion at the Reno County Landfill as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Information Services Director Mike Mathews reviewed the Information Technology Annual Update with the Board. He spoke about desk top programs for next year, found Pandemic response not having enough broadband width combining the telephone service with IdeaTek IP based phone system, and a pilot program to reduce paperwork with fillable forms and signature pads in the Community Corrections Department then migrate to other departments. He said they are also redesigning the network with more security, rebuilding the communication.

Horizons Mental Health Quarterly Report was given by Michael Garrett CEO from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. He reviewed a summary chart and stated that auditors will finalize by the end of October or early November and finished with services offered through grants.

At 10:15 the meeting recessed for five minutes.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

County Planner Mark Vonachen met with the Board with a previously tabled item from 5/25/21; Planning Case #2020-09 a request by the Reno County Planning Commission for a series of text amendments to the April 2016 Edition of the Reno County Zoning Regulations regarding Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (CWECS).

Mr. Hirst made two motions: one motion was for consideration of a moratorium on any Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (CWECS) in Reno County through December 27, 2021. **Mr. Hirst** made the other motion for consideration that directed staff to draft and provide notice of a public hearing for a special zoning district limited only to Industrial CWECS in the present un-zoned

area through December 27, 2021. The motions failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Friesen made a motion to recess into an executive session not to exceed 30 minutes requesting the County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan and County Administrator Randy Partington to remain for the purpose of a privileged legal matter. **Mr. Sellers seconded the motion.** The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0. **Mr. Sellers** amended the previous motion to include Reno County Planning Consultant Russ Ewy, Baughman & Co., Wichita, Kansas in the executive session. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Before going into executive session, Mr. Hirst acknowledged Denise Baranski, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Reno County was attending the Commission meeting as part of Leadership Reno County.

The Board discussed whether to prohibit wind or not in zoned/un-zoned areas of the county. Mr. Sellers said under advice of legal counsel, he would recommend sending this matter back to the Planning Commission to work on for some motions that will probably follow, then brought back to us for a final decision.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to table the current recommendations from the Planning Commission's case #2020-09 indefinitely. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, for a moratorium on any industrial commercial wind energy conversion systems (CWECS) in Reno County through December 27, 2021, and direct staff and Planning Commission to draft and provide notice of a public hearing for a separate zoning regulation text agreement prohibiting industrial CWECS in the present zoned area for Board of Commissioners consideration. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers, to draft and provide notice of a public hearing for a special zoning district limited only to industrial CWECS in the present un-zoned areas of Reno County for Board of Commissioners consideration on December 27, 2021. Mr. Friesen requested any future motions on big issues, be sent ahead of time for preparations to vote. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-1 with Mr. Friesen opposed.

All departments submitted their monthly reports to the Commission and there were no questions asked.

County Administrator Randy Partington addressed the Board reviewing a snapshot of the Financial Reports through the end of August noting the revenue/expense funds were in good shape for year to date.

County Commission reports:

Commissioner Friesen commented on the limitations of 3 on the commission asking members of the Board to send any predetermined motions ahead of time to be prepared for the discussions. Conversations with Mr. Brittain on the 43rd Bridge stated it will be finished early and some students had fun going over the bridge in a bus. Mr. Brittain is working with engineers on a blind spot issue with 43rd bridge. He had a conversation with Donna Patton and Buhler's Mayor about the City of Buhler Clerk, Merle Peterson retiring. Mrs. Patton volunteered to mentor the new city clerk and Mr. Friesen appreciated her working with them.

Commissioner Sellers mentioned how appropriate the wisdom comment was from today's Pastor Darryl Peterson. He spoke about some of the 9-1-1 20-year tributes, and how important emergency management was to be ready for any situations, and thought they were a great department. He wanted to draft a formal document to the legislature regarding the issue of childcare and how it could work better from the state level. He spoke about the courthouse remodeling and how it needed to be back on the agenda for updates. He is working with citizens north of town on moving to 3 to 5 commissioners. It's a good point to have documents beforehand but it is not always possible to bring forth documents beforehand for consideration.

Commissioner Hirst apologized for bringing documents in without forwarding on to other commissioners, noting it was late in the day when they were done. He spoke about the privilege of working with school districts and the Health Department. He spoke about childcare issues and commented on a courthouse press release letting the public know about the work in progress.

At 11:35 a.m. the meeting adjourned for the day until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 28th, 2021.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
cm

Date



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.F

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

PRESENTED BY: Cindy Martin

AGENDA TOPIC:
BOCC October 12, 2021 drafted minutes

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:
Approval of October 12th reviewed/corrected minutes

ALL OPTIONS:
BOCC to approve minutes as submitted
BOCC to amend minutes
BOCC to reject minutes

RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:
Approval of minutes for Oct. 12, 2021

POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:
none

October 12, 2021
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held the agenda session with Chairman Ron Hirst, Commissioner Daniel Friesen and Commissioner Ron Sellers, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Commissioner Ron Hirst.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Friesen requested an amendment to the agenda by the addition of an executive session for non-elected personnel placing it after item 9. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen,** to approve the amendment to the agenda. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Chairman called for consideration of approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of items on the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on October 8th, 2021, totaling \$341,984.84 and October 15th, 2021, totaling \$847,145.38 consisting of the following items; Planning Case #2021-09 approving **Resolution (No. 2021-22) APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE AXIS TRACKING SOLAR SYSTEM (SOLAR FARM) A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN RENO COUNTY, KANSAS** by E & E Legacy Farm, LLC presented by staff; appointments to the Reno County Council on Aging; approving a Letter to KDOT verifying matching U.S.C. 49-5311 funds; approving Signatory Authorization to Barbara Lilyhorn for KDOT Grant Operations; declaring Public Works' 2006 Chevy Silverado 1-ton 4X4, 1996 Landoll Tandem axle flat trailer and a Hewlett Packard laser jet 4050N printer as surplus property to be auctioned on PurpleWave; approving BOCC minutes for September final approval. Commissioner Hirst asked approval of the September 14th minutes be postponed until the next agenda session leaving only September 28th for approval at this time. **Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** to approve the amendment to the consent agenda as proposed by Mr. Hirst. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0. **Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** approve consent agenda as amended. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

County Planner Mark Vonachen met with the Board to recommend approval on Planning Case #2021-11 a proposed text amendment to Article 15-109(2)(A) and Article 17-104(3) of the Zoning Regulations. He explained in summary, any parcel of land two acres in size or less is still limited to 2,000 square feet of total accessory building square footage. Any parcel greater than two acres in size is now limited to 5,000 square feet of accessory building square footage. This is an increase of 3,000 square feet over the current zoning regulation requirements. The Planning Board voted 4-0 to approve. **Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** to approve the proposed text amendments in Planning Case 2021-11 as outlined by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Vonachen appeared in order to recommend approval of a Conditional Use Permit in Planning Case #2021-10, a request by Reno County (Applicant: Reno County Sheriff's Department) to establish a firearms range and training facility on land zoned AG-Agricultural District. The parcel is approximately 20.66 acres of land located on the east side of S Mohawk Road, approximately one-half mile north of the intersection of S. Mohawk Road and W. Blanchard Avenue. The address is 1314 S. Mohawk Road. He gave explanation of the land owned by the county, describing the safety measures of the range and use for Sheriff Officials and Law Enforcement agencies not the public. The Planning Board and staff approved the request with nine factors and four conditions. The only concerns voiced at the hearing was about traffic and gas lines. Mr. Sellers was concerned about safety issues however he was satisfied by Sheriff Campbell's explanation on the professional training of the rifle marksmen. The Sheriff said the berm exceeded the Kansas Wildlife and Parks and the National Rifle Associations required guidelines. Mr. Hirst asked the Sheriff to inform residents when officers would be night shooting. **Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Sellers,** to approve the CUP in Planning Case #2021-10 as outlined by Mr. Vonachen. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-1 with Mr. Hirst abstaining due to ownership of property in the area.

Public Works Director Don Brittain met with the Board to recommend approval of a proposed resolution to expand the boundary of Rural Water District 101 (Yoder). He stated Mark and Rose Nissley owned a tract of land on East Red Rock Road approximately 860 feet East of South Yoder Road and were requesting to expand Water District 101 for the purpose of possibly constructing a new single-family dwelling. The Nissley's are responsible for all costs and expenses incidental to the water main line expansion installation. Mr. Friesen questioned the high nitrate problem

within Rural Water District 101 and stated that water rates could be increasing in the future. Mr. Brittain replied that a water study was underway and a determination of rates for residents in the district would come after public meetings. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the resolution 2021-23: **A RESOLUTION ENLARGING RENO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO.101** as explained by Mr. Brittain. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Friesen stated that he, Mr. Brittain, and Mr. Partington had conversations regarding the 43rd Street Bridge.

Commissioner Sellers had requested a resolution to change the pay for newly elected and current commissioners if the voters approved five on the Board. The current salary for each commissioner was \$18,000 a year and the pay would decrease only if five commissioners are approved on the November 2, 2021, election. The pay would not change to \$10,800 a year until five members were installed in January 2023. He gave background of commission pay and compared the commissioners job to city council, school board positions. He spoke about the change in duties by the commission after hiring an Administrator in his opinion justified the reduction of pay. Mr. Hirst appreciated Mr. Sellers comments however he did not agree because of the time involved with the job. He believed the salary whether 3 or 5 commissioners should stay at \$18,000 because of the time it takes to do that job. There was a discussion on pay and how the new commissioners would be selected. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen,** to approve the salary for newly elected commissioners, if voted in. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2 - 1 with Mr. Hirst opposed.

Mr. Partington noted:

- 1) Monthly reports
- 2) He went over the financial report stating instead of two different reports, cash balance and year end balances. He said they replaced two reports with one report highlighting the beginning fund balance and current ending balance and showing how standing is at each fund level.
- 3) The Planning Commission has two open spots, Lisa French in December, and Bruce Buchanan now. He said they have five applicants. The Board discussed the process for filling those open seats. He is working to get a GIS map to see what areas of county these applicants come from. Mr. Sellers stated these are very important positions, the public does not understand the role of the Planning Board.

- 4) ARPA update: Reno County Communication Specialist Lori Moody created a page on our website with links. He reported ARPA was getting good responses from the community. They will be bringing back a report in November or early December.
- 5) Reminder October 26th commission meeting will be held at the Public Works facility.
- 6) Election dates clarified.
- 7) A Mayors meeting hosted by the Commission in late November or early December 2021, by consensus possible December 6th evening meeting.

County Commission reports:

Commissioner Friesen passed appreciation along from the Buhler School Board on the 43rd bridge.

Commissioner Sellers was pleased with more items on consent agenda. He applauded Public Works for their swift action on solving issues on projects. He was glad the gun range was resolved but disappointed the City and County could not work together on the current range. Pitched the 3 to 5 commissioners in Reno County to conduct public business. He encouraged the community to vote in the City/County election on November 2nd, 2021, in previous election had poor turnout.

Commissioner Hirst discussed increase of commissioners which the public will decide in the upcoming election. He said to get out and vote inform yourself, 12 percent of people to make your counties decisions was not good.

At 10:50 the meeting recessed for ten minutes.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners, County Administrator Randy Partington, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Friesen made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss a matter pertaining to non-elected personnel for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy of the employee. At the conclusion of the executive session the Board will resume its regular session and adjourn for the day. No formal decision by the Board is expected and the County Administrator is requested to remain for the executive session. **Mr. Sellers seconded that motion.** The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

At 11:30 a.m. the meeting returned to regular session and adjourned for the day until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 26th, 2021.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
cm

Date



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #VII.A

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

PRESENTED BY: Jackson Swearer, StartUp Hutch Entrepreneur Navigator and Director

AGENDA TOPIC:
StartUp Hutch Report

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:

StartUp Hutch is one of the agencies that receives funding from Reno County. The amount budgeted for StartUp Hutch to receive in 2021 is \$82,500

ALL OPTIONS:

No action is requested from the Board of County Commission.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:

No action is needed for this item.

POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:

Reno County approved funding in the amount of \$82,500 to StartUp Hutch for FY21.



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