

April 12, 2022  
Reno County Annex  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held an agenda session at the Annex Conference Room with Chairman Daniel Friesen, Commissioner Ron Sellers, and Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, and County Clerk Donna Patton, present.

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

Mr. Friesen said Sheriff Darrian Campbell wanted to thank Senator Moran for visiting Reno County and the recent wildfire area. Senator Moran thanked the Fire Fighters and the community for their responses and offered to help in any way he could.

Erica Laudick with the Kansas Children's Service League read the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Mr. Friesen proclaimed the month of April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Erica Laudick with the Kansas Children's Service League read the Week of the Young Child Proclamation. Mr. Friesen proclaimed the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> thru April 22<sup>nd</sup> as the week of the Young Child. The Board thanked them and appreciated the work they do.

Patrol Captain Levi Blumanhourst read the Law Enforcement Memorial Week Proclamation. Mr. Friesen proclaimed May 15, 2022, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 21<sup>st</sup> as National Police Week. Captain Blumanhourst invited the Board and the Public to observe the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day on May 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Hirst and Mr. Sellers said they had both attended the Memorial.

There was one public comment. Jason Tedder, 4310 W Blanchard Ave, Hutchinson, asked the Board to please find a solution to the trash that is blowing around at the Landfill. He lives just south of the Landfill and there is always trash in his yard. The Board agreed that we need to find a solution. Mr. Partington said that the Landfill is having a hard time hiring part-time workers and that they will continue to close on windy days.

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 6A through 6K, including the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, totaling \$385,391.61; claims payable on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, totaling \$200,865.27; claims payable on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, totaling \$534,185.65; and also consisting of pending Added, Abated and Escaped Taxation Change Orders numbered 2022-180-183, 190-192, 194-196 and 229; destroy past election material; approve Community Corrections Department of Corrections Juvenile Reinvestment Grant application for \$80,000; approve Reno/Kingman Joint Fire District #1 (Pretty Prairie) to purchase a new 2021 Ram 1500 from Allen Samuels and outfit that vehicle for a total cost not to exceed \$40,000; approve Public Works purchase of a 2022 Cab and Chassis with Bed from Rush Truck Centers, Park City, Kansas, for a cost of \$146,021.26; approve Kansas Department of Transportation-Bureau of Local Projects FFY 2024 HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) Signing Project; approve Planning Case #2021-15; Resolution **#2022-10: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JESSE KEIM TO ESTABLISH A MANUFACTURING FACILITY TO CONSTRUCT KITCHEN CABINEST AND OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS AT 11203 S OBEE ROAD**; approve Planning Case #2022-01; Resolution **#2022-11: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST BY JASON AND CHRISTY WEST TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 20.69 ACRES OF LAND FROM R-1-RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRCIT TO AG-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AT 303 N MAYFIELD ROAD**; approve Planning Case #2022-02 a request by Mark Yackley (Applicant: Ben Maser) to rezone approximately .20 acres of land from R-1 Rural Residential District to AG Agricultural District for the purpose of selling the area of land to Mr. Maser. The property is located on the East side of N. Willison Road, approximately 1,700 feet North of the intersection of N. Willison Road and E. 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The property address is 3602 N. Willison Road; Approve Resolution **#2022-12: THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CASH DRAWER RESOLUTION.** Mr. Sellers asked if item 6J a request by Mr. Yackley to rezone approximately .20 acres was in agreement with what the fire proposal was, and the Board agreed to have larger parcels. County Counselor Patrick Hoffman stated that this complies with the current code. Mr. Sellers said he would approve this but would like to proceed in the future with the fire proposal recommendations. The consent agenda motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.**

Pam Paulsen with the Reno County Extension Office discussed their 2023 budget request. She discussed some changes they have made and asked the Board for a 5 1/2% increase from last year. 2022 was \$365,000 and this year they are asking for \$385,000.

Liberty Thompson Intensive Supervision Officer with Community Corrections and Program Coordinator for the Reno County Drug Court discussed their 2023 budget request. Last year they had 15 graduates of the program and she explained that about 80% stay out of the justice system for at least 5 years. She is requesting \$10,000 for their 2023 budget.

Meghan Miller Treasurer with the Reno County 4-H Fair discussed their 2023 budget request. She is requesting a \$2,000 increase for a total of \$20,000 up from \$18,000 which was last year's request. She explained that they send out around 300 letters for sponsorships but not all are monetary that they receive. She discussed some activities that they will be having this year and talked about some expansion ideas and reaching out to more youth.

Debra Teufel with the Economic Development discussed their 2023 budget request. She spoke about Market Hutch, Greater Hutch and Growth Inc. and their requests. She requested no increase for Market Hutch, staying at \$14,000, for Greater Hutch a \$14,000 increase up from \$36,000 to \$50,000, and Growth Inc. to \$20,000 up from \$0 last year. She commented that Reno County needs more housing and daycare. The Board agreed and asked her to bring their new vision plan to the ARPA meeting on April 26, 2022.

Community Corrections Director Randy Regehr met with the Board to discuss a Community Corrections Adult Supervision and Behavioral Health Department of Corrections grant Application for \$933,262.31 for FY'23. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the grant application. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Jessica Susee, Juvenile Intake & Assessment Supervisor with Youth Services requested approval of the SFY2023 Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan Grant application. She then discussed the proposed budgets for graduated sanctions and prevention programs. She noted that they have had more transfer referrals noting that a lot of the referrals are coming from disruptions at school then match them with a mentor. She requested Community Corrections Juvenile Intensive Supervision Probation: \$258,358.15 Community Corrections Case Management: \$69,678.55 Youth Services Juvenile Intake & Assessment: \$284,484.30 Court Services Immediate Intervention Program: \$500.00 for a total of \$613,021.00 for the Graduated Sanctions Budget. She also requested \$41,914.02 for Rise Up Reno Prevention Network School-Based Mentoring, which

most of that will go to salary expenses. **Mr. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen,** to approve the grant application. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Reno County Sheriff Darrian Campbell presented his annual update to the Board. They viewed a training video that Communications Specialist Laurie Moody created for them. He spoke about the Criminal Interdiction Unit in cooperation with Sedgwick County and the City of South Hutchinson PD, and the work they performed together for a drug bust. He spoke about the different styles of Leadership between Reno County and the Hutchinson Police Department but noted that they work well together. They are also starting to work with farmers and ranchers to build a relationship in case cattle are being brought in illegally to Reno County and sold.

County Administrator Randy Partington gave his report to the Board. He briefly discussed the Financial Report (YTD) and the Monthly Department Reports. Mr. Sellers asked if Aging and Transportation Director Barbara Lilyhorn had installed the schedules in the bus shelters. Mr. Partington said he would visit with her and ask if that has been done. He informed the Board that the City of Hutchinson sent drafts for three agreements with Reno County. Mr. Partington and Mr. Hoffman will meet with Sheriff Campbell to review the drafts with him. Mr. Partington went over some numbers for the ARPA meeting that they will have on April 26, 2022. The commission misunderstood Mr. Partington's \$500,000 contingency amount and assumed that was for a consultant, which it was not. The contingency was for audit costs, administrative oversight, possible consultant, and other unknown costs. The commission stated they might consider a consultant, but not at that amount.

Mr. Hirst thanked businesses & citizens for their input and requests. He said he received a phone call on Saturday about an issue. He spoke to Mr. Partington and now they are looking into it. He asked the public to please use recyclable bags when shopping.

Mr. Sellers asked County Clerk Donna Patton if she would contact our Legislators to let them know that the watermark on the ballot bill is unnecessary and will cost the county a lot of money. He congratulated Karen Hammersmith on her award from TECH. He asked about the spreadsheet Mr. Partington has that shows the amount of ARPA funds and the amount that is left and the projections.

Mr. Friesen said he is softening a little on the use of housing investment ARPA funds. He would like to leverage private investment to add some of their own funds and build new housing. Mr. Hirst said he would like to see more information about Mr. Friesen's thoughts on this. He asked about the insurance claim on the Courthouse Dome. Mr. Partington said the insurance company is waiting on the engineer's report. He appreciated everyone that presented today.

At 11:08 a.m. the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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