

September 13, 2022
Reno County Annex
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held an agenda session with Chairman Daniel Friesen, Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Commissioner Ron Sellers was not available.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Ron Kyker, Countryside Baptist Church.

There were no public comments or additions to the agenda.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Friesen, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 6A through 6G, including the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on September 16th, 2022, totaling \$529,473.62; approval to destroy 2020 Presidential General Election material as per K.S.A. 25-2708; approval of Planning Case #2022-06 a request by Lawrence Street Properties, LLC for a conditional use permit to establish a coffee shop with drive-thru window. The property is located at 9805 S. Yoder Road which is at the southwest corner of E. Red Rock Road and S. Yoder Road; approval to declare Public Works' 1996 Tuff Pressure Washer with S/N 10088 as surplus to be auctioned on PurpleWave; approval to declare Public Works' 2008 Landa Pressure Washer Model VNG4-30024C as surplus to be auctioned on PurpleWave; approve appointments of Dave Yoder as the Fire Chief and Todd Strain as the Assistant Fire Chief of Reno County Fire District 8; approve purchase three 2023 Ford Interceptor SUVs from Midwest Ford in the amount of \$42,868 each for a total of \$128,604 as provided by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

7A Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, approving to designate Commissioner Ron Hirst as voting delegate and County Clerk Donna Patton as alternate for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) annual conference effective October 5, 2022, until the 2023 KAC Annual Conference. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

7B Information Technology Director Mike Mathews gave his annual report for 2022. He has a full staff of 8 and he said

they had 2372 help tickets closing out 2253 tickets. He explained the document management specialist job since they started in February 2022 and said how many documents had been scanned for several of the departments. He spoke about development software projects adding the recent Welcome Kiosk in the Annex entry which contains information about the departments located in the Annex and other buildings that provide services. He gave a list of all the projects. Network improvements for performance and security and working with Law Enforcement as an early adopter for our core Tyler law enforcement software and implemented an upgrade, testing and application to the live environment. Mr. Hirst said he appreciated the IT staff.

County Administrator Randy Partington briefed the Board on the financial report, stating that some departments have a higher expenditure from fuel costs and overtime expenses that made their percentages higher. Mr. Hirst stated that inflation for the past month was at 8.3 percent. Mr. Partington said that inflation rate would hurt the budgets and Mr. Hirst commented that the supply and repair lines would be affected severely with inflation. Mr. Partington asked if there were questions on the monthly department reports. He will be making a presentation to the Bar Association at a luncheon on Wednesday. He and Mr. Friesen will be meeting with the State Fair Board for their annual meeting on Wednesday morning to discuss any issues in the county/city.

Commissioner Comments:

Mr. Hirst had an email about attending the annual SCKEED Meeting. He commented on the State Fair's youth programs. He mentioned looking into the Saline County tag department having more than one location and checking into the cost along with how they were handled and how efficient it would be to have multiple locations.

Mr. Friesen spoke about attending the Quad County meeting yesterday in Wichita with Mr. Hirst, Mr. Partington and Mr. Hoffman. This is a quarterly meeting between Butler, Harvey, Reno, and Sedgwick County's. He learned about the Greater Wichita Partnership which is focusing on an 11-county involvement that includes Reno County offering resources with Economic Development projects. Mr. Friesen mentioned the fence viewing process went well and there was a lot of effort by the county to resolve the dispute between the landowners. He appreciated the landowners for their willingness to resolve the dispute among themselves and Mr. Hoffman for assisting with the

resolution. The minutes should be clear that at the end of the meeting, a decision was made on the split about who pays for what and damage on future ruling at a 50/50 replacement cost or over time to replace as well as natural disaster. Mr. Hoffman would draft an agreed order for the landowners based on what was discussed and if they both sign off it will be registered with the Register of Deeds, and he would suggest that language to them. They will both have to agree to it, if they don't, it will come back to the Board on the agenda for a final decision.

At 9:40 the meeting recessed for five minutes.

The meeting reconvened with Chairman Friesen, Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

At 9:45 a.m. Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to recess into executive session to discuss items of potential legal liability to the county, with executive session necessary to preserve attorney-client privilege, with the County Administrator Randy Partington, Human Resources Director Helen Foster, and County Counselor Patrick Hoffman to attend the session, and to return to open session at 10:05 a.m. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

At 10:05 Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to extend the executive session for five-minutes more. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

At 10:10 Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst, to extend the executive session for five-minutes more. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0.

At 10:15 a.m. the session returned to an open meeting with no action taken and adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk

Date

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