

February 28, 2023
Reno County Annex
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held an agenda session with Chairman Daniel Friesen, Commissioner Ron Hirst, Commissioner Randy Parks, Commissioner Don Bogner, and Commissioner John Whitesel, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, County Administrator Randy Partington, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Chaplain Richard Haley.

District Attorney Tom Stanton introduced his new attorney, Kyle Byfield. Mr. Byfield gave a brief employment history and was welcomed to Reno County by the Commission. Mr. Stanton referenced next week having the contract for the courthouse remodel.

President/CEO of Reno County/City of Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Debra Teufel distributed packets to the commission briefly explaining some of the important dates in March/April.

Heal Reno County Coalition represented by Kari Mailloux invited the public to attend the film premiere, On the Table, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Fox Theater and reminded everyone to bring a food donation as your entry ticket. She gave a brief overview for healthy eating. She stated Commissioner Ron Hirst would be the Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Whitesel moved, to take items 6I, 6J, and 6K off the consent agenda moving them to the business items. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Whitesel stated the online version of the agenda did not have supporting documents attached.

Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 6A through 6K which includes: (6A) the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on February 24th, 2023, totaling \$1,650,312.02; includes the Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on March 3rd, 2023, totaling \$591,490.95; (6B) approve appointment of John Brady as Clerk to Bell Township Board; (6C) approve Community Corrections Kansas Department of Corrections FY22 unexpended Funds Grant Award

Budget adjustment; **(6D)** approve Community Corrections Adult and Juvenile Policy Updates;

(6E) approve Noxious Weed Annual Management Plan and Eradication Progress Report; **(6F)** approve Public Works purchase of (1) 2024 Freightliner 108 SD Tandem Axle Truck Chassis for a dump truck with a 16 foot dump body from Kansas Truck Center, Wichita, Kansas, for a cost of \$214,589; **(6G)** approve Public Works purchase of a 2023 Komatsu WA 320-8 wheel loader from Berry Tractor, Wichita, Kansas, for a cost of \$161,780.01 after a trade of a 2004 Komatsu 380-5 with approximately 6650 hours; **(6H)** approve Public Works purchase of three (3) Land Pride 15 foot Flex Wing RCM5715 mowers from Schmidt & Sons Inc., Mt. Hope, Kansas, for a cost of \$67,110; **(6I)** to un-table from 2/14/23 and approve re-appointments of Shannon Hauschild, Ray Hemman, Erica Rivera, and Lacy Stauffacher to the Reno County Community Corrections Advisory Board for a two-year term effective 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2024; **(6J)** to un-table from 2/14/23 and approve appointment of Carmen Booz and Hope Jordan to the Reno County Council on Aging Board for a three-year term effective 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2025; **(6K)** to un-table and approve appointment of Erica Rivera, Edward Bible, and Curtis Jefferis to the Reno County Public Transportation Commission for a three-year term effective 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2025; as provided by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-1 with Mr. Whitesel opposing. Mr. Whitesel opposed the political party of appointed board members. The Chair and Mr. Hirst agreed there was no sway on party as long as the applicants were qualified.

Mr. Partington stated the special districts consent agenda, items 7A through 7M included purchases from fire districts capital funds and vehicles that were past their usefulness and could not be used by any other department in the county or fire districts: **(7A)** Reno County Fire District #4 tender truck purchase from Osco Tank and Truck Sales, Inc. for a total cost not to exceed \$300,000; **(7B)** declare Fire District #4's 1984 Chevrolet 5/4-ton truck VIN#1GCGD34J3EF382424 with unknown mileage as surplus; **(7C)** declare Fire District #4's 1986 Pierce fire truck VIN#1P9CA01D6GA040525 with 31,770 miles as surplus; **(7D)** declare Fire District #4's 1980 Oshkosh Pierce Arrow fire truck VIN#10T9N9A28A1019254 with 36,275 miles as surplus; **(7E)** declare Fire District #4's 2001 Command Travel Trailer VIN#4X4TRLD262D990268 as surplus; **(7F)** declare Fire District #6's 1983 GMC Sierra 3500 Rescue Truck VIN#1GDJK34W1DV528892 with unknown mileage as surplus; **(7G)** declare Fire District #6's 1985 Pierce fire truck VIN#1P9CA01D9FA040761 with unknown

mileage as surplus; **(7H)** declare Fire District #6 1985 Chevy 5/4-ton brush truck VIN#1GCGD34J8FF356614 as surplus; **(7I)** declare Fire District #9's 1979 Chevrolet Rescue Truck VIN#CKL339B149852 as surplus; **(7J)** declare Fire District #9's 1979 Ford Fire Engine VIN#F70CVFE5930 as surplus; **(7K)** declare Fire District #9's 1984 Chevrolet 5/4-ton truck VIN#1GCGD34J6EF364161 as surplus; **(7L)** declare Fire District 9's 1967 Ford F-750 fire truck VIN#F75EUA59539 as surplus; **(7M)** Reno/Harvey Joint Fire District#2 (Buhler) UTV fire unit purchase for a total cost not to exceed \$32,000. **NOTE:** 7B through 7L vehicles declared surplus to be auctioned on Purple Wave and authorize County Administrator Randy Partington to sign the titles once the vehicles are sold.

County Fire Administrator Travis Vogt discussed item 7M regarding the UTV Fire unit purchase stating his goal was to provide three to four throughout the county. After a large discussion **Mr. Parks moved, seconded by Mr. Whitesel**, to approve special districts consent agenda items 7A through 7M as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar reviewed the annual 2023 Emergency Management update not requiring any action by the Board. The Board stated the Command Center was well coordinated and was amazing to witness during an emergency.

Mr. Friesen inquired about the security of the Haven gas plant. He suggested Mr. Hirst, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Weishaar speak with the Haven plant to encourage them to rebuild. Mr. Friesen requested a report on next week's agenda for the upcoming fire season. He suggested Mr. Weishaar gather information from the City of Hutchinson's Fire Chief and Mr. Partington for the report.

Health Department Director Karla Nichols met with the Board with a proposed resolution no. **#2023-05; A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RENO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (RCHD) ADVISORY BOARD.** This resolution would combine boards into one meeting once a month. Reno County has a policy established regarding applications for boards. Ms. Nichols asked if 60 days would be good with the Commission instead of the 90 days in the policy. They would have all advisory board members fill out an application. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner**, to approve the resolution #2023-05 as outlined by Ms. Nichols making the administrative change from 90 to 60 days with a one-year term. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-2 with Mr. Whitesel and Mr. Friesen opposed. Mr. Hoffman

commented to keep in mind the applicant should be from the same interest as the person leaving the board.

Ms. Nichols also recommended approval for the Reno County Health Department Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance use site-based program (COSSUP) Grant application for \$1,000,000. She explained this three-year grant. She stated the grant would continue the work as it currently was in the community.

Health Department's Seth Dewey gave explanation of the Opioid focus on intervention and recovery. He spoke about the March 31st event at the Fox Theater presented by the Reno County Recovery Collaborative. Mr. Friesen suggested Mr. Dewey attend a Stepping Up Council meeting. **Mr. Friesen moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner**, to approve the grant as outlined by Ms. Nichols and Mr. Dewey. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Ms. Nichols recommended approval to sign a letter and agreement for Reno County Health Department (RCHD)'s continuation of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Healthy Families agreement for \$320,000. The agreement was one hundred percent pass through, with two percent staying with Reno County for administration fees. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Parks**, to approve the grant as outlined by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-1 with Mr. Whitesel opposing.

Last item by Ms. Nichols was a recommendation for Reno County Health Department (RCHD)'s Aid-to-Local (ATL) Grant application for \$890,420.40. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner**, to approve this grant per staff recommendation. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-1 with Mr. Whitesel opposing.

Mr. Partington requested questions on the monthly reports and there were none. He stated the Board appointed him, Mr. Depew, Mr. Hirst, and Mr. Bogner to meet to trim the courthouse renovation costs. They went from \$2.187 million to \$1,867,025 eliminating items and adding others. Mr. Partington stated they have the lower amount in the reserve fund and said he would have the contract from a local contractor next week.

Mr. Partington requested approval for a three-day management training affecting 30 different employees than last year. He explained the culture change by employees after attending last year. The training would be in June 2023 at the

HCC student union. The Board by consensus said to move forward with this training.

Commissioner Comments:

Mr. Bogner would speak with Mr. Weishaar regarding the new fire regulations that citizens were concerned with.

Mr. Parks commented on getting the information out to all citizens on the new fire regulations and meeting with the Sheriff regarding the shooting range.

Mr. Hirst mentioned that last week was National FFA week. He stated SCKEED requested assistance with a letter of support for a grant regarding entrepreneur training. He commented on attending the K-96/Quad County meetings.

StartUp Hutch Jackson Swearer spoke about the SCKEED grant.

Mr. Partington gave public notice that three or more of the Commissioners would be attending next Monday's Quad County meeting at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hirst made a public service announcement regarding Medicare fraud for the elderly. If you suspect fraud or receive any packages without ordering it call the Medicare hotline.

Mr. Whitesel stated the Sheriff had done a good job with the gunman incident. He would be meeting today with DA Tom Stanton. Then scheduling a meeting with the Chamber and the Sheriff.

Mr. Friesen reminded the Board the next agenda meeting was moved to March 7th with no meeting on the 14th or 21st. He spoke about certain dates on a calendar throughout the year. In the last meeting staff spoke about signatures on the purchasing information. RFP's for the County Health Officer will be in next Tuesday's packet. He met with the Sheriff regarding going forward with a grant application for the shooting range.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN REPLACED AND AMENDED ON May 30th, 2023, TO INCLUDE THE LISTINGS FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

At 11:05 a.m. Mr. Friesen adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date