

allow both for and against an RS40 re-zoning request at 17516 E 113th St. N. [Owasso-Rogers County] to voice concerns.

Most concerns related to changing the zoning from AR (agriculture/residential) to RS40 [AR] (designed to allow development and conservation of single-family dwellings) were focused on the potential for future development that would interrupt the existing “quiet rural life” of the residents.

BOCC members listened to each side before closing the public hearing.

Burrows remarked positively on the way everyone presented their concerns with a showing of civility amid “a lot of emotions.”

Hendrix told the residents he is aware most have lived in that area for quite some time and are aware of the growth of the Owasso area in general.

“It is not the same landscape it was 10 years ago when you first moved here,” Hendrix said. He emphasized that the growth in Owasso is inevitable and is closing in on a lot of residents, in a lot of neighborhoods.

“Many of your concerns – we hear all the time,” he said, “and many of the concerns are valid.”

“Nobody is opposed to progress – as long as it's not next to me. That is presented to us in almost each and every subdivision and new housing development that comes along. There is plenty of opportunity for growth still left in the Owasso area, and there are places that are appropriate for RS40 zoning. However, in this case I do not believe it is on your streets; so, I am going to make a motion to deny the zoning change,” Hendrix said.

DeLozier and Burrows followed by denying the re-zoning request. The request for re-zoning was previously denied in a Planning Commission meeting with a voting of 5-0 against the re-zoning.

The BOCC motioned to approve a bid request for the Rogers County Sheriff's emergency vehicle equipment awarding it to Visual Force, in addition to approving the letting of drones for the Sheriff's Office.

DeLozier had two 4WD truck purchase requests that were previously tabled, but only one was awarded to match the county's current fleet of white trucks since only one was available for purchase. Also, the board approved a transfer of funds from Highway Sales Tax Maintenance and Operations to Highway Sales Tax Capital Outlay of \$100,000 for District 1 to buy equipment.

Resolution 2023-162 was approved recognizing Purple Wave auctions as a public auction for purchases following Oklahoma Statute, Title 19, State Statute, 1505.

Hendrix said the public auction site is just another online equipment auction company that allows them to buy online. Hendrix mentioned he would like to buy a water truck through them or at least make a bid to purchase and add them to the list of auction companies available to them in the future.

Andy Armstrong presented several items to the BOCC for discussion and possible action regarding the chairman submitting a contract budget modification.

This will allow for additional costs related to mental health activities provided through the Grand Lake Mental Health Clinic; authorization for the chairman to submit a drawdown for November through February for administrative expenses from the Coronavirus Relief Grant [not related to ARPA funds]; authorization for the chairman to submit an initial drawdown for nutritional activity cost through January for Claremore Senior Citizen Center for \$44,505.09 and Pelivan meal delivery for \$21,531 totaling \$66,036.09; and authorization for the chairman to submit a final drawdown for the Grand Lake Mental Health Clinic iPad/data plan and licensing expenses from the Coronavirus Relief Grant in the amount of \$133,840.

The BOCC approved each of those items.

The board concluded its meeting a short time later after entering executive session with Debbie Ward, Rogers County Industrial Development Authority, about economic development efforts to entice business within Rogers County. No action was taken.

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