

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 16, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Jeff Blackburn, Patrick Clements.

9:00: After a prayer by Jeff Blackburn, Don opened the meeting.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve a payroll change from the Sheriff's Dept.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the tax corrections, motion carried.

The Clerk presented the Financial Plan for Cimarron Basin Correctional Facility for signing by the chairman. Ron moved and John seconded to approve, motion carried.

The Clerk presented a letter from the Kiowa Co. Librarian asking for Marilyn Goodheart and Traci Gumpenberger to be approved as Library Board Members. Ron so moved, John seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

Gunnar gave quotes from Home Lumber for paint for County buildings.

They poured cement at Stapleton's cattle guard.

He will purchase a 2008 trailer for cement forms.

He showed pictures of culvert work at V St. and 31 Ave.

A tornado went through the North Landfill with the only damage being broken windows in the building and equipment.

Gunnar asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel for five minutes. Ron so moved, John seconded, motion carried. The Commissioners and Gunnar moved to the adjoining room for the session. After five minutes the regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, brought updates of services done by her department.

She also presented a letter to the Commission asking them to remember the County employees who worked tirelessly after the tornado in 2007 and those who decided to stay in this community. This year on May 4th is the fifth anniversary of the devastating tornado that destroyed the town of Greensburg along with all the County buildings.

9:45: Don Richards left the meeting to attend a funeral

10:00: Vice Chairman, John Unruh, opened the Public Hearing for public input regarding whether or not to create a new cemetery district for the Soldier Creek Cemetery in the community of Belvidere. After some questions, it was explained to those in attendance that the Commission had two choices. One is to consolidate the Soldier Creek cemetery with the Haviland Cemetery District. The other is to create a new cemetery district so those in that district can have the control and responsibility of legally maintaining their own district. Currently there is no official board for Soldier Creek. Dawn Hayes, County Counsel, is preparing the documents and explaining the process needed to create a new district. Those in attendance are in favor of a new district.

The public hearing ended at 10:30. An attendance sheet is attached to these minutes.

Ruth Ann Wedel came to get approval of the ad for the Tourism brochure, the Commission approved.

Dick Robbins, who attended the public hearing, stayed to comment on the following conversation.

The Commissioners had a conference call with James Robinson of Gateway Land Services to discuss Chesapeake Energy leasing the county owned right of way at I St. and 55 Ave. John asked for \$5,000 per acre plus 20% of the royalties; James will take the proposal to Chesapeake and get back with them later.

Jan West, Media Center President, came to request permission to make modifications in the TV studio area of the Media Center. They are installing new equipment and need to make some changes to accommodate that equipment. She listed each modification needed. The Commission agreed by Consensus.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed, came in since the agenda stated that the Commission had to reconsider their decision to let him carry a pistol while out in the field. He was told there is a policy, #708, which states there are to be no fire arms in the work place. Therefore they have reversed their decision to allow him to carry a pistol.

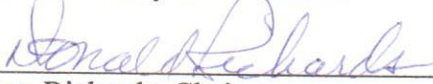
It was brought up that some people have been bringing their pets into the Commons building. After discussion, Ron moved and John seconded to post signs in county buildings indicating no pets allowed except for service dogs.

Don discussed county vehicles being driven to and from the employee's home. The employee needs first needs to get permission, then that employee will have to be taxed as that is considered a benefit.

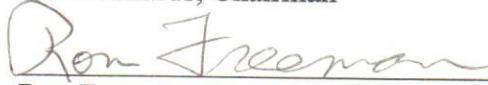
Ray brought in a Resolution/Proclamation for declaring local disaster due to this past stormy weekend when tornados did some damage. The Commissioners signed the Resolution 2012-3.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

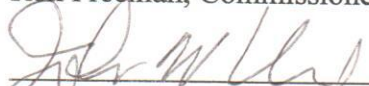
Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman

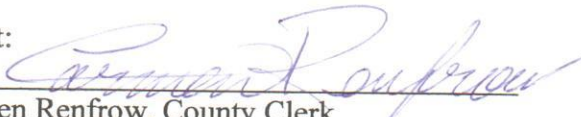


Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

Sign In Sheet
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Date: 4/16/2012

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Affiliation

Hank Halley

Belvidere

Roy Halley

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RAY SEGMAN

E.M.

Jeff Blackburn

KCMA

D. Clement

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Dick Robinson

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Jan Woods

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