

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 29, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Matt Christenson, Gunnar Stauth, DJ McMurry, Marilyn Brown, Eric Peters, Paul Conner with guest, Rhonda Fernandez and Cynthia Pyatt

9:00: After the prayer given by Don Richards, Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the agenda with changes, motion carried.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the minutes of 12-19 as corrected.

Don moved and John seconded to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll subject to County Counsel, motion carried.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for 54 Truck stop

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the tax corrections

9:20 Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

He reported he had approximately \$60,000 left in his budget and requests half of it be moved to his Special Equipment Fund. Commissioners agreed they would discuss this with the auditor. He reported the 06 Sterling is in the shop with the head gasket leaking and will be done sometime this week. He brought up the discussion about sick time and vacation time for employees and presented a benefit sheet the state highway department uses. Commissioners would look at it and compare when they set the new sick leave and vacation hours next week.

9:52 Eric Peters, Solid Waste Supervisor, came with the following:

He came to see if he could purchase the four-wheeler he requested at the last meeting. The Commissioners asked to consult with the auditor on encumbering the funds for the item. Theresa Dasenbach joined the meeting via telephone at 10:03 to discuss about the Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Noxious Weed and Fire Dept. First she was asked about purchasing the four-wheeler and she explained since it was a piece of equipment and that he still had funds in his budget he didn't have to encumber the funds that he could just use the previous funds. She also included the same information for the other departments as well. Conference ended with Theresa. Don moved and Ron seconded to approve the purchase of the Kawasaki mule for Solid Waste. He also reported that he purchased a new printer and computer so he could keep the tickets for the landfill on the computer so he could send one bill out to the customer verses going through every hand written tickets to give them a final bill.

10:25 Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor, came with the following:

After hearing Theresa on the conference he decided that he would just purchase the chemicals out of 2012 budget instead of encumbering the money as he planned. Commissioners agreed.

10:25 Break

10:35 Meeting back in session

10:35 Paul Conner came to introduce Katrina Pettet, Director of SW KS Juvenile Detention Program. They came to share how the program works. She informed that for 2011 Kiowa County was assigned 5 bed days for the program and for 2012 there will be 10 bed days. She explained that it has been a struggle to get the teens out of the facility and into placement. With the

consent from the Commissioners she will be in contact with our County Attorney to see how they can work together to get the process done.

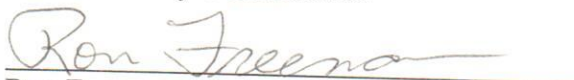
11:00 Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds Supervisor, came with the following:
She has requested to encumber \$6742.44 for the completion of scanning the record books. This hasn't been paid due to the books not being scanned correctly and has to be rescanned on some of the books. Commissioners agreed not to pay them till they are completed properly and she would also like to request that \$3900.00 be given to the Court House Equipment fund to be used towards too any departments for computer systems. She also informed that she will be requesting to hire a part time person to fill in for a couple of days for 2012. John suggested coming back to talk to them after the first of the year to discuss hiring a part time position.

11:05 Rhonda Fernandez came to further discuss the short term disability benefit. The plan will start the day of the incident and will start to pay after 30 days and will pay 60% up to \$500.00 a week for 22 weeks and then there KPERs long term disability will start for the employee. For the first 30 days the employee is to use their sick time or vacation time. After the 30 days the employee can start collecting the short term disability benefits. If the employee chooses to continue to use their sick or vacation time after the 30 days that is optional. While the employee uses their time after the 30 days they will receive \$25.00 a week until they start getting short term disability. John asked her to come back with a different figure on the short term disability plan. She will contact Assurant and get those figures back to them as soon as she can. Ron signed the Stop Loss contract and the BMI Administrative contact for 2012.

11:33 During open forum Ron asked to add discussion on the Commissioner raise for 2012 due to some misunderstanding on who all received that 10% raise. Ron came with some figures on wages from some neighboring counties that he wanted to share. They agreed that the Commissioners were included in the motion from the last meeting for all elected personnel to receive a 10% raise of their salaries. Don added the discussion on benefits for the County Attorney. Dawn Hayes informed she would look into the discussion and will get back with them by the next meeting. Cynthia Pyatt from road and bridge came to express her concerns on the raise that all hourly employees will receive for 2012. Her concern was that the money that was budgeted for 2012 be spent only on wages. John explained that the remaining funds would be put into the county general.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk