

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

February 1, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow.

9:00: Ron opened the meeting.

First order of business was to approve the agenda.

Matt Christenson will take Jan West's place at an earlier time.

Don moved to approve the agenda with the one change, Gene seconded, motion carried.

Second order of business was to approve the minutes of 1/29/10. Gene moved to approve the minutes, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Supervisor of Road & Bridge, brought in his two recent new hires and introduced them to the Commissioners.

Gene asked Gunnar to look into having the recycle picked up from the Courthouse once a week.

Ray Stegman asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel for ten minutes. Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes, at 9:14 am, the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Possible mold samples taken from the Register of Deeds office have been sent out for examination to determine if there is indeed mold on the books in that office.

He is still working on putting together a mutual agreement between the County and the Cities of the County for fire protection.

BCS, the company who installed our heating/cooling system in the County facilities, has an accompanying service/maintenance contract. Ray gave copies of the contract to the Commissioners. The yearly cost is \$9,356. Ray discussed details of the contract; but stated that we don't need to get this in place right away.

He is waiting for contact from John Deere regarding a contract with them to service the Courthouse generator.

9:35: Break

9:35 – Dawn Hayes, Commissioner's Legal Council, was asked about the Hillcrest Cemetery request for a new resolution to reestablish their district. She has worked with their attorney, Eric Marshall, and stated that what they want to do is fine. Gene moved to approve the Notice of Hearing, Don seconded, motion carried. The Clerk will set a date for the meeting and publish the notice of hearing.

Dawn asked if any decisions on the airport project had been reached. The Commissioners shared their discussion with Bob Dixson at the meeting on 1/29/10. No decisions have been made other than Bob will continue to get more information and details on the subject.

Ray is still working on a mutual aid agreement for the County Fire Dept. and the City Fire Depts. It was suggested that maybe re-creating the documents to re-affirm the established departments would be appropriate.

Matt Christenson came in for Jan West to update the Commissioners on the media trailer. It is almost finished; it's in for final equipment installation. The media center is ready to advertise for a producer and a media tech director. These persons will be in charge of the media center and trailer. Jan will be attending sustainability conference and share news about our media project.

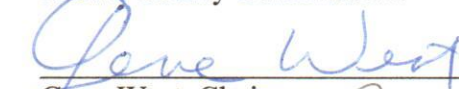
Next, Matt spoke more about the Commons building project. The USDA has agreed to a set of rules from MVP for construction bidders on that project. Matt gave the Commissioners copies of the rules.

Dawn Hayes asked for an executive session at 10:30 for attorney/client privilege for five minutes; Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. At 10:35 they resumed the regular meeting, no action taken.

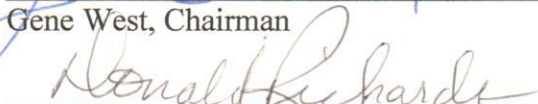
A discussion followed about the Senior Center. Rhonda Whitney, Deputy Clerk, brought in two payroll changes, new hires for the Sheriff's dept. Don moved to approve the changes, Gene seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting, Don seconded, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Kiowa County Commission:



Gene West, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk