

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 21, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Ray Stegman, Carmen Renfrow, Marilyn Brown, Dawn Hayes

9:00: Ron opened the meeting, Don said the prayer.

General Business: Don asked to add a discussion about indigent funerals at the end of the meeting to the agenda. Don moved to approve the agenda as amended, John seconded, motion carried.

Don moved, John seconded to approve A/P and Payroll subject to County Counsel's approval, motion carried.

John asked why we had Tax Corrections. D.J. came in and explained that process. John moved, Don seconded to approve the Tax Corrections presented by the Clerk, motion carried.

The Clerk presented Resolution 2011-3 prepared by County Counsel Dawn Hayes, regarding updates to personnel policy manual, policy numbers 108 and 405. Don moved, John seconded to approve the resolution, motion carried.

John asked that the minutes of 2/7/11 be corrected by changing Agriculture land to pasture land. Carmen said she would clarify with D.J. McMurry as to what he said. John moved, Don seconded to approve the minutes with that correction, motion carried.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor, came to ask permission to attend his Annual Conference. Don moved to approve his request, John seconded, motion carried.

9:30: Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

He presented the list of items he wants to sell; the Commission must find the items listed in the Notice are no longer required and cannot prudently be used for public purposes of the County. John moved, Don seconded to declare the list of items presented as no longer required and approve selling these items as required in K.S.A. 19-211.

Commissioners, by consensus, agreed to allow Gunnar to purchase a grapple bucket for \$3,000.00

He presented a map and documentation from KDOT indicating traffic volume on Highways in Kansas.

John moved and Don seconded to change the meeting time for the 2/28/11 Commission meeting from 9:00 to 10:00 am so the Commissioners can attend a political coffee at Barclay College in Haviland earlier that morning.

Gunnar discussed the Gyp Hills organization will disband; they're waiting for Gordon Stull to supply the resolution to that end.

9:50: Break

10:00: Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

Doors in the jail need adjusted, he is waiting for a reasonable cost estimate.

Sheriff's department has openings for a dispatcher, a road officer, and a detention officer. One detention officer is going to KLETC to become a road officer. Kendal asked for clarification

on the nepotism policy. The undersheriff's wife is being considered for a position as detention officer. Dawn counseled that since Mark Koehn is the supervisor of the detention officers that would not be a conflict.

10:20: Ray Stegman, LTR/ Administration Director, came with the following:

He presented the contract, signed by the City of Greensburg, for flag poles on Main Street. John moved, Don seconded to approve signing that contract, motion carried. Ray also presented a signed mutual aid contract for Fire protection. The Commissioners signed both contracts.

Ray informed the Commission on J & A Traffic Products who can install the county road signs. He is researching costs.

Egress lights on the outside of the building are working again.

There is a problem with water standing on the roof; it's under warranty so he will call the roofers.

GIS maps will be finished soon

He will have a meeting regarding the lights at the barn at the fairgrounds to determine costs and completion.

10:40: Debby Allison and Matt Christenson came with the carpet and upholstery choices for the Library.

Matt presented the bids for furnishings in the Library. Don moved and John seconded to accept the bids from Kansas Contract Design and Virco, motion carried.

Matt presented the drawings to modify the area designated for the Extension office in the Kiowa County Commons. John moved, Don seconded to approve the modification with a \$20,000 cap on costs, motion carried.

John stated there have been questions on the process of deciding on who gets the sub-contract for the shelving in the Library in the Commons project. Matt explained how and who makes those specifications and determinations.

11:30: Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, addressed grant funds being used to reimburse the County for benefits for her department's employees. She asked to reduce the amounts being paid until the auditors review this again this year. The Commissioners want to table this until they can discuss this with the auditors in March.

Mitzi asked to change the language in policy 302 regarding holiday pay. Dawn will rework the policy to present to the Commission at a later date.

11:55: Travis Barnes, Historical Society President, came to update the Commission on the newly formed Historical Society Board. He will give a list of members and their terms to the Clerk. He wants to set up a formal agreement between the Historical Society and the County Commission regarding the operation of the County museum. After discussion, Ray Stegman was appointed as a Commission representative to interact with the Historical Society Board. They will consult with Dawn Hayes to re-do their by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman

Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards

Don Richards, Commissioner

John Unruh

John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk