

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 29, 2012

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

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

John asked for a correction in spelling of Ed Koger's name in the minutes. Dawn asked to be put on the agenda at 10:15. Ron requested an executive session at 10:30. Ron moved to approve the agenda with the additions and the rest of the consent agenda, John seconded, motion carried.

John asked about the A/P process and when they actually approved them. Dawn explained they initialed the A/P reports before the meeting to have time to look at them closely; in the open meeting is when they are approved. If there are any concerns about any of the vouchers, they should be flagged while examining and initialing them before the meeting and discussed in the open meeting.

Regarding the overdue invoices from the Health Dept. Ron moved to NOT pursue collection of these invoices, John seconded, motion carried.

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

Presented copies of an invitation from the Caterpillar Factory in Arkansas for the Commissioners to come and tour their facility.

Gunnar presented a paint color palette and asked the Commissioners to pick what color they wanted to use for the County buildings in Belvidere. They told him to make that decision.

Gunnar said that if they decide the County is going to mow the school and shop in Belvidere, they would have to get another mower. Noxious Weed Dept. has a storage pod he will move to Belvidere, Commission agreed by consensus.

The 1978 J.D. Loader is in for diagnostics, it has 12,000 hrs on it. Also the 2005 Sterling truck is back in for repairs.

Q St. and 25th Ave. will have a series of culverts installed.

Jerry McClain from Road & Bridge came in; at Gunnar's request he brought a road packer for the Commissioners to see. They went outside to look at the equipment.

Jim Crawley, Museum Director, came to ask about moving County owned museum artifacts from private property to County property. The Commissioners told him to contact Gunnar Stauth to make the arrangements to have them moved to the Road & Bridge facility.

10:00: Break

10:15: Dawn Hayes, County Counsel, discussed the upcoming decision the Commissioners have to make about the cemetery in Belvidere, Soldier Creek. They discussed some options and the legal ramifications of those options.


Ron moved to merge Soldier Creek with Haviland Cemetery. After more discussion he rescinded the motion. Before next meeting on March 5th John will ask the Haviland Cemetery Board and the Belvidere representatives to attend that meeting where they can discuss the matter further and come to a final decision; one that is in the best interest of the cemetery and those who are buried there and their families, as well as those who own plots.

Ron moved to go into an executive session for non-elected personnel for ten minutes, John seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes they returned to the regular meeting.

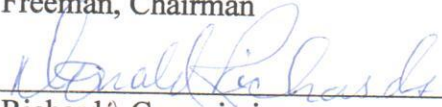
The Clerk presented two payroll changes to the Commissioners from the Sheriff's dept. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the changes, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

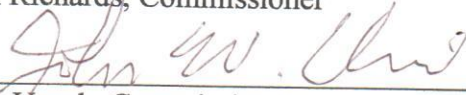
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk