

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 6, 2012

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

9:00: Don opened the meeting after the prayer.

Ron moved to add Erica Goodman to the agenda, John seconded, motion carried.

Ron moved to approve the agenda as amended, John seconded motion carried.

Ron moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2012, John seconded motion carried.

Erica Goodman came to get the Commission's decision from her visit on Jan. 31, 2012 regarding contributions to an ad in the Legend magazine. Ron moved to contribute \$250.00, John seconded, motion carried. Erica will work with Carmen and Ray for the details of the advertisement.

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

He shared a website that shows where oil wells are being drilled and can see where they are in the County.

He presented a payroll change for Lowell Thronsberry for completing his six month probation. John moved and Ron seconded to approve the payroll change, motion carried.

He's waiting for more estimates of cost for repairs of their track loader.

Gunnar shared pictures of proposed improvements to the Mullinville County Shop. He wants to improve the appearance of the County facility since it sets on Main St. and next to the Memorial.

9:50: Candace Lattin came to the meeting

Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, came to say the papers for the track loader they are purchasing are not yet ready for signing; they should be available on Thursday. Don can sign them when they arrive without calling a special meeting since they have already voted to purchase the equipment. They discussed different options for disposing of the current track loader. Ron moved to put it on Purple Wave, the online selling option, John seconded, motion carried.

Eric asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel for ten minutes, the Clerk was asked to stay. John moved to have the executive session, Ron seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes the regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

10:07: Candace came to ask the Commissioners if they had any issues with her department. They discussed her possibly taking over the County Counsel position should the current County Counsel leave her position. It was discussed why her salary was reduced as well as not receiving the ten percent raise the other elected officials received for this year. She discussed her work load compared to other County Attorney's in the area saying she filed more cases. The Commissioners brought up her office not complying with being open when the rest of the Courthouse is open at 8:00 am; her office opens at 9:00 am. After each stating their opinions, Candace said she would take over the duties of County Counsel if the need arises.

11:00: Jan and Gene West came to the meeting.

Jan represents the Media Center and reported on activities of the Executive Director. He is training and educating local residents, High School students, and Barclay College students. They are also working with businesses for their promotions. Jan shared a video they produced of the Mayor

inviting people to come visit for the five year anniversary of the tornado and the rebuilding of Greensburg and Kiowa County.

11:15: Ray Stegman told the Commission that he's waiting for quotes for carpet for the top floor hallway. He also brought pictures and prices of chairs to complete the Commissioners meeting room. They agreed by consensus to have Ray order the chairs.

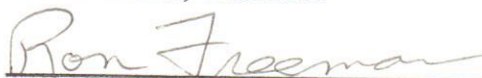
Next, Ray addressed the Courthouse phone system. The one we have is used and was donated by BTI after the tornado; it's at least 15 years old. Ray told the Commission they should put in the budget for 2013 money to purchase a new and updated phone system for the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

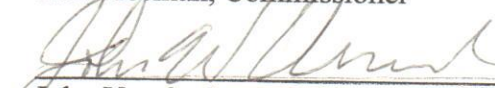
Kiowa County Commission:




Don Richards, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

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