

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

January 29, 2010

Present: Gene West, Ron Freeman, Don Richards, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman

9:00 am: Ron opened the meeting. First order of business was to approve the agenda; Gene moved to approve the agenda, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved to approve the payroll for January and accounts payable for the end of January, Don seconded, motion carried.

Don moved to approve the change orders from the appraisers, Gene seconded, motion carried.

New hire payroll change sheets from the Sheriff's dept. were presented; there were three people hired as jailers. Gene moved to approve the new hires, Don seconded, motion carried.

Hillcrest Cemetery issues were on the agenda; Gene moved to table them until they could consult with legal counsel, Don seconded, motion carried.

Carmen presented the idea of vending machines being put in the Courthouse. The Commission said to get a consensus of the employees before moving forward.

Gunnar, Supervisor of Road & Bridge:

Inslee Backhoe asked for a permit to dig across the road North of Aaron Einsel's place for a gas line. Gene moved to approve the permit, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar presented a payroll change for a new hire, Corey Mass. Don moved to approve, Gene seconded, motion carried.

He brought pictures of the bailer and fork purchased for his dept.

There is no signage at Road & Bridge. Gene said to check with MVP to see if was in the bid package. Gunnar offered to do a limestone sign. Commission wants to keep the signage uniform.

Gunnar is looking for a service truck with a crane, he found three options. Discussion followed on those options. Gene moved to purchase the one for \$38,500, Don seconded, motion carried.

A water line broke at the shop at the north landfill. To keep it from happening again, the line will be moved inside. The only one to bid for the repair job was Bryan Gumpenberger at \$4,165. Gunnar suggested paying one half out of landfill account and one half from Road & Bridge. Gene moved to approve, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar is still working on quotes for a septic tank at Belvidere and considering other options. Don suggested asking about the tank at the new fire station location that was John Deere's. It could be moved from there to the Belvidere location.

Next Cody and Rick Sherer and Jay Koehn came to discuss three items.

1. The '86 fire truck needs repairs that are estimated at \$1,079. Don moved to approve, Gene seconded, motion carried.

2. Cody asked for permission to have emergency lights for his personal vehicle that he uses for emergency runs. There has to be approval from the fire chief, the sheriff, and the commissioners; he has signed forms from both the fire chief and the sheriff. Don moved to approve, Gene seconded, motion carried.

3. Fire Station in Mullinville:

Rick brought a drawing of the current fire station and an addition they would like to build. The City of Mullinville owns the land it sits on now, the Coop owns where they want to build; the Coop. has a verbal agreement with the fire dept. to donate the land. Currently the vehicles have to be stored outside, there's not enough room for them and the equipment in the current station. Discussion followed on details needed to be done to get a complete quote for all the work and observation of building codes. The Commissioners believe this is a good project; if they get the details in place, it can be considered for the 2011 budget.

Jay Koehn said that the whole county is one fire district. There has been some confusion as to fire district lines in the county.

10:15 Break

10:25: Kendal Lothman, Sheriff brought the following:

He received a form for the Commissioners to approve Paul Conner as the South West Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board Member. Don said he didn't think he wanted to do it anymore and asked the Clerk to call him to find out his decision.

Kendal reported that fuel costs and prisoner care in Dec. of 2009 put him over his budget by \$419.00. Both line items doubled or more than doubled what was budgeted for. There was also over \$3,000 in bills due to a recent murder case. At this time he will not be able to purchase a new patrol car as he had planned.

He will keep a car that was seized, a Grand Prix, and use it for a travel car for officers to use, instead of putting miles on patrol cars. He is concerned at the miles on the cars he has now.

Since consulting with our auditor, Theresa Dasenbrock, it was decided back in July when preparing the budget for this year to divide the Sheriff's budget between the office and the jail. He brought a report as to how he is going to divide the budget money. (See attached). The Commissioners agreed the division by consensus.

Kendal asked the Commissioners to think about a maintenance agreement with Glassman for the Gio-Thermal systems the County now has. A quote from them for the Road & Bridge only was \$1200.00 yearly. He will check with other Glassman's and other companies for a bid for maintaining all the systems for the County.

Bob Dixson, Mayor of Greensburg, came to have an informal discussion with the Commissioners about a proposed airport authority. Some points from the conversation are as follows:

The airport authority is their own entity, like the recreation committee.

Funds would come from the City and County to run the A.A.

One mill for the county = \$90,000, one mill for the City = \$3,000.

Who would benefit the most?

Mullinville and Haviland should be included in this decision.

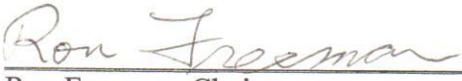
Bob will talk with Ed Young for more information on the details for requirements needed.

Matt Christenson came in to update the Commissioners on the Commons. So far there are too many contractors wanting bid specs. MVP wants to qualify bidders; this is approved by USDA with clearly defined rules. The pre-bid conference is on 2/2/10

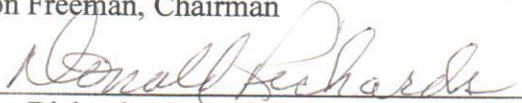
The Commissioners discussed the issues with the Senior Citizens.

Gene moved to adjourn at 11:45, Don seconded, motion carried.

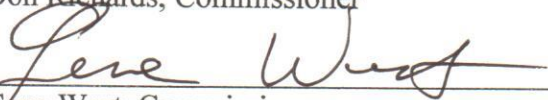
Kiowa County Commission:




Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk