

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
July 30, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Gene West, Bert Lowery, Terry Mayhew, Bruce Foster.

9:00: After Terry Mayhew said a prayer, Don opened the meeting.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup>, motion carried.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve payroll changes, motion carried.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the tax roll corrections, motion carried.

Ray Stegman, EMS Director, came to present a disaster proclamation from the State due to the drought. The State indicates the counties need to adopt resolution to that affect so those counties can be included in the State proclamation. Ron moved and John seconded to approve Resolution 2012-7, a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Kiowa County, Kansas, motion carried.

Next, Ray presented a copy of the by-laws for LEPC, Local Emergency Preparedness Committee. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the by-laws, motion carried.

Ray brought up that last year the Commission had approved employees to be able to give blood during working hours and not have to clock out and loose pay. The minutes were vague on the details, so after discussion the Commission approved Resolution 2012-8 allowing employees to give blood during working hours and not have to clock out and loose pay. They will be allowed up to two hours of paid time for donating blood. They also approved an employee policy, #313, to be added to the county policy book stating the above facts.

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

Last meeting bids for pick-up trucks were presented; the Commissioners tabled them until this meeting. Don moved to accept the lowest bid from Shank's Motors, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Next, Gunnar presented different lease options for Foley Caterpillar loaders. After discussion, it was decided that Jay Wade from Foley's would come in with Jay Schmidt – Gunnar will be on vacation at the next meeting – and discuss this further.

10:00 Break

10:05: Vera Cutright from the veteran's memorial committee came to give updates of the progress of the veteran's memorial and to ask for more funds. John moved and Ron seconded to give them \$2500 from the 2012 Commissioner's Fund.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Director, came to discuss crop damage to crops belonging to Dennis McKinney and Gene West. It was determined that the County Weed Dept. was not responsible for the damage to Mr. McKinney's crops. It is unknown who and how the damage occurred to Gene West's crops. The Weed Depts. records show there were only two small areas sprayed near Mr. West's property but nothing that could account for the amount of damage that occurred. Neither is asking for any restitution for damages; they just needed clarification as to how the damage occurred.

Bob Wetmore of Great Plains Development came to give the Commission updated brochures and material. He related different options to funding possible County projects. He asked for one of the Commissioners to attend their annual meeting in October, John volunteered.

Bob also asked again if the county would become a member and provided a membership invoice for \$600.00. The Commissioners will consider this at another meeting.

10:46: Break

10:56: Tom Job of KCAMP came to present a quote for insurance coverage for the county as well as for workmen's compensation benefits from K-WORKS. He suggested a savings of over 20% if we changed to KCAMP. The Clerk will find out about any penalty from EMC if the county cancels their policy with them before the year is up. Also, the Clerk will find out how a current ongoing law suit would be affected if the county cancels their policy with EMC.

11:42: Ron moved and John seconded to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege for 10 minutes, motion carried. Dawn and Carmen were asked to stay. At 11:52 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

11:55: Ron moved and John seconded to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for elected personnel, motion carried. Dawn, Carmen, and Kendal Lothman were asked to attend. At 12:00 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

12:01: John moved and Ron seconded for another executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes, no others were asked to stay. The regular meeting resumed at 12:06 with no action taken.

Open Forum:

John wanted to talk about payroll overtime for county employees. He read a list of depts. with overtime. After a discussion he asked for overtime reports from 2010 and 2011 to compare for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Don Richards, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

  
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John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk



Sign In Sheet  
Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

Date: 7/30/2012

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Name:

Affiliation

RAY STEGMAN KEM

Terry Mayhew FUMC

Gene West

Bert Lowery

Vera Cutright Vet. Mem.

BOB WESTMORE GREAT PLAINS DEU.

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Ken S. Rothman KCMASO