

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 6.2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Ray Stegman, Dawn Hayes, Gunnar Stauth, Kendal Lothman, Pam Muntz, Carmen Stauth, Chris Ballard, Matt Christenson, Jan West, Grant Neuhold, Debbie Schmidt, Travis Barnes, Mark Anderson.

9:00 Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.
John moved and Don seconded to approve agenda as amended.
John moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of 5/31 as corrected.
Kristie added to discuss separation with the Landfill Dept and R&B Dept, motion carried.

9:10 Gunnar Stauth Road & Bridge Supervisor
Gunnar asks for an executive session for 10 minutes. Meeting continued at 9:20 with regular session no action taken. He brought two pictures of some issues he is working on. First one was of a washout at Street X and 23. The other issue is a plugged culvert by Street 29 and Q. Discussion on the separation of the Landfill and Road & Bridge was tabled till the next meeting that Carmen Renfrow could attend.

9:43 Kendal Lothman Sheriff
He informed that he is down 1 officer and 1 jailer at the moment. He also informed that our new deputy Justin Somerhalder was attending academy this week.

10:02 Ray Stegman LTR/Administration Director came with the updates on maintenance on the Courthouse and lawn. He is going to look for a new landscaper that would be closer to Greensburg. Street signs in the county were discussed and Ray will be gathering the old signs with the help of Damien Odle and Road & Bridge staff. Ray informed that the new manhole cover at the Fair grounds had been run over by the Nisley Trash truck. John asked who was reliable on paying for the new manhole and Ray said he would contact Nisley. He also added that he was informed by Hank Halley that there are a few widows/screens broken on the Belvidere School House. Subject was discussed on how the County became owners of the school. Ray is going to research the deed.

10:40 Pam Muntz and Carmen Stauth from the Extension office came to present there request for 2012 Budget for the Fair Board and Extension office.

10:52 Matt Christenson presented updates of the Commons building. He informed that there was still money present from the grant to be spent on item in the Commons building. He showed a couple of quotes for ceiling tiles in the range of \$15,000 to \$6000. Commissioners agreed to not spend that amount of money on ceiling tiles but suggested that to look into benches for the outside in front, patio furniture for the roof or janitorial equipment as in vacuums or floor polisher. He said he would get with our janitor and discuss equipment she will need for the commons. John asked if they had thought about budgeting for utilities and maintenance for the Commons for the year and Matt would discuss it with the board and get back with an answer at the next meeting.

11:18 Debbie Schmidt with the District Court presented her budget for 2012. There was a few increases do to costs going up one issue was for copies and Don asked what she was currently charging and she informed them they charge .25 a copy and \$1.00 a copy. I informed them that the Clerks office charges \$1.00 a page for copies or faxes. Don suggested to check with the other offices in the Courthouse and see what everyone else charges.

11:28 Jan West, Matt Christenson and Grant Neuhold presented there budget for 2012 for the Media Center. They brought a video of the 911 flag and Memorial Day activities to share to show how they incorporated the technology they have for the public. They explained that when the website was complete they would be able to go on the website and watch the latest videos that they have taken. Ron asked if they would be able to broadcast regional meets. Jan informed him that activities out of regular season adds cost for them to be able to film. She would discuss with her board about finding sponsors to cover those fees.

11:59 Travis Barnes presented his 2012 budget for the Museum. He said his budget would remain the same as last year due to not being up and functioning. His budget includes the salary for a director that they would be hiring. He gave a job description for that position also discussed admissions cost and operation fees for the soda fountain. John added on the record he disapproves of the soda fountain explaining he was concerned about the other local business losing business due to the soda fountain. Ron suggested they try to be \$1.00 or more than the other local business to keep it a tourist attraction. Travis said he would take that idea to his board.

12:23 Ray added that he was told the utilities would range from \$3000 to \$4000 a month due to all the windows. John was very concerned about the cost for a green building. Ray also asked if he could run an ad in the paper to thank everyone that helped get the concession stands ready by Memorial weekend. They approved for him to put an ad in the paper this next week.

12:34 the meeting was adjourned.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristie Odle, Deputy Clerk