

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

November 1, 2010

Present: Ron Freeman, Gene West, Don Richards, Ray Stegman, Rhonda Whitney

Ron asked Don to pray to open the meeting.

Don moved to approve the agenda, Gene seconded the motion, carried unanimously. County Counselor Dawn Hayes arrived.

Gunnar Stauth, Road and Bridge Supervisor presented a photograph from the Haviland Cemetery and explained the work his crew will be doing to correct drainage issues there. Also, Gunnar informed the commissioners that the bailer will require about \$4500.00 to get it functioning in the next couple of weeks.

Matt Christenson provided the commissioners with the options for LEED plaques and prices available for the Road and Bridge building. The commissioners agree that the glass plaque at no cost looks great at the incubator.

Gene shared an email that he received stating that the Courthouse won the ACEC of Kansas County Public Improvement Award for the under 10,000 population category. A representative from the county needs to attend the KAC annual conference to accept the award. The commissioners and Ray Stegman are unavailable. Gene moved to appoint Matt Christenson to be a voting delegate. Ron seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Ray provided the Commissioners with a map of the hospital and fire station for more consideration about the wind generator placement. It is suggested that the hospital's legal counsel draw up a proposal for the hospital to assume responsibility for the portion of land in the 'fall area' including insurance, planting grass, mowing, etc.

Ray presents Stacey Hosheit's payroll change for her resignation. Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the change, carried unanimously.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, let the commissioners know that the septic system backed up last week due in part to a faulty float and in part to an inmate flushing large items. If possible, that inmate may be charged with criminal damage.

Kendal mentioned that the City of Greensburg has not responded yet to the law enforcement contract and that he is in the process of hiring a jailer and interviewing for a dispatcher.

Matt presented figures from Compton Construction for the extra outlets the library needs in the Commons Building. Gene moved and Ron seconded the motion to accept the bid. These fees were allowed in the contingencies.

Jan West and Grant Neuhold came in to update the Commissioners about the projects going on with the Media Center. The trailer is getting the air conditioner worked on. They had sponsorship which allowed them to attend the Kansas Association of Broadcasters Annual Conference where they were well perceived. Journalists and broadcasters raved about the trailer's capabilities. Grant has several local teachers and students interested in projects such as Teen Talk and a High School Video Club. With proper authority, live broadcasting will soon be a possibility as the city is working on a franchise agreement with a company to install high speed fiber connections.

John Wickland of the Senior Center inquired if use of the Community Building would be a long term possibility for the Seniors should funding fall short of their needs. He was asked to have his board prepare a proposal. The Masons are not willing to sell half of their building, but might be willing to rent that half if it wouldn't affect their nonprofit exemption status. The building is not finished and the Senior's have specific needs like a commercial kitchen so this may not be the best option.

11:10 Meeting adjourned.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman
Jan West
Grant Neuhold

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk