

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

October 29, 2010

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

9:00 The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Don.

Gene moved to approve the agenda. Don seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Don moved to approve the minutes of 10/11/2010 as presented and to approve the minutes of 10/18/2010 with corrections. Gene seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Don moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers and payroll reports. Gene seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Don moved to approve the payroll change sheet for Jeri Smith who has resigned. Gene seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Gunnar Stauth informed the commissioners that Rubble, Inc has finished at the landfill.

Gunnar believes the totals on some of the reports generated in the Treasurer's office are incorrect due to the CIC program. The Clerk's office will check with the Treasurer to see if CIC needs to be contacted again.

Gunnar asked the Commission for permission to take a county vehicle home during times of incimate weather. The commission sees no problem with this.

Gunnar asked the Commission if the County could reimburse employees for CDL renewals. Don moved and Gene seconded a motion to pay for CDL renewals as authorized by department heads.

Gunnar requested permission to look into trading some solid waste equipment to upgrade machinery for the Road & Bridge department. They indicate that would be fine.

Before Gunnar left, Don Richards mentioned that he would be interested in using some of the County's recycling income to donate toward the Twilight Theatre recycling project. County Counselor Dawn Hayes reminded the Commissioners that the County is not in the habit of donating to nonprofit groups. After discussion, the Commissioners took no action.

Ray Stegman discussed the documents provided earlier in the week to the Commissioners that outline the hospital's proposal to place a wind generator near the County's property where the fire department is located. Should the fire department need to expand in the future, it would limit their options for doing so. A wind generator would reduce the hospital's utility bill and be a great benefit for the hospital. Gene mentioned that it would only make sense for the County to somehow benefit- perhaps the hospital could plant and maintain grass on the lot. Dawn Hayes mentioned that an agreement would have to be reached with the hospital to stipulate the specifics. Ray will bring more details to a future meeting.

Craig Cipra will polish the floors on the main floor and in the restrooms during Thanksgiving weekend.

Bruce Foster attended the meeting to show the Commissioners that the Van Diest Supply bids for noxious weed chemicals are more than 5% lower than any local dealers.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 10:25.

Kiowa County Commission:

Don Richards  
Gene West  
Ronald Freeman

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow  
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk