

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
April 18, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Ray Stegman, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Jeff Blackburn, Jan West for the Kiowa County Signal.

9:00: Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting after Jeff Blackburn gave the invocation.  
Don moved and John seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.  
John moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>, motion carried.  
Ron moved and John seconded to approve accounts payable and payroll subject to County Counsel's approval, motion carried.  
John moved and Don seconded to approve tax corrections presented by the Clerk, motion carried.

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

Gunnar brought Resolution 2011-7 pertaining to dissolving the Gyp Hills Solid Waste Authority. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the resolution, motion carried.

Abe Peters requests a road crossing permit for a water line at ½ mile south of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. & P Street; John moved and Don seconded to approve, motion carried.

Jay Wade, a Caterpillar sales representative came with Gunnar to discuss options for obtaining a grader either by purchasing new or used or lease option. After discussion Don moved and Ron seconded to table the decision until May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
(Jay Koehn joined the meeting)

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

USDA in coming on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for a final walk through of the jail facility.  
He gave a report on numbers of prisoners currently housed.

Ray Stegman, LTR/Administration Director, came with the following:

Matt Christenson and Ray presented bids for concrete work at the fairgrounds. Only two bids were submitted. He informed the Commission that to accept these bids would mean to formally reject the proposed \$200,000 bond. Matt proposed different options to fund the project from our current budget.

John moved and Don seconded to accept Pueblo's bid for concrete and to use the Courthouse General Capital Outlay fund, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to reject the USDA GO Bond of \$200,000, motion carried.

Matt presented bids for the microform Scanner for the Library. Salina Blue Print was the lowest bid.

Ron moved and Don seconded to accept their bid, motion carried.

Ray presented the quote from EMC for insurance for County buildings, contents, vehicles, etc.  
Don moved and John seconded to approve the quote, motion carried.

Matt brought a change order for the Commons; the funds are available in the contingency fund. There will be a few smaller items to address before the completion by the first part of June. Don moved and John seconded to approve the change order, motion carried.

Vera Cutright and Mike Case came to ask for funds for the Veteran's Memorial in Mullinville. She gave a report on the people involved, how it will look and how much money has been raised so far. County Counsel, Dawn Hayes, suggested they wait until the committee has their non-profit status

before supporting them financially. John moved and Don seconded to table their decision until they have their non-profit status.

John Wickland came to ask for a letter of support for the seniors' application for a tax credit program to provide funding for their rebuilding project. John showed a drawing of the KCCA building and boundaries. Don moved and John seconded to write a letter of support from the Commissioners, motion carried.

Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds, came to inform the Commission of her times available to process passports. If someone wants to get a passport, they have to make an appointment; she has posted those times for the public.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, reported had 410 in attendance at the Annual Health Fair and 60 people prior to the fair.

She also reported on the "Point of Distribution" drill done the same time as the Emergency Management table top emergency exercise. It went well.

Open Forum:

John brought up discussion on spraying ditches and edges of the black top roads in the County. Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Director, joined the meeting. He said farmers often get angry if he sprays the ditches. It was concluded the ditches are the responsibility of the County and if someone had a problem with what Bruce is asked to do, they need to address the Commission.


The Commission also discussed the Burn Ban with Jay Koehn. Jay indicated that since all the fire fighters are volunteers there is no one to address the details of the ban. Ray Stegman will take any calls regarding the Burn Ban and burning permits from now on. He will confer with Jay on weather conditions pertaining to burning.


Dee Chandler, Economic Development, presented a State bill to promote people moving into Kansas rural areas and County funds to be used to help pay back school loans of professionals from out of State.

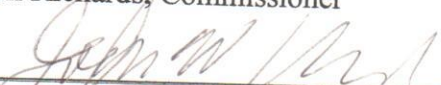
She also asked the Commission to be guests at a Chamber Coffee this summer and have a town hall meeting in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Ron Freeman, Chairman

  
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Don Richards, Commissioner

  
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John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:  
  
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Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

Sign In Sheet  
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Date: 4-18-11

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Affiliation

VERA L. Cutright  
Michael J. Cass

Kiowa Co Veterans Memorial  
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Jay Koehn  
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