

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 2, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Terry Mayhew.

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

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.

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

He asked if the county needed to purchase a mower for the county property in Belvidere. After discussion John moved and Ron seconded to take outside bids on mowing that property, motion carried.

Gunnar showed pictures of removing a fuel tank in Mullinville. He suggested putting a low hanging electric line underground. He is researching cost with Alan Meyers and Victory Electric.

Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, came with a flyer for free clean-up week at the landfill. The dates he chose are April 16 through April 28. The Commission approved by consensus. He will publish the information in the local paper as well as notify the cities in the county.

They discussed options to recycle mattresses.

Ruth Ann Wedel, Greensburg Greentown, came to ask if they were interested in putting an ad in their updated tourism book. After discussion and explanation Don moved to place a ½ page ad for \$500.00, Ron seconded, motion carried with Ron and Don voting yes and John voting no.

John brought up that it was brought to the attention to the Haviland City Council that they have been paying \$35.00 per month for the cleaning of the Haviland Library which is a county owned building. It was suggested that they contact the county librarian to rectify the situation.

Ray Stegman, Emergency Management/Maintenance, came to update the Commission on the radio tower repairs.

Ray asked for an executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel, he asked Dawn and Carmen to stay, Ron so moved and John seconded, motion carried. After 5 minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Ray will be leaving tomorrow for an LEPC training meeting.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor, was asked to come in and discuss the cost of weed eradication. John asked how much chemicals is sold to farmers; Bruce will get him those figures. They discussed several types of weeds and chemicals used and the effects.

Bruce asked them to sign the Annual Report as well as approve the yearly agreement with KDOT. John moved and Ron seconded to sign the agreement, motion carried.

Bruce asked to carry a handgun during the times of year he's out where the rattlesnakes can be an issue, the Commission agreed.


Jan West, Media Center, showed a video of the upcoming 5th anniversary done by the Media Center. She updated them on activities and projects with the school, the 5th anniversary and Barclay College.

Dee Chandler, Economic Development Director, came in to invite the Commissioners to a meeting on April 10th at 5:00 pm at the Media Center.


A film crew is in town doing a documentary on small town America.
A call center is looking at the Haviland School as a place of interest for their business.
Also a solar company is looking locally for a space for their business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

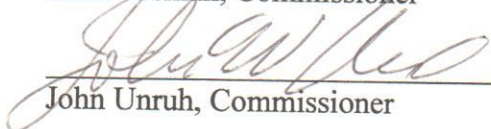
Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman




Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk