

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 29, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Ray Stegman, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Jeff Blackburn.

9:00: Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Don moved, John seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Don moved John seconded to approve the minutes of April 11, 18, & 20 as corrected, motion carried.

Don moved John seconded to approve A/P and Payroll, subject to County Counsel's approval, motion carried.

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

Roger Stotts requests a road crossing for a gas line $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of B St. and 25th Ave. John moved and Ron seconded to approve, motion carried.

Amerine Construction requests a road crossing for an electric line $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east on G St. from 30th Ave. and G St. Also, Amerine Construction requests a road crossing for a salt water and gas line $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of 30th Ave. & G St. John moved and Don seconded to approve, motion carried.

Gunnar let the Commission know that the Special R & B Fund has spent \$185,000 one year and \$247,000 another for asphalt, but that fund received only \$90,000 per year. He asked them to keep in mind that he needs from 250,000 to 300,000 for asphalt yearly and to consider that at budget preparation time.

NRCF office notified Gunnar that the road right of way for the County is 60 feet from the road. Some land owners south of Haviland have their's at 40 feet; it's been like that for several years. After discussion Dawn Hayes, County Counsel, suggested a letter to the land owners about this situation and the next time they replace fencing place it at the required 60 feet right of way. Gunnar will talk with NRCF about this solution.

Gunnar presented different amortization schedules for the purchase or lease of a new CAT grader. A discussion followed. They will discuss it again at the next meeting on Monday.

(10:00: Mark Anderson joined the meeting.)

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

He presented more quotes for fixing the tow doors inside the jail facility and a quote for putting in a new door from the jail to the sally port. John moved to fix the two door issue and wait on the sally port door, Don seconded, motion carried.

They are having issues with plumbing and the dishwasher due to hard water. Kendal will get three quotes for water softeners and reverse osmosis units.

The April training in Colorado has been postponed until the week of August 24.

(10:30: Five Minute Break. Jeff Blackburn left the meeting.)

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

The sign company that is putting in the road signs will start on May 9th.

He's still working on the concession stand at the Fairgrounds.

The grading package work has started at the Fairgrounds.

Earlier the question was asked whether or not our insurance would cover a volunteer who had lights and sirens on his personal vehicle. Ray researched and found that they are covered if they are responding to an incident in the capacity of a County volunteer.

Ray requested approval for Jeremy Hoover to have lights and siren on his personal vehicle to be able to respond from his home to emergencies. He stands the cost of these items and he meets the qualifications. Don moved and Ron seconded to approve, motion carried.

Also, Larry Aldrich of Mullinville has lights and siren on his vehicle and is a first responder for fire, Sheriff Dept. and Storm Spotting and meets the qualifications. John moved and Don seconded to approve Larry after the fact.

10:50: Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor, brought in the contract with Kansas Dept. of Transportation for treatment of noxious weeds along the State Highway in Kiowa County. The Chairman needs to sign the contract. Don moved and John seconded to approve the signature.

John Little will not be returning for part-time summer employment this year. Bruce asked for permission to advertise for that position. The Commission agreed.

Tom Corns and Randy Kelly came to discuss the R.V. Park on S. Grove on County property next to the Road and Bridge facility.

The Commissioners don't want to be in competition with private business and as advised by County Counsel it is not a government business. After some discussion, Dawn suggested an executive session.

11:07: John moved for an executive session for ten minutes for attorney client privilege, Ron seconded, motion carried.

11:17: The meeting resumed with no action taken.

Tom and Randy came back to the meeting. The Commissioners informed them that they want to close the Park. County Counsel says any funds in their accounts belong to the County. Randy said the funds were earmarked for charitable donations. The Commissioners want to contact the County auditor for advice. John made the motion to close the R.V. Park and contact the Auditors regarding the funds. Don seconded, motion carried. Don asked how much was in the fund, Randy reported \$25,832.33, less any pending bills.

Bert Lowry came in to tell the Commission that the concrete at the Fairgrounds will be done in two weeks.

11:45 Open Forum: The Commission discussed several issues including what can the County do as far as donations/financial support and what statutes are involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.


Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk