

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

April 30, 2010

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

9:00 After Jeff Blackburn gave the opening prayer, Ron opened the meeting.

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

Gene moved to approve the minutes of 4/5/10 & 4/19/10, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the payroll, motion carried.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the tax change orders, motion carried.

Don moved and Gene seconded to sign the Cimarron Basin Correctional Juvenal Detention Center Contract, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor came in to present a road crossing request from Berex Company, Inc. to run a salt water disposal line across a county line. Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

Dawn Hayes asked for an executive session for ten minutes from 9:15 for attorney/client privilege. Gene moved to approve the executive session, Don seconded, motion carried. At 9:25 the regular meeting convened with no action taken.

10:00 Kari Beth from EMS came in for Chad Pore regarding the Commissioner's decision on partially funding the purchase of a new ambulance. Gene moved to allow \$60,000 from the Special Equipment fund for assistance in that purchase, Don seconded, motion carried.

Ray Stegman came to report on the following items:

The current procurement policy says buildings have to be designed by professional architects. Ray asked if they could use the standard specs for a pre-designed metal building for the bid process. A discussion followed and it was decided the committee who volunteered for revamping the personnel policy manual, which included the procurement policy, will research a simpler more affective policy.

Ray brought up the issue of insurance for the Media Trailer. That prompted a discussion clarifying who actually owns the trailer and who should insure it. Dawn Hayes, County Council, stated the basis for that decision is, if the County owns it, the County insures it. It's been public perception that the Media Center Board owns the trailer and the contents. But, actually, the Board does not have their 501c3 and the donations have come to the County for that project and the County has invested funds as well. As it stands now, the County owns the trailer and contents so they will pay the insurance.

It was stated that the relationship would be like the ambulance, the County owns and insures the ambulances, but the hospital's EMS dept. operates them; the same would apply for the Media Center and Media Trailer.

Gene moved to pay the insurance, Don seconded, motion carried.

Next, Ray asked the Commissioners if they would agree to sell the Chevy Cavalier that has been the County car since no one uses it and it costs to keep it maintained, insured and tagged. By consensus the Commissioners agreed.

The county has the old road sign maker they've had for several years, but there are parts missing. It would take several hundred dollars to repair it to a useful state. Ray can purchase a new computerized sign maker that will create all sizes of signs as well as road signs. The cost is approximately \$5900. By consensus the Commissioner's approved to purchase the new sign maker.

Ray asked for an executive session for five minutes for non-elected personnel from 11:05 to 11:10. At 11:10 the regular meeting convened with no action taken.

Work at the Community Center at the fairgrounds has been progressing. The Law Company construction company said they should be only another two to three weeks to completion.

Ray, Matt, and Gunnar have looked at the grading problem at the fairgrounds and the architects are also looking at a solution. Ray will conference with USDA to see if there are funds left to help with the grading package costs.

Ray has found an option for building the concession stand for approximately \$17,000 for materials and volunteer labor. Don moved and Gene seconded to approve him moving ahead with that project, motion carried.

All the items left in the Barn that were there for the public to take will be hauled to the dump.

There have been problems with the new lawn at the Courthouse. After discussion, it was agreed to have the sprinkler system extended to cover the entire Courthouse and Sheriff Dept. lawns and put in sod instead of seed. The seed would take 3-5 years to establish and would, in the long run, with maintenance, cost more.

Since Kendal could not be here today, Ray addressed the issue of three toilets that are not working in the jail and they cannot be repaired. Because of that, they are not able to bring all their prisoners back and the cost of housing prisoners in other jails is costing over \$500 per day. The Commissioners agreed to take the funds from the General Fund. Kendal said the toilets won't be ready for 8-9 weeks. They are special made for jails and are not started until they are ordered. He ordered them this morning..

Garth Herrmann from Gilmore and Bell came to have Resolution 2010-12, for G.O. Bonds, approved and documents signed for the Phase II of the Road & Bridge Storage building project. Gene moved and Don seconded to approve and pass the above resolution, motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman
Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards
Don Richards, Commissioner

Gene West
Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:
Carmen Renfrow
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk