

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 30, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Terry Mayhew, those listed on attached sign in sheet.

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

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

Ron moved and John seconded to approve three payroll changes, motion carried.

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

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

John wanted to discuss the horizontal oil drilling coming to the county. There are concerns of county roads being damaged and not put back to original status. Dawn and Carmen will contact other counties to determine what they're doing to protect their roads.

North landfill loader is being repaired from tornado damage a couple of weeks ago.

He is taking bids for 15 tons of chat. Oil is up .34 per gallon from last year.

Vance Brothers bid 2.80 per gallon delivered, Ergon bid 2.338 per gallon delivered. He will need approximately 40 thousand gallons. He's waiting for bids for asphalt.

Gunnar wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Eck regarding the trees planted on county right of way. He will work with them on a time line to get them moved.

He showed pictures of other roads and corners where trees were over grown and they cut them back for safety.

Several tons of dirt was removed when they cleaned a drainage ditch at V St. and 31 Ave. They drilled the fairgrounds with grass last week.

Gunnar asked the Commission if they would reconsider enlarging the fenced area at Road & Bridge. The area not fenced will need to be seeded and mowed; otherwise he could lay crushed concrete down when it's fenced. The Sheriff also uses it for an impound yard and they need more room. Matt Christenson reported there were funds to cover the cost of more fencing in the building fund or special equipment fund. The Commission asked for another round of bids.

9:40 Break

9:45 Rhonda Fernandez from PIC came with the quarterly report on our financial status of our county medical benefit package.

10:15 Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, updated the Commission on the status of the Sheriff's department. He still has two openings for deputies, but wages and cost of housing are often the deciding factor of people accepting the job.

He brought a proposal to purchase a new vehicle. He has sold several vehicles, older patrol cars and impounded cars, on Purple Wave, he has some funds from the Jail commissary and with the rest from special equipment he could purchase a vehicle using only approximately \$5,000 in budget money. John moved to put the sales money to the general fund then transfer to the special equipment fund and use approximately \$6,000 to complete the needed funds for purchase of the vehicle, Ron seconded, motion carried.

10:40 Jim Crawley, Museum Director, brought updates of all the activities going on at the museum including more items donated, expanding exhibits, events bringing in more customers to the fountain and museum and the events up coming.

He stated there is a need for shade blinds on the Fountain windows. He asked if the Commission wanted the county to purchase the blinds or the museum board to furnish them. Matt Christenson came to report there is available in USDA money that they could use. Ron suggested Jim get estimates from different companies and come back.

10:55 Erica Goodman, Tourism, came to ask if they could use the Red Barn at the fairgrounds as a backup for the bands who will be playing during the anniversary celebrations next weekend. They agreed by consensus.

11:05 Break

11:10 Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Director, brought reports on chemicals sold to farmers and a Noxious Weed statute. He answered a few questions from the Commissioners.

11:15 The Clerk presented three bids for mowing county property in Belvidere. Bids were as follows:

Hank Halley -	\$75.00
Dan Wood -	100.00
Silver Eagle Int. -	380.00

Ron moved and John seconded to accept Hank Halley's bid, motion carried.

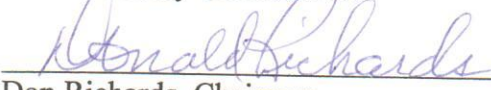
Dawn addressed the Commission about the Media Center's request to film at the meetings. At the last meeting they voted to not allow them to film the meeting; Dawn informed them they could not vote one way or the other on their filming at the meetings. The open meeting act allows any recording, audio or video of public meetings. Ron moved and John seconded to rescind the vote taken last meeting. They can have rules in place to keep order at the meeting, after discussing these; Dawn will prepare a resolution stating the details for the next meeting.

The Clerk presented the answer to their proposal of \$5,000 for leasing less than an acre to Chesapeake Energy; it was declined. John moved to propose \$500.00, Ron seconded motion carried. The Clerk will contact Gateway Land Services with this proposal.

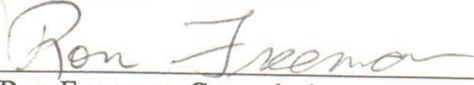
John asked for a five minute executive session for non-elected personnel, Carmen was asked to stay. After five minutes they resumed the regular meeting with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

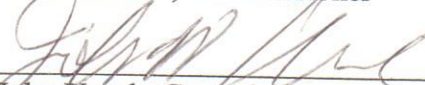
Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman




Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

Sign In Sheet
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Date:

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Name:

Affiliation

Morris & Margie Thomason	Soldier Creek Ranch
Terry Mayhew Greenburg	Belvidere, KS.
Hank Habley	Belvidere, KS
Shirley Habley	
Matt Christensen	Kiowa County