

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
August 1, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Jerry Keene of the Kiowa County Signal, Jeff Blackburn, Mary Sweet, Gunnar Stauth, Jan West, Grant Neuhold, Kendal Lothman, Dee Chandler, Matt Christenson and Patrick.

Jeff Blackburn opened meeting with a prayer.

9:00: Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Don moved and John seconded to approve Agenda, motion carried.

Ron moved and Don seconded to approve changes to the minutes of 07/29/11, motion carried.

9:05 Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

Gunner is working on referrals on the wind farm and is also in contact with Scott Lucia. Ron asked if there was any resolution for irrigations running on roadways. Gunnar informed that there have been issues in the county and he informs Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, of those issues and he contacts the property owner.

9:15 Break

9:30 Mary Sweet, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital director, came with the following:

Mary Sweet informed that the Hospital is having their special meeting today. Audit draft is ready and will be presented at the next hospital board meeting which will be August 24 at 12:45.

9:45 Jan West and Grant Neuhold with the Media Center, came with the following:

They gave updates on doing the 4-H fair last week. Also they gave an update on the Media Center website. Jan gave each Commissioner a letter in regards to the budget hearing that she isn't going to be able to attend.

10:10 Break

10:17 Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

He reported on the total of inmates and reported the jail door was changed, just finishing touches need to be done and it will be completed. He reported that he has one officer still in academy and will be sending another soon. Ron asked Kendal about the procedure for farmers with irrigations that water public roadways. He informed them that once he has been informed he contacts the land owner and advises them of the issue. It is a state law that irrigations cannot interfere with the roadways under KSA 68-184. John asked what was the law was when it came to ATV's being driven recklessly in city limits. Kendal informed that once they have been called in, they contact them. They are illegal in city limits but legal in the county as long as they are abiding with the laws, Kendal informed.

10:30 Dee Chandler, Economic Development director, came with the following:

She gave a ROZ update with a map to show other counties that are in the program. Suggestion was made by John to contact Barclay College and the Hospital for donating to the ROZ program. Dee informed that the Governor Sam Brownback is waiting on an answer from Kiowa County. Dawn will prepare a resolution for the ROZ program. John so moved Don seconded, motion carried.

10:45 Matt Christenson, came with the following:

He informed that the SRS office in Pratt is closing and is looking for storage for their records. He suggested the open office space in the Community Building or maybe share a pod for storage. All three Commissioner's were in consensus with not supplying storage for the SRS records due to concerns of using up storage that Kiowa County will later need and expenses it could incur.

11:00 Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

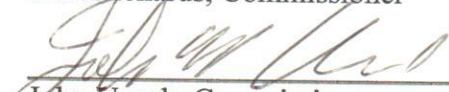
Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Ron Freeman, Chairman

  
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Don Richards, Commissioner

  
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John Unruh, Commissioner

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Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk