

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

August 16, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Daryl Poprave with ITC.

After a prayer, Ron opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

Don moved to approve the agenda with additions from the Clerk, Gene seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved to approve the Accounts Payable subject to approval of the County Council, Don seconded, motion carried.

Don moved to approve the payroll changes from the Sheriff's dept., four completed probation and one quit, Gene seconded, motion carried.

The Commissioners received a letter from Debby Allison, Head Librarian, informing them Library Board member, Judy DeGarmo, resigned. Dolores Williams has agreed to fill in the term through 2012. Gene moved to approve the appointment of Dolores Williams, Don seconded, motion carried.

Don moved to approve the minutes of July 30th and August 2nd, Gene seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road and Bridge Supervisor came to the meeting with the following:

He introduced the three newest employees to his department.

It's time for the biannual bridge inspection. There will be two bids, one from Kirkham & Michaels, and one from MKEC.

Gunnar presented payroll changes for two employees; Corey Maas, terminated and Chris Cagle a new hire. Gene moved to approve the payroll changes, Don seconded, motion carried.

He showed pictures of an R & B truck that turned over due to a shifting load. EMS insurance has totaled the truck. He is looking for another truck to replace the totaled truck. (Ray Stegman came to the meeting at this time)

A discussion of the roads in the Keller Sub-division and culverts needed on Scott Street followed. It was decided to stay with the decision in the County Resolution 2005-8. After discussion, it was decided to asphalt Grant Street from Olive to the Gun Club when they had the material.

Daryl Poprave of ITC came to introduce his company and discuss their plans for high voltage transmission lines through Kiowa County. He presented the Commissioners with a brochure of his company and discussed the possible routes for the lines.

9:50 (Mark Anderson, Kiowa Co. Signal, attended the meeting at this time.)

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

He discussed the payroll changes that were approved at the beginning of the meeting.

Two toilets that were replaced have to be replaced again due to manufacturing defects.

Gene asked for clarification on seized money during arrests. Kendal clarified that a percentage of the money was kept by the Sheriff's dept., the rest was given to the State.

Belvidere school house is completed except for one window that needs replaced and clean up.

10:30 The Kiowa County Budget Hearing was announced by Ron as of 10:30 am as published in the Kiowa County Signal.

Pam Muntz and Carmen Stauth, from the County Extension Office, asked what their budget was going to be. Ron indicated that it was to remain the same as last year. A discussion followed; Theresa of Lewis, Hooper, & Dick, our auditors, was called for a conference call to explain the reason for the budget decision. According to their budget, they had over \$50,000 left at the beginning of last year. Their concern was that their budget year started in June and ours started in January which made a difference in how their numbers appeared during budget decision time. Their budget from the County was left the same as last year.

Candace asked about funding for salary for the Assistant County Attorney, Dawn Hayes. The Commissioners assured her that they budgeted funds for Dawn's salary.

Candace brought up fact that the inside doors on the east side, on the second and top floors are not able to be opened by a handicapped device. Ray will look into keeping the doors open during business hours.

11:00 Ron declared the public hearing closed as there were no others present for that reason.

Candace Lattin, County Attorney, had written a memo to the Commissioners regarding wiring needed for their computers and their own secured server in her office.

They have had problems with their computers for at least two months. They were trying to solve the problems on their own and no one in the County Administration Dept. was notified of the issues. After discussion, it was agreed to have a meeting with Ray Stegman, Candace Lattin, and our IT team to resolve the computer issues and to implement a secure server for the County Attorney's office.

11:40 Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came to update the Commissioners with the following:

The Health Dept. has paid back the 1st six months of employee benefits as agreed with their grant money; they will continue to reimburse the county. The Dept. has been busy with back to school immunizations.

She still has not been able to get a solution to the problem with the WIC account. Her records do not agree with the Treasurer's reports. It was suggested to send their records to our reconciliation. It was discussed that both the Treasurer's dept. and the Health dept. would have to split the cost to have that done.

11:50: Chad Pore, EMS Director, came to report they were able to purchase 3 power cots with donation funds.

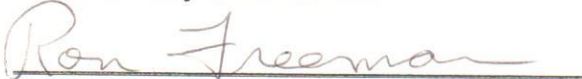
There is a National EMS Conference in Dallas, TX coming up; Chad has the money in his budget for the expenses and asked for permission to attend. The Commissioners by consensus approved his request.

A part of the new ambulance will have a Mercedes emblem on it due to the need for that size of part. Chad wanted the Commissioners to know that there is no extra cost, in case they were asked by the public.

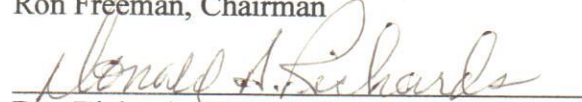
Ray Stegman, LTR, Administration Director, presented a draft of an agreement that will be used to rent out the Neighborhood Facility. Dawn suggested a few additions; Ray and Dawn will work on completing the draft for the Commissioners approval.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 12:05.

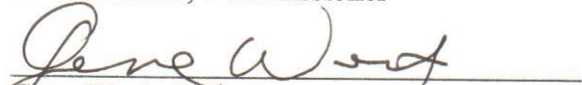
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk