

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
August 20, 2012

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

9:00: After a prayer, Don opened the meeting.

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

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the 2013 budget, motion carried. The Commissioners then signed the budget as well as the District Court and Soil Conservation's budget documents.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the Rural Opportunity Zone's updated resolution, 2012-10, motion carried.

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

Gunnar presented information on a truck lease from Foley; this did not include a trailer. John moved and Ron seconded to table any decisions until more information is obtained. He showed pictures of a new cattle guard they installed on P Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The Commission had asked to discuss black top roads during this time. An article in a Road and Bridge publication, "ON THE ROAD" was the reason for this discussion. That author made suggestions on the proper way to maintain black top roads; these suggestions are not in line with how many other counties actually do maintain their roads. Gunnar indicated that Kiowa County has not followed that criteria and he had never heard these suggestions before. They discussed having Heft and Sons do the work of maintaining the county black tops. Gunnar will bring back information on this as well as the cost of chip seal materials.

Next they discussed options on creating guide lines for protecting the county during increased oil and gas activities. Dawn created a draft resolution for them to consider. The Commission would like to hold a special meeting, possibly on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, after the regular meeting, to discuss this topic with someone from Harper County who is involved with this in their county. The Clerk will make those arrangements.

At 9:57 am Gunnar asked for an executive session for ten minutes for non-elected personnel, Ron so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes they resumed the regular meeting with no action taken.

At 10:10 am Dawn Hayes, County Counsel, asked for an executive session for ten minutes for attorney client privilege, Ron so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes they resumed the regular meeting with no action taken.

Donna McDonald and Jackie Robertson of Banco Insurance came and introduced two representatives from EMC, Dale Newell and John Sprague. They discussed their coverage compared to coverage from KCAMP, a county pool insurance program. There was a brief discussion of the insurance claim of a damaged loader at the north landfill that was settled unsatisfactorily for the County. Mr. Sprague suggested them might reopen that claim and discuss it further. They suggested options to lower the premiums.

Next, Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, brought a contract from Kiowa County Schools for services that needed to be signed by the Commissioners. Ron moved, John seconded to approve the contract, motion carried. They signed the contract.

Mitzi gave them a report on the services, grants, appointments that the health department has done over the past month.

Pam Muntz, Kiowa County Extension, brought Barrett Smith to introduce to the Commissioners. He is the new Ag. Agent hired by the Extension Board. He gave an overview of what work he has already started.

Pam asked about representatives for the Southwest County Area on Aging Board. She is now the only one representing Kiowa County. After discussion, she will visit with Kari Kyle, the Senior Center Director, to find more names of possible appointees.

11:00: Ten Minute Break

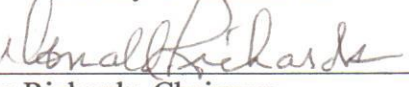
John moved to go into executive session for fifteen minutes for non-elected personnel, Ron seconded, motion carried. After fifteen minutes the regular session resumed with no action taken.

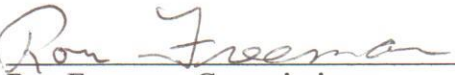
Open Forum: K-WORKS representative Carl Eyman came to speak in rebuttal to some of what was said during EMC's discussion with the Commissioners.

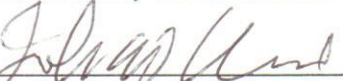
EMC, still in attendance, commented again on the merits of their company and refuted some of what Mr. Eyman said.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm

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: 8/20/2012

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Affiliation

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| RAY STEPHEN      | - 155M            |
| Ellen Peters     | pastor            |
| Carl Eymann      | McWorke           |
| Mitzi Hesser     | ND                |
| Bert Lowery      | Citizen           |
| Jackie Robertson | Banco Ins. Agency |
| Donna McDonald   | Banco Ins. Agency |
| Dale Newell      | EMC INS. Co's     |
| John Sprague     | EMC               |
| Pamela Murray    | Extension         |
| Barrett A. Smith | Ag Extension      |