

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 17, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Dawn Hayes, Gunnar Stauth, Willard Olinger, Burt Lowery, Mitzi Hesser, Chad Pore, Ray Stegman, Marilyn Brown, Karen Butler, Bruce Foster, Joel Schmidt Patrick Clement and Grant Neuhold.

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

John moved and Ron seconded to approve the consent agenda, motion carried 3-0.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve a payroll change from R&B, Sheriff Office & ROD.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the tax corrections, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk assigned Kristie Odle to record the minutes of this meeting.

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

He reported that the completed survey from Kirk & Michael was comparable to the Exelon survey. John moved to except the letter that Gunnar would send Exelon with the exception that they are to pay all material, labor costs of the project. That the patching would include 758 yards in a 4.25 mile stretch of 2 inch hot mix that follow KDOT guidelines. Also that Gunnar would oversee the project with their contractor, Ron seconded and motion carried 3-0. He informed that he and John Adolph went Friday to look at the new tractor for the belly dump and reported it would be delivered Thursday or Friday next week. He also reported that the rebuilt belly dump trailer would be done around the end of March.

Chad Pore, Ambulance Director, came with the following.

He came to request an increase for 2013 ambulance rates. He presented a sheet with current and recommended rates. He explained that he hasn't increased rates for 2 years and with increases of operating expenses he expresses the needs to the Commissioners. After much discussion John asks to decrease the recommended mileage rate from \$16.00 to \$14.00. Ron moved to except the rate increases with one exception to mileage, John seconded and motion carried 3-0. He also explained that they only charge patients that are being transported and ask if he could set a charge in place for patients that receive treatment but decline transport. He will get that information together and come back to the next meeting to present the new charges that they all agree that they should be charged to the individual even if they don't transport. The last thing he presented was a brochure on new AED's. He explained that the current AED there are several issues with the company and that he is looking to buy 20 new Phillip AED's and ask the Commissioners to pay for the one in the basement level and that he will ask Jay Koehn and Kendal Lothman about replacing the ones they have.

Kristie Odle, Deputy Clerk asked for a 15 minute executive session at 10:28 for non-elected personnel and to include Joel Schmidt and Bruce Foster. John moved and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:43 with no action taken.

Grant Neuhold, Media Center Director, came with the following:

He was asked to come and request permission to hold a wine-tasting event at the Media Center building that would be hosted by Greensburg Greentown. They all agreed that they were not in favor of holding it at the Media Center Building but that they could hold that at the Community Building since a resolution was passed to allow alcohol beverages to be served but would have to contact Ray Stegman and set up the arrangements and pay the \$300 fee for alcohol and \$300 deposit for the

building usage. He also reported as of January 1st, 2013 the new board members would be: Matt Christenson as President, Roger Harris as Vice-President, Dea Corns as Treasurer & Tony Factor as Secretary.

Ray Stegman came with the following:

He brought a filter that is used in the Courthouse and explained that there are 35 filters for the Courthouse, 27 filters for the Sheriff's office & 19 filters for the Media Center. He reported that an average cost on one filter is \$175. He has asked to go from Super flow filter to a regular furnace filter which would be around \$14 each. The filter we use now only has to be changed once a year but the furnace filter would need to be changed as needed and Ray would change those as needed as he is now due to the cost from Adams Election would be \$55 per unit. Ray suggested that Kiowa County come up with a Lock Down procedure since there isn't one in place and with all the current tragedies happening. They all agreed that there should be one in place and to come back once he has one written up. He also explained that he is working with Matt on converting the current phone service line for 2013 with AT&T to help cut back unnecessary charges. Jay Koehn asked Ray to ask for \$30,000 of encumbered funds for a used grass truck for Greensburg and Belvidere for 2013. John asked Kristie to check into the process of encumbered funds and get in touch with Ray.

Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds Supervisor, came with the following:

She reported that the scanning on the books are not correct and that she has been in contact with CIC and that she is still waiting on them to come back out and rescan some books. She also reported that she hired Kodi Brown to scan books and that it would be up to Karen Butler to work with CIC after January if the scanning was still incomplete. She will show Karen year end the first of January.

Break 11:23 and meeting started at 11:28


John requested to look at the all department's year end budgets for 2012 to see where everyone is standing. One department what he was concerned about is Noxious Weed budget. Bruce explained that he ordered Pasturegard for this year to spray and with the lack of moisture he was unable to spray it and unable to bill out for the use of the chemical which caused his budget to go over for 2012. Kristie explained after talking with Theresa Dasenbrock that the county had two options. Which were to be in a budget violation or have the General Fund cover the expenses? Don suggested having General Fund cover the overage instead of the County is in any violation. No more discussion was made.

During open Forum Patrick Clement came to discuss a project he is working on and presented post cards showing old pictures that were given to make a Kiowa County history book out of and informed them that once the book is complete he would bring one in. Kristie reminded them that the year end is almost here and that the resolution providing for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the board of Commissioners, Official County depositories, Official County newspaper, Official County holidays and salaries for Elected County Officials needed to prepare for the January 7, 2013 meeting. Ron asked to have the information ready for the next meeting and that they could decide on raises to be in effect for January 1st 2013.

Gunnar came back to read the letter he wrote to Exelon. No changes were made to the letter and Gunnar will mail it out this week. They discussed when the project would be started and Gunnar was unsure on a start date but would let them know once he hears back from Exelon.

Meeting adjourned 12:13

Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk

Sign In Sheet
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Date: 12-17-12

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Name:

Affiliation

BERT Lowery

Willard Olinger

CLAY COX EMS

Duane Billinger EMS

Mitzi Nesser KCHD

Karen Butler

Brenda Foster Nox Wd.

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