

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 5, 2011

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

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

Changes to the agenda are: add contract signing for Iroquois Center and Eric Peters will not be here this morning. Don moved and John seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.

The Clerk presented an updated GIS contract for D.J. McMurry. It will conclude the same time as his Appraiser contract in June of 2013. Ron moved and Don seconded to approve and sign the contract, motion carried.

Carmen Renfrow, Clerk, asked for an executive session; Don moved and John seconded to go into executive session for ten minutes for non-elected personnel; D.J. McMurry was asked to attend the session, motion carried. After ten minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken. They needed more time; John moved and Don seconded to go back into executive session for another ten minutes with the same persons attending as before, motion carried. After ten minutes, at 9:32 am, the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

John moved and Don seconded to change Patty McClausland's position from temporary to permanent part-time. Patty will be working three days a week in the Clerk's office to manage the severed minerals. Her pay will continue to come from the Commissioner's Fund until the end of the year; then in 2012 she will be paid from the General Fund.

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

They discussed further the issue of surveyors digging in road ways for markers. Dawn Hayes will create a resolution establishing permits, fees, and refundable deposits for surveyors.

Gunnar asked for bids for motor grader blades, he received two; one from Wilburn at \$9890.00 and one from Foley for \$8,363.00. John moved and Don seconded to accept Foley's bid, motion carried.

Jim Crawley, Kiowa County Historical Museum Director, came to update the Commission on the museum's activities. There was a large crowd this weekend for the town's Christmas activities. Several citizens are making donations to the museum. Visitors from Wichita and larger towns have been very impressed with this museum and stated it was worth the trip to come out and visit.

Ray Stegman, LTR, came with the following:

The Dept. of Labor site inspection corrections have been extended for the Landfill; Eric Peters has not yet completed and turned in reports of completion for the issues in his department. He should be finished soon.

The Federal Government has mandated that all radios be either replaced or converted to narrow band width. The Highway Dept. and Fire Dept. radios are too old to convert. There are funds available in the equipment fund to purchase the radios. John moved, and Don seconded to upgrade the necessary radios, motion carried.

Mary Sweet and Roger Staats came regarding the hospital pharmacy. Their attorney instructed them to come to the Commissioners for approval to separate the pharmacy part from the hospital, have a

legal description created for that space and a condominium contract created so that space will be on the tax rolls. It will be privately operated as a for-profit business and will be required to be taxed. Their attorney will contact our County Counsel with the contract and other legal information to get this expedited. They are hoping to open by December 13th of this year.

Jan West of the Media Center came with updates:

She asked the board to approve a new board member, Brad Estes. Don moved and John seconded to approve, motion carried.

They participated in the Christmas activities this weekend in Greensburg.

They have met with Kansas Small Business assistance to help them develop a business plan.

Jan demonstrated on a small laptop computer the video cards that people can purchase from the Media Center.

Dawn Hayes informed the Commission there are no state statues that prohibit Gunnar from making the final approval for road crossings. Don moved and John seconded to allow Gunnar to approve road crossings from now on.

The Clerk presented the Iroquois Center's yearly contract for signatures. John moved and Don seconded to approve the signing, motion carried.

The Commission discussed at length the proposed raises for 2012, as well as sick leave, vacation, and how the new disability benefit will affect what we have now. They asked the Clerk to bring information of costs of a \$.50 hourly raise and a \$1.00 hourly raise; and scenarios of what paid earned time off vs. keeping the current sick and vacation time earned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk