

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

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Gunnar Stauth, Eric Peters, Jeff Blackburn. At 9:30 Roy and Hank Halley came in. At 9:55 Jay Koehn came in.

9:00: After a Prayer, Don opened the meeting. When he asked for approval of the consent agenda, John questioned the payroll, specifically the overtime for Landfill employees. Eric said he used overtime to do vouchers and burning at the Landfill. Also, that their schedule was one week they worked 6 days and the next they worked 4 days, thus creating overtime. John stated the overtime hours accrued for one pay period were out of hand. Also, there was no authorization for overtime in that department. According to the employee manual, overtime is not authorized except by supervisor and Commissioner's consent. The Commissioners agreed to address this issue later in the meeting.

The Clerk informed the Commissioners that Candace Lattin, County Attorney, objects to the minutes as presented for February 6th, 2012. Emails regarding her objections are attached to these minutes.

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

Ron moved and John seconded to approve Resolution 2012-2 which pertains to changing the Commissioner District boundaries, motion carried. Once the resolution is published in the Kiowa County Signal it will take effect. It is scheduled to publish in the 2/22/12 issue of the Signal.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve the payroll change for Langley from the Sheriff's Dept.

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

KDOT will be doing traffic counts in the next four months.

A dump truck needs repairs. The track hoe quotes for repairs came in at Barry's \$25,985, Caterpillar \$17,932. Gunnar asked the Commission to approve the repairs now, but he will have the work done later. Ron moved, John seconded to approve Caterpillar doing the repairs, motion carried.

Federal bids for bridge repairs on 35th Ave. will not happen until October of 2013.

He showed picture and map of a road area at 25th & Q St. The question is whether to make it a primary road and straighten it or not. He will talk with Paul and Shirley and a decision will be made later.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came with reports of numbers of clients served, the departments financial report, and more. She reminded them the annual health fair will be April 21, 2012 at the Youth for Christ Center.

She requested approval to apply for the grants she applies for annually. John moved and Ron seconded to approve her request, motion carried.

Jay Koehn, County Fire Chief, came to inform the Commission that one of their trucks needs the springs repaired. They discussed options for repair. Jay said Atlas Spring and Axel of Wichita is able to do the repairs reasonably; there are very few options of places to do this work. Ron moved and John seconded to use Atlas in Wichita, motion carried.

10:10: Break

10:15: D.J. McMurry came to let the Commission know of a person who applied for and completed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for a commercial building. Without coming back to the Appraisers office and informing them of the change; he has made the building into a residential building and has it on the market for much more than the commercial was valued at. He wanted the Commissioners to know that that person will probably be very upset when he finds out he won't qualify for the NRP with the undeclared changes.

Ray Stegman came to present the documented Hazard Analysis Plan for the county; the Chairman, Don Richards signed the certification.

He is waiting for carpet samples and cost, which will be close to what we currently have, to use on the top floor of the Courthouse.

He's looking into grass seed costs for the fairgrounds; at this point it at approximately \$6,000.

The Community Center needs either new wiring or more plug-ins. When there is a large crowd and several roasters/grills are plugged in, the breakers shut off leaving them without electricity.

Ray requested bids for lawn maintenance for the Courthouse, Sheriff's dept. lawns, and the green roof of the Kiowa County Commons building from four different companies:

Younie,: \$4,255.25

Masterson: \$8531.00

Crotinger: no bid

North West Landscape: no bid.

John moved and Ron seconded to table this until next meeting, motion carried. They then asked Ray to look for more bids.

During the meeting several people from Haviland and Belvidere arrived at various times. The sign-in list is attached to these minutes.

Ed Koger from the Belvidere area came to discuss Soldier Creek Cemetery. The County has been researching and asking questions of some Belvidere residents about documentation of the Soldier Creek Cemetery and who the owners are. Earlier we found no documentation indicating the County was responsible for this cemetery. In January Dan Woods produced a court document from the 1970's indicating the cemetery did indeed belong to the county.

Ed stated receiving a copy of the January letter to Dan Woods was the first time he had heard anything about the county wanting to know about the cemetery. The Commissioners asked Dawn Hayes to explain the situation the county was in regarding Soldier Creek Cemetery. No one realized that the cemetery has been operated without proper records being kept or the proper filing with the State Cemetery Board. Dawn explained their options; one being expand the Haviland Cemetery to include Soldier Creek, the other, create a new cemetery district for Soldier Creek. The Commissioners asked the group what they wanted done. After much discussion and some angry raised voices, the Commissioners decided to table this until the first meeting in March.

Ed then asked to talk about another topic. He wanted to know why someone could tell him not to burn when there was not a burn ban in place. After more heated discussion, Ed announced he was done and had no hard feelings toward anyone.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Dept., came to request permission to attend his annual meeting. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

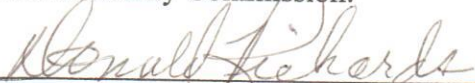
Eric Peters came back to the meeting to discuss the landfill schedule. He asked to change the schedule to one person working Monday through Friday and one person working Tuesday through Saturday;

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thus, eliminating overtime and still keep the landfill open on Mondays and Saturdays. The Commission agreed by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15

Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

Sign In Sheet
Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

Date: 2/20/2012

Please Print

Name:

Affiliation

Hank Haller

Keith Hinslow

Bud Boman

Boy Haller

John Co Gibson

Rhea Clark

Lucinda Hinslow

Dick Robbins Jr.

Robert Ellis

ED KOGER

Haviland Cemetery Board

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Haviland Cem. Bd

Carmen Renfrow

From: Candace Lattin [kwca1@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 11:34 AM
To: Carmen Renfrow
Subject: Fw: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

----- Original Message -----

From: Candace Lattin
To: Carmen Renfrow
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 5:06 PM
Subject: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

Carmen, the minutes as they pertain to my time in the meeting are misleading to an extent. I'd like to adjust them and/or add to them or there needs to be a lot redacted. Let me know. As they exist, they are not correct.

Candace

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From: Candace Lattin [kwca1@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 12:00 PM
To: Carmen Renfrow; Auditors L.H.D. Theresa Dasenbrock; kiowadevelopment@gmail.com; Gene West; KW CO Appraiser Chelsey Cantrall; KW CO Appraiser DJ McMurry (dj.mcmurray@kiowacountyks.org); KW CO Appraiser DJ McMurry; KW CO Appraiser Karen Butler; KW CO Appraisers Staff Kristy Zenger; KW CO Atty. Secretary Rhonda; KW CO Clerk Admin. Assist. Suzanne Titus; kristie.odle@kiowacountyks.org; KW CO Comm. Don Richards; KW CO Comm. John Unruh; KW CO Comm. Ron Freeman; KW CO County Counselor Dawn Hayes; KW CO Dep. Court Clerk Shelley W.; Kiowa County District Court; KW CO Dist. Judge Ann Dixson; KW CO Extension Carmen Stauth; KW CO Extension Pam Muntz; KW CO Fire Dept. Jay Koehn; KW CO Gunnar Road & Bridge; KW CO Health Dept. Mitzi; KW CO Health Dept. Kerry Ulrich; KW CO Health Dept. Marsha Klein; KW CO Landfill Eric Peters; KW CO Library Debby Allison; KW CO LTR Matt Christenson; KW CO LTR/ADMIN Laura Gwin; KW CO LTR/EM Lorena Lothman; Ray Stegman; Kw CO Nox. Wd. Bruce Foster; KW CO PIO IMT C. Stauth; KW CO R. O. D. Judy Schoenberger; KW CO R.O.D. Marilyn Brown; KW CO Road & Bridge; KW CO Sheriff A/P Susan Horn; KW CO Sheriff Kendal Lothman; KW CO Sheriff Richard McVey; KW CO Sheriff Staff Mark Koehn; KW CO Treasurer Brenda Osborne; KW CO Treasurer Corla Clark; KW CO Treasurer Sharon Sangster
Subject: Re: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF BOCC

The minutes are the official record of the meeting. The minutes as they pertain to me are misleading and should not be approved as set forth. I'm sending this out as my official notice to you as the record keeper of my objection to the minutes as set forth, unofficial but already distributed.

Candace R. Lattin
Kiowa County Attorney

| --- Original Message ---

Original Message

From: Carmen Renfrow

To: 'Candace Lattin'

Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 1:23 PM

Subject: RE: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

Well, I guess you need to let me know just what you have issue with.

Carmen Renfrow

Kiowa County Clerk

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From: Candace Lattin [kwca1@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 3:19 PM
To: Carmen Renfrow
Subject: Re: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

1st. I came to the meeting and stated that I had been told a question had been asked at the last meeting about what the situation was with the County Attorney's Office. I asked what situation it was that information was wanted on and advised it would be appropriate to contact me for answers to any question like that. I did not come to ask if they had any issues with my department. The way it is written is incorrect.

2nd: The information as to what I file is taken out of context. What I file pertained back to the issue of my wages. Either all information or no information pertaining to the wage discussion (on both sides) should be mentioned. The way it is written is misleading.

3rd. With regard to my office hours, the only reference in our meeting was in the "common courtesy" part of the discussion. The minutes as written sounds like my office is in trouble for not being open certain hours. It needs clarified that though we tried to comply it didn't work and the hours my office is open is not up to the commissioners and is under my control and only my control. This needs deleted out of the minutes completely or it needs clarified that my office is not required to comply and is not in violation of anything.

4th. It should be noted that I will take over the County Counselor duties only if there is NO County Counselor, and then I am required to do so by statute.

5th. Other issues were discussed and it seems that they should all be mentioned or the only thing in the minutes should be that I appeared and talked with the commissioners. The minutes as they exist are either wrong or misleading and incomplete.

Depending on what or how the minutes are changed, I may still need to send something out to the people that already received the unapproved minutes to clarify questions they have...I have already received some questions as to what occurred and how I responded to the issues raised and put in the unofficial minutes.

Candace R. Lattin
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From: Candace Lattin [kwca1@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 3:52 PM
To: Carmen Renfrow
Subject: Re: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

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From: Candace Lattin [kwca1@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 10:25 AM
To: Carmen Renfrow
Subject: Re: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

Thanks Carmen,
I'm asking that you advise them in the meeting of my official objections. My e-mail with suggestions, problems can of course be made a part of the record if needed. I find that I have to be in Pratt on Monday morning to meet with a KBI agent so I won't be here.

Candace

----- Original Message -----

From: Carmen Renfrow
To: 'Candace Lattin'
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 4:01 PM
Subject: RE: minutes of Feb. 6, 2012

The next meeting is Monday, February 20th.

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