

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

February 26, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Jeff Blackburn

9:00 am Ron opened the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Ron asked for an executive session to be added to the agenda for 9:30 for attorney/client privilege. Don so moved, Gene seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved to approve, subject to Attorney approval, the Accounts Payable and Payroll for February, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved, Don seconded to approve a payroll change for Marshall Reese in the Sheriff's Dept., motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve and sign the contract with ICHD, motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010, February 16 & 23, 2010, and December 7, 21, 23, 30 of 2009, motion carried.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve and sign a letter to the Treasurer regarding Neighborhood Revitalization. Dawn suggested a copy go to the Appraiser's office as well.

The Commissioners discussed the condition of the front steps; they are deteriorating. Gene will contact Ray and MVP for a solution.

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

Bids for chat hauling, the Commissioners left that to Gunnar's discretion.

Gunnar quoted several projected prices for asphalt this coming season.

He plans to replace the crushed concrete on their parking lot with asphalt over time.

Haviland Telephone requested a permit for a temporary line for an asphalt plant for road repairs this summer. Gene moved and Ron seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

Gunnar ended the contract with Safety Kleen parts washer and purchased their own for \$1500.00. The contract with them was \$1500.00 yearly.

9:27 Gene moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for attorney/client privilege, Don seconded, motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 9:37 with no action taken.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Supervisor, came to get approval for him to attend a conference in Great Bend March 1 – 3, 2010. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following information:

Vehicle issues are costing considerable amounts of money; he is down one vehicle. Repairs on two pick-ups cost \$5200.00 last week alone. Kendal would like to start a rotation of purchasing new or newer used cars each year and eliminating the older ones. He presented options such as purchasing new cars locally from Shank's Motors. They have a Tahoe and a Caprice that comes with a patrol package. And purchasing used cars from KHP. He would have to purchase two vehicles yearly to get his fleet in good working order. The Commissioners

suggested replacing cars with the KHP used cars for now. Kendal spoke with our auditors and Matt Christenson and there are funds in special equipment available. Gene moved and Don seconded to buy two cars from KHP at Kendal's discretion, motion carried.

The software system they have currently is outdated and that company is out of business. Kendal researched and found one called the Justice System. Its internet based and costs \$11,699 which included installation and one year support; after that support is \$1,100 yearly.

There is another company Securest Phone Company, they provide a phone services for prisoners for a cost to the prisoners and the Sheriff's dept. would get a commission. This company works with the above mentioned software company and will pay up front for the software for our Sheriff's Dept. and use the commission money to pay for it. No money from the Sheriff's department is required. Kendal will get copies of contracts for our auditor so she can see if there would be a problem; but Kendal says Ford County and others have done it that way.

The basement of the new Law Enforcement Center flooded due to a faulty circuit board on the water system. Carpets and millwork will have to be replaced by the insurance company. There is also a leak in a west basement wall the architects and engineers of MVP are looking for a solution. It was stated by the plumbers that the hard water could have caused the flooding, and they may need to look into a water softener for that facility.

They should be moved in the working by next Wednesday. The Fire Marshall "red tagged" the fire system so they can't put prisoners in the jail until that is fixed.

Jay Koehn, Fire Chief, and Cody Sherer came to the meeting to let the Commissioners know of their intent to purchase another extraction system for Mullinville Fire Dept. They have four trained EMS personnel to use this. Cody obtained half of the cost in donations, the other half will come from County Fire Dept. donated funds. The cost is \$9,129.00. Jay will start training Haviland Fire Fighters as well and in the future purchase another extraction system for them.

The new fire station should be ready by April

Mitzi Hesser, County Health Nurse, presented documents showing some of their October WIC vouchers were accidentally paid again in December which put them over in their budget. To correct that, some of the counties will take credits until they are paid off and Harper County will return the funds over paid. A discussion followed about how to avoid this in the future and have the monthly reports indicate how much is in the accounts and what is left. Carmen, Brenda, Mitzi, and CIC will have to confer to get an accurate report.

Next Mitzi presented payroll changes for both her staff. Since her current budget is for a part time nurse and that position was vacated earlier, she has the funds in her budget to give them a raise. Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the wage changes for her staff, motion carried.

Mitzi asked if the Commissioners want to pay the basic blood work charges for the employees at the Health Fair on March 27th. The Commissioners agreed by consensus; they try to do this every year.

11:30 Ron called the Public Hearing open for the Hillcrest Cemetery.

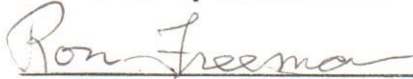
M.T. Liggett had several questions which were answered to the best of their ability. The hearing was concluded at 11:45.

Next, Matt Christenson brought Right of Way Certificates to be signed and sealed for the Commons lot and Road and Bridge Storage.

Gene moved to approve the Hillcrest Cemetery Resolution 2010-7, recreating the Hillcrest Cemetery District, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:58, Don seconded, motion carried.

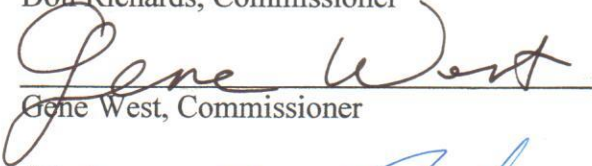
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk