

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

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

9:00: After an opening prayer by Don, he opened the meeting.

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

John moved and Ron seconded to approve the organizational Resolution 2012-1, motion carried. This resolution sets the elected officials salaries, official county newspaper for publications, and the holidays for 2012.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve the request from SWKAAA for \$700.00, motion carried.

After requests for funds in full came in from some of the county funded organizations, the Clerk compiled a report on all the organizations and how they were paid. There were several differences in times paid and from which department they were paid. After conferring with our auditor, it was suggested that all entities be paid twice a year, January and July and that all be paid from Accounts Payable. Ron moved and John seconded to approve this schedule of payments, motion carried.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve a presented tax correction, motion carried.

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

He showed a map of the roads to be dusted with magnesium chloride by the wind farm contractors; this is to keep the dust down near homes and on the roads.

His last visit he talked of funds to be transferred in his budget; he said today he won't need the transfers after all.

Gunnar had asked the Clerk to bring up the insurance company Liberty National. They were here a year or two ago and offered supplemental insurance to the employees with the Commissioners permission. Since that time several employees, who did not sign up for the services, get billed for insurance premiums they don't owe. The Clerk asked the Commission to limit the number of supplemental carriers to Aflac only. All the supplemental companies offer basically the same services so there is no need for more. The Commission, by consensus, agreed to limit the offerings to Aflac.

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk and D.J. McMurry, County GIS representative, presented a map for approval by the Commission. The map is the new division of the County for the Commissioners Districts. After looking at the maps and discussion, John moved to move the Haviland 3A line one mile east, and approve the district lines as changed, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came with the following:

This year's health fair will be held on April 21, 2012 at the Youth for Christ building from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. The Commissioners agreed to cover the cost of the blood work for county employees.

Mitzi gave a report of the numbers of people they have served in several different capacities.

Jim Crawley, Museum Director, came to get an answer to his question last meeting as to whether or not they could receive their county funding in one lump sum. He was told of the earlier decision to split the tax funding organizations payments in two payments; one in January and one in July.

Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, reported their loader broke down again. It's 33 years old and needs replaced. It will cost \$30,000 to fix it at this time. A new one would cost \$350,000.00. The

Commission suggested he research the cost of newer used equipment or leasing new equipment. He will bring that information to the next meeting.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came to ask to forgo the bid process for purchasing equipment. The State has already done that process and has a dealership in Wichita where they will purchase state vehicles. The Sheriff's office can use that same dealer with the State's prices. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the above, motion carried.

They discussed selling their old cars and using the money to purchase new cars in the future. Usually the money would go back into the general fund. They will discuss this again in the future.

D.J. brought back a map with the changes voted on earlier. The changes they approved will make the numbers in each district even more uneven. Ron moved to rescind the earlier motion, John seconded, motion carried. John moved and Ron seconded to approve the Commissioner District lines as first presented, motion carried. Dawn will create a resolution with the legal descriptions for the next meeting.

Since the Commissioners were not able to attend the Extension's annual meeting Carmen Stauth and Pam Muntz from the Extension office came to give their annual report.

During Open Forum, Dawn addressed the Commission regarding the Belvidere Cemetery and the Belvidere School. Ray will write a letter to Dan Woods to cease mowing the school and cemetery until the Commissioners review the issue. John suggested the letter be sent to Ed Koger as well.

At 11:55 the Clerk asked for an executive session for ten minutes for non-elected personnel and asked Dawn to attend the session. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the executive session, motion carried. After ten minutes the regular session was resumed with no action taken.

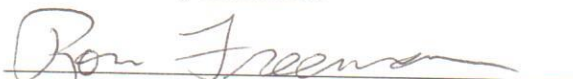
They discussed the sick leave and vacation leave versus earned time off. John wants to reduce the cap on sick hours from 720 to 320 due to the fact we now have the short term disability in place. They decided to table this discussion for later.

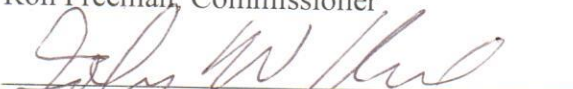
Eric Peters rejoined the meeting. John moved and Ron seconded to go into a fifteen minute executive session for non-elected personnel, with the Clerk and County Counsel in attendance, motion carried. After fifteen minutes, the regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.


Kiowa County Commission:


Don Richards, Chairman


Ron Freeman, Commissioner


John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk