

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

January 18, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman, Gunnar Stauth.

Audience: Marilyn Brown, Jim Keith

9:00 Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting after Don said the prayer:

Approve the agenda: Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the agenda with additions of Tax Corrections, SW KS Area on Aging fund request.

Don moved and John seconded that Ron Freeman remain the Chairperson for this year, motion carried. John moved and Ron seconded that Don be the Vice Chairperson, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to approve Resolution 2011-1, which indicates who is chairperson, vice chairperson, official newspaper for publication, and elected personnel salaries, motion carried.

Approve the minutes of 1/3/11 – John moved and Don seconded, motion carried.

Approve the minutes of 1/5/11 – Don moved and John seconded, motion carried.

Approve A/P & Payroll – Don moved and John seconded to approve subject to County Counsel's approval, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to approve Resolution 2011-2, which commits to cash bases financial reports and budget, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to table the SW Kansas Area on Aging financial request until next meeting, motion carried.

Ron moved, John seconded to approve Tax Roll corrections, motion carried.

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

He introduced Jim Keith, a volunteer, and Paul DeWeese, Code Department of the City of Greensburg. They came to tell the Commission about a City Wide Clean-Up on March 14-19. They asked for help in the form of use of equipment and fees waived at the dump for that week. John moved and Don seconded to table decisions until more information on volume is available. They will decide on the landfill fees at the next meeting.

Gunnar presented payroll changes for Ed Hardinger and Chris Cagle for their six month probation period. Don moved, John seconded to approve, motion carried.

Stratta requested road crossings for salt water lines at F & 29, F & 30, ½ mile south of F & 29 and ¼ mile East of G & 30. John moved and Don seconded to approve, motion carried.

Gunnar presented bids for the pick-up he requested. The best bid was from Shank Motors, a local dealer, for \$33,795.00. Don moved, John seconded to approve the bid, motion carried.

There was a discussion of road maintenance in Haviland involving roadways owned by Haviland Farmers Coop. John moved to have Dawn prepare a resolution to return 1078 feet to Farm Coop. Dawn will prepare the Resolution.

At 9:45 Gunnar asked for an executive session for 10 minutes for contract negotiations, asking Carmen and Ray to stay in attendance. Don so moved, John seconded, motion carried. After 5 minutes the discussion was concluded; John moved and Don seconded to resume the general meeting, motion carried. The regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

Gunnar shared that Eric Peters saved the County over \$30,000 by repairing equipment that was damaged severely.

Gunnar showed pictures of the of the mechanics office to indicate that there is insufficient storage. He is getting estimates on what shelving will cost.

10:05 – Break

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

He asked about funds in the equipment fund for purchasing two new patrol cars. Ray Stegman agreed to transfer \$232,000 to that fund from his budget instead of it going back to the general fund. Kendal will be exempt from the purchasing policy due to the price he can get from the government purchasing pool. The cost of the two new cars will be approximately \$44,000.

Ray Stegman, LTR & Emergency Management Director, came with the following:

Ray updated the Commission on the new drive way at the Fire Dept.

He presented an encumbrance letter for \$748.90 for radios. Don moved, John seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

Ron moved and Don seconded to approve Ray continuing the grant for \$53,627 for topography, aerial photos of Kiowa County.

Ray is finishing up the concession stand at the fairgrounds.

Matt Christenson came in at Ray's request to give an update on the grading package for the Community Center/Fairgrounds.

Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds, brought a payroll change sheet to request to raise her salary. The Commissioners denied the request saying the budget has been set and salaries will stay at the current rates.

John Wickland, Kiowa County Council on Aging Director, came to present Bob Mosier's name for appointment to the KCCA board. Don moved to approve the appointment, John seconded, motion carried.

John reported the number of meals being served and updated the Commission on the progress of the building plans.

He also asked that the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting be put on our website.

Matt Christenson, LTR/Administration, came with the contract with ESA, the architects for the County Museum. Don moved and Ron seconded to approve Matt signing the contract, motion carried.

John Unruh asked that it be put in the minutes that he is abstaining from voting on the museum. He has concerns on the cost of the museum design. Don moved and Ron seconded to approve the contract, John abstained, motion carried. The first meeting with the designers and contractors will be on Jan. 24th approximately 3:30 pm.

Don moved, John seconded to continue with Gene West as liaison between the County and the Kiowa County Commons project.

11:24 – Don Richards presented a plaque to Doyle Conrad for appreciation for his work as Road and Bridge Supervisor for almost 20 years. Doyle retired two years.


John moved and Don seconded to pay for employees cost for the health fair again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 with a reception for John Unruh as the new Commissioner following.

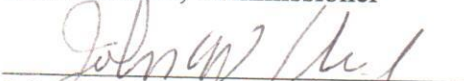
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk