

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
July 2, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richard, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman, Terry Mayhew, Gunnar Stauth. John Unruh and Dawn Hayes are absent.

9:00: After a prayer by Terry Mayhew, Don opened the meeting.
Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, had nothing to address the Commission about this morning. They discussed roads and oil field activities for a while.

9:15: Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, came in to address the Commission about the track loader. The original agreement was the County would pay \$3,000.00 to have the tracts replaced. Now Cat is saying they will not warranty this, but they will if they replace much more at a cost of an extra \$6,000. The Commission decided to remain with the original decision and do only the \$3,000 repair.

9:50: Ray Stegman, Emergency Management Director, has been invited to be part of a program at an Emergency Management Conference in Connecticut in September. They will pay all of his travel and lodging costs.

Adams electric is to do their annual service of the courthouse systems after the severe heat is over.

Ray's office does not have emergency backup power since they moved to their new location. It will cost approximately \$2,000 and there are funds in the building fund available to cover this. Don moved and Ron seconded to approve this project, motion carried.

Ray reported the Fire Chief, Jay Koehn, says their costs are increasing with more heat, fires, and rescue calls. So far Jay is allowing fireworks sales and fireworks use during the holiday.

The new proposed phone system and its cost will be demonstrated at a meeting in the near future.

Younie's Landscape reported to Ray that they will have to wait until after the severe heat to spray for weeds. The Commission and Ray discussed removing the planting beds around the Courthouse and Sheriff's Dept. and replacing them with grass. Due to the type of grass we have, it can't be done until the fall. Younie's last quote for this was approximately \$7,000. After checking the budget, the Commissioners will decide when would be best to accomplish this, this year or next.

Ray informed the Commission that if, for any reason, a person's address is changed, it is up to that person to contact everyone to let them know their new address.

Finally, Ray reported that Google Maps will not make corrections in their information. If there are any changes to be made, he has to make them himself.

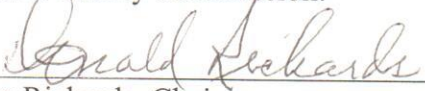
11:00: Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor, came at the request of the Commissioners from last meeting. He showed them pictures of musk thistle and a map of Kiowa County showing where he has found them. Don asked who was responsible for the bind weed in town; Bruce said it was the property owner. The Commission asked him to participate in keeping weeds down on County property.

11:30: Jan West came and presented report showing values of all donations and the county's contribution to show the value of what has been brought to the community. She pointed out the time line for them being up and running was five years, but they did not start production until 2010. She

shared that the County residents receive an 80% discount for their services compared to market rates. Jan thanked the Commission for their support.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

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