Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

July 30, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes

9:00 Ron opened the meeting; the first item is to approve the agenda for the meeting. As per the Clerk, Gene said they needed to add the tax roll corrections to the agenda. Gene so moved and Don seconded, motion carried.

D.J. McMurry came to the meeting to let the Commissioners know he is hiring Kristy Zenger to replace Peggy Banta. The Payroll Change document will be presented at the next meeting.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve payroll and accounts payable pending approval of the County Counsel, motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of 7/19 and 7/16 as corrected, motion carried.

Carmen presented the tax roll changes to be signed; Gene moved and Don seconded to approve, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor was next on the agenda. He asked for an executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Don so moved, Gene seconded, motion carried.

After 15 minutes the regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

Mark Anderson joined the meeting at this time.

Gunnar let the Commissioners know Sterling Drilling declined to assist with the cost of repairing roads they used and were damaged.

He asked if Dawn could help research the requirements for ADA bathrooms in a facility like the Belvidere school house.

Three mowers are down for repairs, should be finished by next week, leaving only two mowers in use at present.

They discussed a road near Panhandle Eastern that needs the curve straightened.

Matt Christenson came in to let the Commissioners know that USDA has signed off on the contract for the museum design. Our attorney will review and they can be signed very soon.

Gene asked Matt to stand in for him at the Canvassing of Votes on Friday August 6th.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came in and discussed the tax warrant letter process. A citizen was confused when receiving a letter.

He presented a written letter and drawings from Richard Robbins for bathrooms in the red bard at the fairgrounds. It was discussed that there are already bathrooms in the Community Buildings right next to the barn and there will be bathrooms in the concession stand, also next to the barn.

Kendal also presented a spread sheet of calls the officers have responded to for the last three months.

He asked for an executive session for ten minutes for contract negotiations; Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried.

After ten minutes the regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

Ray Stegman left a procurement policy with Dawn Hayes to present to the Commissioners as a resolution, 2010-16. Gene moved to approve the resolution, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds, came to give a check for \$627.59 to the Commissioners. These funds were in a checking account that office has had for many years and she is closing it. The funds will go into the General Fund.

She also asked the Commissioners how they wanted her to respond to persons who overpay for filing fees. After discussion it was agreed by consensus to keep doing what she's been doing. She will call them if there is an overpayment and ask if they want it back; if not the difference will go into the General Fund.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 11:30 pm.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards, Commissioner

Gene West, Commissioner

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk