

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

July 6, 2010

Present: Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Donnie Hinshaw of Friends Church in Haviland.

9:00: After the prayer, Ron opened the meeting.

Gene moved and Ron seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a payroll change from the Sheriff's dept., motion carried.

Gene moved and Ron Seconded to approve the minutes of 6/30/10, motion carried.

Ron moved and Gene seconded to approve the payroll change for Marshall Reese from the Sheriff's dept. He resigned to take another job in a location closer to his home.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor: Abe Peters wants to put a 2" water line under Rd 35 & Q. Gene moved to approve the request, Ron seconded, motion carried.

The County and John Deere entered into an agreement with John Deere for that company to pay 75% of the cost of repairing the blacktop road they used, the old highway south of town, bringing it back to the condition it was in prior to them using it.

The landfill trailer was used to transport the E-waste (electronic recyclables) from our county, to a few other counties to pick up theirs, then on to Lyons.

There was a discussion on road signs for the future.

Ray Stegman, Long Term Recovery Director:

The kitchen cabinets at the Community Center are in, with only a few minor projects to go the kitchen should be finished this week. The duct work is done, and the heating and air conditioning should be finalized by June 16th for the County opening.

They still can't find the source of the leak in the Health Dept.

Thursday he is meeting with the heating & air reps. For the Courthouse to continue resolving those issues.

Also on Thursday, there is a meeting with the City of Greensburg, Ki Gamble, Hefts, and the Rodeo Club to try to resolve the water flowing over the road near the fairgrounds.

Regarding the Walgreens property; the County does not own it. It did not sell at the tax sale, so it goes back to the owner. At the next sale, if no one bids on it, the City will take it over.

The two curbs that are broken, the SW corner by the Sheriff's dept. and the NE by the Courthouse will be the County's responsibility to repair.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff:

Kendal asked for an executive session for contract negotiations for ten minutes; Gene so moved, Ron seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes, the regular meeting resumed, no action was taken.

The Belvidere school is just about finished; the windows and roof are completed.

Concrete was poured on the west side of the jail.

New software is installed and training is in progress.

Jan West, Media Center Board President:

They have received their 501c3. They have changed the name of the organization to Kiowa County Kansas Media Center Foundation. Their new bylaws are basically the same, with just a minor change. She will email them to the Clerk.

The media trailer will be ready for use at the County "booth" at the State Fair. Jan presented a flyer to be distributed later announcing this and asking for funds to cover the cost of being at the fair.

Travis Barnes:

Travis came to ask the Commissioners to put a question on the November ballots. He had a copy of the State Statute describing the procedure for this. He told the Commissioners that this would not mean they agreed with the request, just that they were putting it out for the County to decide. He wants them to put the question of "Do the Citizens of Kiowa want to have liquor by the drink available in the County in establishments whose revenues are 30% from food sales." This would allow restaurants, brew companies, etc to serve alcoholic drinks, but not open the door for bars not serving food.

After discussion it was agreed to put the question on the November ballot. Travis will meet with Dawn to get a resolution in place to be adopted.

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting at 12 noon, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman, Chairman

Donald Richards
Don Richards, Commissioner

Gene West
Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk