

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 20, 2011

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

9:00: Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.

John moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of 6/6/11, motion carried.

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

9:04: Sheila Magee, Greensburg City Administrator, came to address the Commission. She shared that a city councilman wanted to paint parallel parking lines on the south side of the street on the north side of the Courthouse. She asked what the Commission thought of that. By consensus, they agreed to whatever the City wanted to do.

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

Unruh House Moving had asked for a permit to come through the County with a building destined for Comanche County. Gunnar contacted Kirk and Michaels, Engineers, who have inspected our county bridges. They said it was unsafe for them to be crossing the bridges on the route they intended to use. For now their request is denied.

Rod Stapleton asked Gunnar to cut in a drive way to his new house. Gunnar explained they could not do private work, but they are responsible for installing and maintaining auto gates/cattle crossings. He is requesting an auto gate. Don moved and John seconded to furnish the auto gate, motion carried.

A letter from Rice County addressed them collecting our e-waste (electronic recycle). They ask us to pay 10 cents per pound for them to pick up the e-waste. John moved to table a decision until next meeting, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar asked if the Commission had come to a decision about making the South Landfill a separate county department and making Eric Peters the supervisor. At 9:33 John moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Don seconded, motion carried. Gunnar and the Clerk were asked to stay. At 9:43 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken. Don moved and Ron seconded to make the Landfill a separate County department with Eric Peters as Supervisor. His wages will increase to \$15.00 per hour starting the upcoming payroll period, motion carried.

Gunnar will get bids for a smaller trailer; he expects it to cost from \$3,000 to \$3,500. The Commission agreed by consensus.

Kendal and Matt came in with Gunnar to discuss the need for more fencing at the R&B facility for enlarging the impound yard for the Sheriff's dept. The estimate so far is \$26,000. John moved to table this until a July meeting and in the mean time they should continue to get bids; Don seconded, motion carried.

There was a notice to close a road from the intersection of J St. and 13th Ave. north for one mile on 13th Ave. Don moved to close the road, John seconded, motion carried.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

He had to move prisoners to Ford County Jail for one day due to a sewer backup. Permanent repairs will be coming soon.

He held interviews for two jailers. He reported on damages from last week's wind & hail storm.

10:15: Break

10:20: Ray Stegman, LTR/Administration Director, came with the following:

Ray requested to purchase a lift to be able to work on lighting and any other issues around the County that required equipment for reaching high places. They are hard to find so it's difficult to get bids. The cost is approximately \$7500.00. The Commission agreed by consensus.

The landscapers will come back one more time to fix any problems with the lawn and planting beds. Buffalo grass will be planted at the fairgrounds next Fall.

Ray asked to hire a part-time, temporary person to help remove the old street sign. Don so moved, John seconded motion carried.

They discussed the remodel of the Commissioners Room. Before the building starts, they will use two eight foot tables and folding chairs for audience.

Greg Waters and Laura Stoltenberg of Kiowa County Housing Authority came to request funds to support the executive director's position. They asked for \$10,000 for the next budget year. They have also asked all three towns in the county for the same amount.

Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds, came with a request to have a resolution to opt out of SB112 which ends a second survey requirement. John moved to draw up a resolution to opt out of SB112 and the required second survey will not be paid by the County, Don seconded motion carried. John then moved to draw a second resolution declaring a \$20.00 per page charge for plats, maps, surveys; Don seconded, motion carried.

Mitzie Hesser, Health Department Director, came with updates on her office and the State funding for WIC that goes through her office to other counties.

Tom Corns came to get the Commission's final decision on the R.V. Park on Grove St. John moved to allow the CRAT Committee to take out the hooks ups, dispose of the funds as they wish and return the property back to the County as it was. Don seconded, motion carried.

Dawn Hayes received a contract draft for Clipper Wind Farm. There were very few changes from the last meeting with them. As soon as the documents are prepared the Commission can sign the completed contract.

There was a discussion on the ROZ proposal. The Commission has not yet decided what they will do about this.

Don brought up gossip about the Commissioners alleged comments about businesses and what they charge for their products. He stated the Commission has no business interfering with how anyone conducts their business. The other agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman
Ron Freeman, Chairman

Donald Richards
Don Richards, Commissioner

John Unruh
John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: Carmen Renfrow
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk