

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

June 21, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman, Tony Factor, Dawn Hayes.

9:00 Don moved, Gene seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of 6/7/10, motion carried.
Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the Accounts Payable, subject to the County Council's approval, motion carried.

9:15 Scott Mullen, of KDOT, brought design plans of City's Service Road and Highway 54 intersection. The designers want to build the City's Service Road over the new highway, but the Commissioners had earlier suggested that it be left at ground level. The Commissioners' concerns are entry to John Deere and farm equipment moving north and south over the highway. The overpass has to be able to accommodate wide farm equipment. Mr. Mullen thinks the designers can make it work for everyone concerned and it would be more cost effective to make City's Service Road an overpass.

9:35 Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor brought the following to the Commission:
Allen Todd has transferred to the Landfill Dept., and Joe Blair has transferred to the Solid Waste Dept. Gene moved to approve the transfers, Don seconded, motion carried.

He received bids for tires from three different companies. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to go with Greensburg Tire.

Those who wanted were cleared to work the weekend to catch up on mowing in the County.

Gunnar is working on weight limitations for County roads. He and Dawn will create a resolution for weight limits when Gunnar determines the proper weights and reasons for them.

He asked to purchase a cab tractor between \$20,000 & \$25,000. He has the funds in his budget. After getting bids he will bring them to the Commissioners.

Gunnar has the funds in his budget and plans to hire a part-time, summer, employee to help keep up with mowing.

Ray Stegman commented on how much Gunnar and his crew has helped at the fairgrounds. Gene also commented on how good the landfill looks.

Gunnar presented three road crossing requests from Inslee Backhoe; Road F, Road 29, and Road 18, all north of town. Gene moved to approve the requests, Don seconded, motion carried.

10:00 Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, shared that he has applied to go to the National Sheriff's Institute training in Colorado. They are accepting only 30 first year applicants. All costs are covered; it runs from 9/20-25/2010. He will know later this summer if he was chosen.

He discussed concrete being poured on the west side of the Sheriff's Dept. There are still small issues with plumbing inside. All prisoners are now housed in the new jail.

Mark Anderson, Kiowa County Signal attended at this time.

10:15 Stacey Barnes, Director of 5.4.7. Art Center came to request funding from the County. She brought current income & expense and tax information, as well as programs they have sponsored and those planned for the future. The request is for \$5,000. The Commissioners will take the request under consideration during the budget workshop in July.

10:30 Chad Pore, EMS Director, came to the meeting to ask the Commissioners approval to purchase new stretchers/power cots. The cost is over \$12,000 apiece. They have donation money and the sale of two older stretchers to fund the purchase. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

10:45 Katlin Senst, Upward Strivers 4-H Club, came to ask permission to place a totem pole the club is making at the fairgrounds. The Commissioners and Ray suggested to wait until the grading is finished, and then Ray will help find a good place for it.

11:00 John Wickland, Executive Director of KCCA, (Kiowa County Council on Aging) addressed the Commissioners with the following:

He has two volunteers to be appointed to the SWKAAA Sub-Region Council, Bob Mosier and Pam Muntz. Don moved and Gene seconded to approve their appointment, motion carried.

John presented reports on numbers of meals served daily, programs and services being conducted presently and planned for in the future. Gene congratulated John on the progress he's made so far. The entire Commission commented on the improved, upward, direction this organization has taken.

John asked if the Commissioners would now resume funding the organization with the funds already budgeted for them for 2010. Gene moved and Don seconded to resume funding them for the rest of 2010 with the funds already budgeted, motion carried.

11:15 Ray Stegman, Long Term Recovery Director, came with the following:

He has formed a committee to come up with a solution for the water issues at the fairgrounds; Hefts, Ki Gamble, Rodeo Club, and a County representative.

At the Courthouse, he has researched the cost of replacing the zoysia grass with fescue; it will be costly. The zoysia in place now is looking better now that it's had time to root better. Now he thinks it will be better to stay with the original plan to roll zoysia sod after the sprinkler system is in place.

Back at the fairgrounds, the materials for the concession has been delivered and need to be assembled.

The sewer line is installed at the Community Center; the cabinets are ready to be installed.

Another heating system went down at the Courthouse. The decision is to replace all those systems that are having problems.

Ray is waiting to refine the procurement policy; at this time he will add a sole source clause.

The mutual aid agreement is ready to go out to the three towns in the County.

The lot in the 300 block of S. Grove is now the County's responsibility as it did not sell at the Sheriff's sale. Ray has removed a small tree and mowed the lot. There is concrete that needs removed so the lot can be prepared for sale again.

Gene and the rest of the Commissioners thanked Ray for going above and beyond his regular duties to keep things in the County going as smoothly as possible.

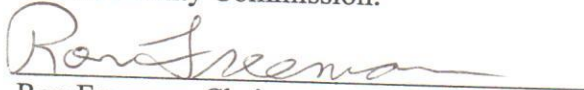
11:40 Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, brought a financial summary report for her department and updated the Commission on grants funds for Bio Terrorism.

The laws have changed for day care licensing to include all day care providers, regardless of how many are being cared for. The State will oversee the monitoring for now, taking that responsibility off of her list of duties.

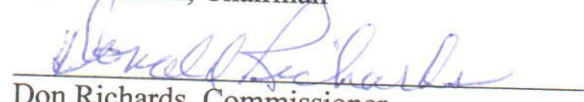
11:45 Matt Christenson, Long Term Recovery, brought the results of the score sheets for the six designers applying for the job of designing the Kiowa County Historical Museum. With all three Commissioners turning in a score sheet, the company that was rated highest was ESA Design out of Abilene, KS. Gene moved to offer them the job, Don seconded, motion carried. Matt will start contract negotiations to get started as soon as possible.

11:55 Don moved to adjourn, Gene seconded, motion carried.

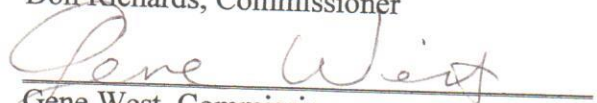
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman

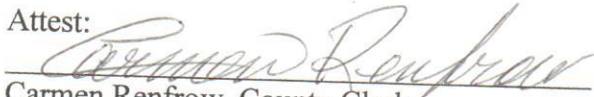


Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk