

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 30, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Ray Stegman, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Marilyn Brown, Jerry Keene of the Kiowa County Signal.

9:00: Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Don moved and Ron seconded to approve changes to the Agenda, motion carried.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve minutes of 6/30/11 as corrected.

John moved and Don seconded to make another addition to the agenda, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to approve accounts payable and payroll subject to the County Counsel's approval

John moved and Don seconded to approve the five payroll changes presented, motion carried.

A tax correction was presented. John asked to wait until they could talk to D.J. about the details and reasons for the tax correction.

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

Gunnar asked to have another vote to reverse the decision on the road closing that was voted on last meeting, J St. and 13th Ave. He received a request from both land owners involved to keep the road open. He is agreeable to keep it open. Ron moved and John seconded to reverse the decision and keep the road open, John seconded, motion carried.

The Inter- Local agreement with Rice County for picking up E-Waste had been tabled from last meeting to this meeting. Don moved and John seconded to sign the agreement, motion carried.

Gunnar asked for an executive session for five minutes for non-elected personnel, John so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. After five minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Ron moved and Don seconded to approve Gunnar's decision to replace a culvert at W St. and 33rd Ave., motion carried. That culvert will need wing walls at an estimated cost of \$17,280 as per Pueblo Concrete. Ron moved and John seconded to wave the usual bid process due to the emergency situation to complete the job as soon as possible for public safety.

Gunnar presented bids to purchase chat. Don moved and Ron seconded to accept the lower bid from Theron McKinney at \$20.00 per ton, motion carried.

Bids for a tilt bed trailer were also presented. John moved and Don seconded to accept Kaufman's bid from Nebraska at \$4490.00, motion carried.

A local contractor asked to purchase two tons of crushed concrete from the County. The Commission agreed by consensus not to sell any product so as not to be in competition with any private businesses.

The Commission agreed to have Randy Vandenhook work for Road and Bridge temporarily when he's completed his temporary job with Ray Stegman.

Gunnar reminded the Commission that the Special Road and Bridge fund is down to \$100,000. This is the fund he uses to purchase asphalt; he needs at least \$250,000-\$300,000 a year for asphalt.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came to represent all the County department heads in requesting a \$1.00 per hour raise for all the employees for 2012. Last year the Commission was informed Kiowa County was approximately \$3.00 to \$4.00 per hour below the average wages. The suggestion then was to raise wages and salaries \$1.00 per hour for three to four years to at least be moving in the right direction. The cost of living in Kiowa County is at a level now that County wages/salaries do not allow many employees to be able to make a living wage.

Marilyn Brown, ROD, and D.J. McMurry, Appraiser came to discuss SB112 along with Dawn Hayes, County Counsel. There has been much confusion as to how the bill reads and what the ROD wants the Commission to do. Dawn and D.J. counseled there was nothing to do or change to keep the requirements as Marilyn wants them. Marilyn stated she did want a resolution stating the \$20.00 per page filing/copy fee and a resolution requiring filling out an affidavit when filing certain documents with the ROD. John moved and Ron seconded to approve resolution 2011-8 regarding the fees, motion carried. John moved and Don seconded to approve resolution 2011-9 regarding the affidavit, motion carried.

Dawn brought in the Shooting Starr Agreement for their payment to the County in lieu of taxes. Dawn said the only changes from what was discussed at the earlier meeting with them were very minor; mostly correction in county information. She recommended signing the agreement. John so moved, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Ann Dixson came in and asked for an executive session for ten minutes for contract negotiations. Don so moved, John seconded, motion carried. Dawn and Carmen were asked to stay for the session. After ten minutes the regular session resumed with no action taken.

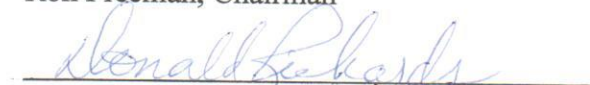
Don moved and John seconded to go into executive session for five minutes for attorney client privilege, motion carried. Dawn and Carmen were asked to stay for the session. After five minutes the regular session resumed with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.


Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk