

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 4, 2012

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

9:00: After a prayer, Don opened the meeting.

Ron added a topic to the agenda, discussing the Round Barn. John moved to approve the consent agenda, Ron seconded, motion carried.

9:05: Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

He gave a report on the cost of repairs to date this year; they equal approximately the total for all of last year. He reported on fuel and oil; the same scenario prevails – the cost to date equals the total of last year. Some employees will be off for awhile. He has one applicant for the advertised position. He reported on the cost of CAT equipment repairs.

9:30: Matt Christenson, LTR, IT, came to discuss AT&T services that can be eliminated at a savings of approximately \$25 to \$30K per year. The proposed new phone system for next year will cost about \$10,000.

10:00: Several people came in at different intervals to attend the Soldier Creek Cemetery organizational meeting. At this time, they were given written instructions on how to proceed; they left the Commission chambers and moved to the conference room in Emergency Management. Our auditor, Theresa Dasenbrock and her assistant Lisa, also came to the meeting. They attended the organizational meeting to assist the new board in organizing the new cemetery district.

10:10: Don suggested discussing the Round Barn at this time. The Kiowa County Historical Society has written a letter to ITC asking for financial support, a sponsorship donation of \$3,000 for the Centennial celebration of the Round Barn. They also asked the Commission to write a letter of support on behalf of the KW CO Historical Society's request to ITC. John moved and Ron seconded to send a support letter to ITC. The Clerk will draft a letter for the Commissioner's signatures.

10:30: Ray Stegman, LTR, EM Management, County Facilities Manager, came with the following:

Ray asked for permission to sign a contract with Google for mapping data to be made available for them. The Commission agreed by consensus.

The top floor carpet was discussed. The vendor assured there were no problems with the install and that it was the carpet ordered; Ray verified as well. After several times of vacuuming, the appearance of lines may fade. Don moved, John seconded to leave the carpet as it is, motion carried.

Ray asked for approval to continue the process of re-instating the LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee. Ron so moved, John seconded, motion carried.

10:45: Gene West attended the meeting.

11:00: The Commission started discussing the county budget requests as well as how they should consider employee wage increases; flat rate versus a percentage or merit raises.

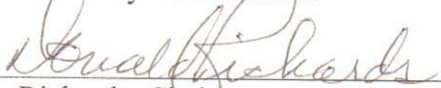
11:30: Don recessed the meeting until 1:30 – Carmen, Ray and Brenda have a conference with the auditors during the recess.

1:30: Don reconvened the meeting.

The Commissioners went through each budget request and made a preliminary decision. Carmen will send all the requests and Commission info to our auditor tomorrow, 6/5/12. The budget workshop with the auditor and Commission will be during the July 16th Commission Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk