

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

June 7, 2010

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

Ron opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

Gene moved to approve the Agenda as presented, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved to approve the Minutes of 5/28/10, Don seconded, motion carried.

Dawn Hayes presented research regarding enforcing weight limitations on Main St.

Gunnar Stauth, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented the following:

Magellan Pipeline requests permission to dig up and inspect their lines four miles south and four miles east of Haviland. Gene moved to approve the request, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar presented pictures of a road south of Mullinville. Sterling Drilling Company is damaging the black top road while hauling water to the drill site. Gunnar spoke with them about working together to avoid damage in the future and the possibility of them compensating for the repairs needed. They said they would work with us. Dawn suggested Gunnar follow up with a letter restating their conversation.

Gunnar presented more pictures of road damage, due to rain, located by McKinney's and Cobb's property.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came in to present his budget for 2011. He handed the Commissioners copies of a graph that averages the wages for like positions across the State.

10:00 Matt Christenson joined the meeting with Kendal to represent the department heads in addressing the Commissioners on the subject of raises for County employees.

The department heads have discussed this in their meetings and Kendal and Matt have agreed to put together graphs that show the average wages for like positions across the State of Kansas. The graphs showed the average wage, the median wage, and Kiowa County's position in comparison with the State. The department heads wanted to show a united front and assure the Commissioners that this was information for them to make the difficult decisions they have to make during budget preparation.

10:00 Mark Anderson arrived.

10:30 Iroquois Center's Sheldon Carpenter and Terry Mayhew came to present their budget request.

10:45 John Wickland, Executive Director of KCCA, (Senior Citizens) came to present the budget request for their organization.

Aaron Barnhart of the Kansas City Star arrived at this time.

Jan West brought Grant Neuhold to introduce to the Commissioners and everyone at the meeting. Grant is the newly hired Director of the Media Center and will start his duties in Mid July.

11:15 Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds, came to present her budget. She stated that her office puts into the general fund, by recording fees, more than enough to support her budget. She is asked for \$100,000 originally in her budget for backing up the books, but has since acquired an estimate of \$60,000 for the entire process. She has hired two temporary summer employees and is paying their wages from her tech fund.

11:30 Chad Pore, Director of EMS, came to present their budget. They have received a Kraft Grant of \$27,000 for medical equipment.

They have submitted a grant application for \$8,000 – \$10,000 to go towards the new ambulance. Chad explained safety belts for EMS personnel in the back of the Ambulance during transport. Only one company provides this feature as they need it. The Commissioners asked that he document the bid requests and the responses of the other companies who could not provide what was needed to satisfy the purchase policy.

11:40 M.T. Liggett came in at this time

Ray Stegman brought copies of the mutual aide agreements between the three towns of Greensburg, Haviland, and Mullinville and Kiowa County for Fire Services.

The City of Greensburg is hiring an energy manager with grant money. To qualify for this grant the City needs the written agreement with the County that we will participate in the program, with no costs to the County. Gene moved to sign the agreement letter presented by Ray, Don seconded, motion carried.

Ray is looking for lower bids to replace the Zoysia grass with Fescue and put in more sprinkler systems.

He is also working with the contractors to replace most of the heating systems, due to malfunctions.

12:00 Matt Christenson brought the six design proposals for the Historical Museum. Each Commissioner received a copy of each proposal to compare. The budget requires staying at approximately \$100 - \$150 per square foot. The Commissioners need to fill in the score sheets and make a decision at the next meeting.

Fire Station: There needs to be concrete poured from the station north to the highway and from the station east to cherry street. Gunnar has said his crew could put crushed concrete north to the highway this winter. Matt indicated that a portion of the \$50,000 of insurance funds for Courthouse contents left that could be used for the concrete on the east side, and some could be used for the landscaping costs. Gene moved to use a portion of the insurance proceeds for the concrete and landscaping costs, Don seconded, motion carried.

Discussion continued on where to get the funds of approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the grading package at the fairgrounds. There are no conclusions at this time.

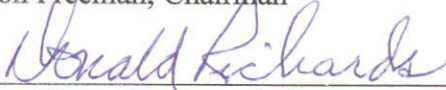


Gene moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:50, Ron seconded, motion carried.

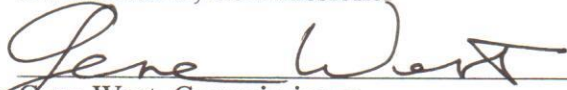
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman

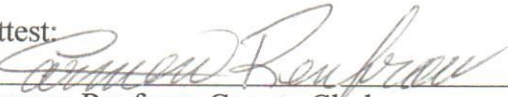


Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk