

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 21, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman, Dawn Hayes, Scott Rose, D.J. McMurry

9:00: Ron opened the meeting and asked Scott Rose for the opening prayer.

Don moved to approve minutes of 3/7 & 3/14, John seconded, motion carried.

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

Don moved to approve the tax corrections, John seconded, motion carried.

Scott Rose left the meeting.

Ron read the proclamation provided by CASA to support them regarding April as Child Protection month. Don moved to sign the proclamation, John seconded motion carried.

Ray Stegman presented costs for a domain server at \$10,217.95. Ron moved to approve, Don seconded, motion carried.

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

M1 Cat grader has transmission out.

Robert Sellard of Sellard Farms requests an electrical line underground crossing ¼ mile South of M St. & 31 Ave. John moved to approve, Don seconded, motion carried.

Discussed tax exempt status for Wind Energy, Street repair in Haviland – they haven't signed the agreement yet. John suggested waiting until the new council takes office after the election.

Gunnar shared quotes from Foley, BTI and White Star Machinery for a turbo saw for cutting trees. John moved to accept the BTI bid or \$9400.00, Don seconded, motion carried. Funds will come from R&B special equipment fund.

Discussed medical waste, needles, sharps regarding an educational program for proper disposal.

They discussed future bridge and dirt work.

After conferring with our auditor, it was suggested to sell some vehicles on Purple Wave to pay for setting up new emergency vehicles. Gunnar will do a Notice of Sale. Don moved, John seconded to follow the above suggestion, motion carried.

Discussed the County building in Belvidere, it needs sandblasted before painting. The cost was high. Gunnar suggested purchasing our own sandblaster. He will get quotes to present at a later date.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

Kendal reported on prisoner numbers and costs.

Ron asked to get a Law Enforcement person to take his position on the Cimarron Basin Correctional Board of Directors. Kendal will assign someone to that position.

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

They discussed plans to change floor plan of the conference room.

Belvidere and Wellsford were not included in original bid for street signs. Their inclusion will add 75 more signs, raising the costs considerable. Ray will discuss with our auditor about being exempt from purchasing policy for quotes.

Ray reported projects being taken care of in and around the Courthouse.

Dawn spoke about the fire station add on in Mullinville, clarifying that the County is requesting to enlarge the building.

The temporary RV Park established right after the storm on County property has fulfilled its original purpose to house volunteers coming into the community to help rebuild. Ray will address this with Tom Corns and Randy Kelley, who have been running that facility since the beginning.

John Wickland came to ask approval of Elvera Unruh to be appointed to the KCCA Board. Don moved and Ron seconded to approve the appointment, motion carried. John updated his progress on researching either funds to build a new building or find an already existing building for the new home for KCCA.

Rick and Cody Sherer came to the Commission to clarify the purchasing policy for the County. Discussed different avenues to complete the add- on of the Mullinville Fire Dept. building. The Commission is leaving it up to Rick as to which way to go; hire a General Contractor or be the General Contractor himself. Discussed a gas line on the property.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came with the following:

Mitzi reminded all of the Health Fair on 4/9.

The auditor advised the Health Dept. to keep paying benefits to use grant dollars.

She hired Marsha Klein to replace Lynn McComb.

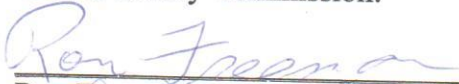
The Commissioners discussed the issue of indigent burials. Dawn will create a resolution for up to \$550 for indigent burials.

They discussed Dawn's research regarding Plats and Surveyors.

Dawn presented a draft letter to KDOT to lobby for highway construction through Kiowa County.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman

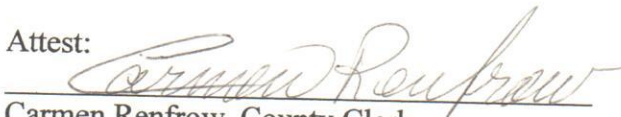


Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk