

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

March 31, 2010

9:00 a.m.

9:00 Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting with Gene West and Don Richards present. Don offered a prayer. Also present was Rhonda Whitney, taking minutes of the meeting in the absence of Carmen Renfrow.

9:04 The agenda was reviewed and additions made as follows:
The SRS open house will be April 12, 2010 at 2:00pm.
The Commons groundbreaking is set for April 20, 2010 at 11:00am.
SCKAC fees

Approve minutes of March 15, 2010

Gene moved to approve the agenda as ammended, Don seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

9:05 Gene moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers and payroll, subject to the county attorney's approval. Don seconded the motion, carried unanimously. Gene moved to approve payroll changes for the resignation of Charlene Daniels and raises for Kristie Odle and Rhonda Whitney. Don seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

9:07 Gene moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010. Don seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

9:08 Don moved to adopt the Animal Control Policy pursuant to K.S.A 21-4311. Gene seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

9:10 Ron shared the letter from Sunflower RC& D requesting support with a donation of \$750. Gene moved to approve this contribution, Don seconded, motion passed unanimously.

9:12 Ron shared with the other commissioners a letter from S.C.K.A.C.E., (South Central Kansas Association of Commissioners and Engineers) requesting \$25 for dues. Gene moved to pay the \$25.00, Don seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

9:14 Gene announces the Ministerial Alliance time of prayer for leaders April 8, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Greensburg Christian Church.

9:15 Gunnar joined the meeting at this time. Don lets Gunnar know that Sheldon Carpenter has asked for assistance with four post holes being dug and might be contacting him.

Gunnar advised the Commission about what items are on Purple Wave, the funds from which are to be put toward a slope mower. He would like permission to bid on the slope mower he has been researching before his auction ends. Don moved and Gene seconded the motion to approve this purchase, passed unanimously.

Gunnar presented Dawn with an application to charge at the Solid Waste Department for review.

Ron mentions to Gunnar that the blacktop near the cemetery north of Mullinville needs attention. The county has resealed it in the past and Gunnar will check to see if this is indeed the county's responsible and what expenses need to be reimbursed to the county for doing this.

9:30 Before Gunnar leaves the meeting, Ray Stegman asks about moving pods. Gunnar will see about placing some crushed concrete to put them on so they can be sprayed.

Ray then mentions that the grading package at the Community building is done and ready for sidewalks and a driveway, as well as seeding. The commissioners encourage Ray to proceed with plans like appliances, office flooring and grass seed.

9:40 Ray has contacted BTI for a service contract on the generator and has found there quote of \$1163.82 to be considerably cheaper than CAT and won't affect the warranty. This contract will include servicing once a year and inspection twice a year.

Noxious Weed will hand spray our landscaping and Ray has ensured that this will not affect our warranty.

Waldinger's is working on the cistern.

Ray will be running another ad next week inviting people to help clear out the items in the red barn.

Several people have wanted to rent the Community Center, but it is not ready. The volunteers have been unable to get someone to donate and build duct work. It may be beneficial to determine if it would be worth paying to finish rather than waiting for volunteers so that it could be rented.

The Spirit of Greensburg committee will be applying for a CMB license to sell beer at the upcoming George Jones concert.

Ray's office has applied for and received another 911 grant. This \$35,150 will be used for updating computer equipment at the Sheriff's Department.

9:55 Kendal Lothman arrived and discussion resumed on the upcoming George Jones concert. Quite an expense will be incurred for security, probably 10-20 additional officers from other counties will have to be called in. This will be an estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 just in wages. Ford County will bring their instant command center. Scott Reinecke or Bob Wetmore will be contacted to see if some costs can be recouped. EMS director Chad Pore estimates \$1,500-\$2,000 in extra expenses for their department.

Kendal informs the commissioners about a patrol car catching fire earlier this week during a pursuit. He estimates insurance proceeds will be enough to purchase another highway patrol car and replace equipment.

Bolen's Office Supply did the computer move when the Sheriff's office moved back into the permanent building and the cost was considerable- around \$7,100. It was a necessary expense.

Kendal presented a contract with Sedgwick County for housing their prisoners. They pay \$30 per day, per prisoner. Gene moved to sign the contract; Don seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Kendal has spoken with Rich Taylor of the union about the Community Center issues Ray discussed earlier in the meeting. The gas meter can't go in until the duct work is complete.

On the Sheriff's office contract, Coonrod subbed out to Klein who subbed out to Southwest Cabling, but then went broke. Southwest Cabling is owed \$23,000 and considered filing a mechanic's lien against the Sheriff's office. The statutory bond should cover this. The County Attorney, Candace Lattin and GLMV's legal department are researching to see if the county needs to take any action.

The Sheriff's office purchased 2 patrol cars from the Highway Patrol. One of these replaces a pickup that will be kept for part-time and back-up. The other replaces a 2005 Crown Victoria that Ray Stegman will trade out for the labor involved to install the equipment and light bars in the new cars. The commissioners agree.

11:00 EMS Director Chad Pore requested permission to do a lease purchase agreement for a transfer ambulance. He has researched and found a Sprinter Type II which is environmentally friendly and gets twice the miles per gallon compared to regular ambulances. Spreadsheets were provided to the commissioners to show how much the number of transfers has increased in the last couple of years. The commission asked Chad to come to the April 19th meeting to allow them some time to see if there might be emergency equipment funds available to help pay for this upfront rather than paying interest over five years.

Chad's next item of discussion was the inconvenience often posed by Dr. Malouf being the only coroner in the county. Chad would like permission to attend, along with his assistant Rosa Spainhour, a week long class in St. Louis which costs \$825 plus lodging, but would enable them to order autopsies and sign death certificates. Don moved and Gene seconded a motion allowing this expense to come out of the commissioner's fund, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 35 am.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman
Gene West
Ronald A. Richards

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk