

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
March 5, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, Kristie Odle, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Gunnar Stauth, Eric Peters, Rick Sherer, Jan West, Gene West, John Wickland, Scott Rose, Roy Halley, Bonnie Kuhn, Hank Halley, Kari Kyle, Bill Robbins, Cody Sherer, Ed Koger, Kendal Lothman and Jeff Blackburn

9:00: After the prayer given by Scott Rose, Chairman Don Richards opened the meeting.

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

Ron moved and Don seconded to approve Tax Roll changes, motion carried.

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

He brought a picture of the roof on the Mullinville shop. The roof needs to be repaired due to rust and normal wear he will need to put a sealant on the roof when it warms up. He also explained he talked to Foley about the tour April 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> that only two could attend and Ron said he already signed up and Don wasn't interested at this time but John could attend if he wanted to. He also updated them that the John Deer Loader is at Murphy's in Dodge City to get repairs on the relief valve which will cost around \$1100. Gunnar asked for a 5 minute executive session at 9:08 and Ron suggested 10 minutes due to 5 minutes not being enough time. Ron moved and Don seconded for a 10 minute for non-elected personnel with Deputy Clerk and County Counsel in attendance, motion carried. After 10 minutes regular meeting resumed at 9:18 with no action taken.

9:20 Eric Peters, Solid Waste Supervisor, came with the following:

He brought pamphlets on a Plot Plan for the landfill. It is a 3 year process. Eric called Gary Christenson from KDHE and talked to him about the existing surveying documents he has on file with Kirk and Michael Land Surveying Co and Gary will come out and look at them. He showed a picture of the 2006 tracker loader they purchased and showed them where the old shields were taken off and he had to build new shields for the front rollers due to mud and trash collecting in the rollers. A new shield would cost around \$698 each. Don asked what the purchase of the speakers and radio were for and he explained the loader came with one speaker and the radio didn't work. He also explained that when you are in the loader you can't really hear the handheld radio if someone is trying to talk to you. So he got the new radio and speakers so he could plug in the handheld and be able to hear the traffic over the radio. Ron asked if he couldn't use his county cell phone and Eric explained that he always has missed calls due to not being able to hear it ring or feel it vibrate. Ron asked that he come to them next time before purchasing anything that is unnecessary as in the speakers because there was one in it already. Eric didn't know he needed too since it was under the \$500 allowance but would in the future. Don moved and Ron seconded to go into a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel, with Eric in attendance, motion carried at 9:34. After 15 minutes, the regular meeting was resumed at 9:49 with no action taken.

9:27 Payroll notice for Sue McVey was moved by Ron and seconded by Don to approve, motion carried.

10:12 Ray Stegman brought bids on yard maintenance. Ron moved to approve the bid from Yonnie's Landscaping of \$4255 and Don seconded, motion carried. He also collected bids for seed cost for the Community Center. After much discussion on what to plant Ron moved to plant buffalo and wheat at the Community Center and Don seconded, motion carried.

10:22 Rick Sherer and Cody Sherer came to discuss the burn ban that was put in place in 2011. After much discussion on an incident last year, Don asked for Kendal to join the meeting. Dawn explained it was not up to the County Counselor to file the paper work that it is a criminal matter and that Kendal would have to file it through the County Attorney's office and it would be up to the County Attorneys discretion to go from there.

10:45 John Wickland came to introduce Kari Kyle the new director of the Senior Center and explain that the final inspection will be next week and the grand opening will be April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. He will be working with her in the next 6 weeks to help her.

11:00 Ed Koger came to discuss the Belvidere Cemetery "Soldier Creek" with others from the Belvidere area. Don explained there would be no action taken today due to John Unruh being absent and Dawn Hayes would like to research more into the legal side and to arrange for a clear title. Ed asked if he could continue with gathering board members and Dawn said that would be fine but to understand that the board will not be able to act as members till she gets all the legal issues worked out and Ed understood. He advised he has all the information on plots, deeds and etc. in a lockbox in the Haviland State Bank. Dawn was unaware he had any documents due to last discussion no one knew of any so she asked for him to bring them to her till they get this matter settled. Ed volunteered to mow the cemetery for the upcoming season till the board can get arranged. Bill Robbins spoke just to clear up the matter. He wanted to make sure he heard correct, that they could continue on burials at the cemetery if they have existing plots and Dawn advised yes that was correct, but they could not sell any more plots till she gets the clear title and the board takes over. Everyone was clear on what she mentioned earlier.

11:15 Kendal arrived.

11:25 Jan West came with the formal request for video permission to record the first Commissioner's meeting of each month. She also mentioned that they could record more meetings if the Commissioner's felt they would be needed. She gave a quick update on upcoming events as in the Media Center is offering classes for the Girl Scouts and the Video Club with 14 members has created a virtual tour of the school that will be finished soon. And mentioned the movie the Media Center is producing for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will actually be shown in the Media Center television studio in the Commons that they will be doing 20-30 minutes videos on the past and present. Also the Media Trailer will be used on Memorial Day weekend in front of the Commons to promote various activities of the event.

11:27 Eric Peters arrived.

11:30 Don explained to Kendal that Rick Sherer came in earlier and they discussed an issue that happened last year and Kendal mentioned that Rick came to talk to him. After a little discussion Dawn explained this matter was something he should have filed with the County Attorney's office due to it being a criminal matter. Kendal did explain he has asked other surrounding counties on how they handle a matter as this and everyone does it different. Dawn suggested he get with Candace and discuss how they could handle future cases as this. Kendal briefly updated on positions he is hiring in his office and explained that he will be selling a few old cars on Purple wave and would ask the money they receive put in the Reserve Special Equipment Fund to go to a possible purchase of a new car at the end of 2012.

11:54 Ron moved and Don seconded to go into a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel with Eric, motion carried. After 10 minutes, the regular meeting resumed at 12:04 with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman  
Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards  
Don Richards, Commissioner

John Unruh  
John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: Kristie Odle  
Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk

Sign In Sheet  
Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

Date: 3-5-12

Please Print

Name:

Affiliation

BONNIE KUHN

Scott Rose

Boyd Halley

Hank Halley

[Signature]

Karen Kyle

Bill Robbins

[Signature]