

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

May 17, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Terry Mayhew, D.J. McMurry, Ray Stegman, Dawn Hayes.

9:00: Ron opened the meeting. Don moved to approve the agenda with the change of Chad Pore being taken off for this meeting, Gene seconded, motion carried.

D.J. and Ray asked for an executive session; Gene moved for an executive session for ten minutes for non-elected personnel, Ron seconded, motion carried. After ten minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Gene moved to accept a contract with Bolen's Office Supply for IT services. Gary Hayworth is no longer working for Pratt or Kiowa Counties as IT personnel. Don seconded Gene's motion, it carried unanimously.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the May 3rd minutes, motion carried.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the Accounts Payable, subject to the County Attorney's approval, motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve payroll changes for John Little, Corla Clark, Sharon Sangster, Laura Gwin, motion carried.

Ron moved to give a sponsorship of \$250.00 for the Pay It Forward Benefit, in answer to Laura Stoltenberg's request last meeting, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor attended the meeting with the following:

Wendell Unruh wants to put a fence on his property, but there is a road in its path and there are no records of a closure. Gunnar's records show there is "no use" on this road. He will check with D.J. to see if there's any record in the Appraiser's office of a closure.

Gunnar wrote a letter to the Mullinville Cemetery regarding their road. In the letter were options of work that could be done. He is waiting to hear back from them.

He also received a letter from KDOT in response to their question to the Commissioners earlier about the Centerview road in the new highway plan. KDOT wants to raise Centerview road instead of the Highway.

Naberhood Electric requested a road crossing for underground lines at K Street. Gene moved to approve the request, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar prepared a contract for landfill users who want to charge their fees for dumping. Gene moved to approve the contract, Ron seconded, motion carried.

KDOT has a crack sealing machine up for auction and Gunnar asked if he could go as high as \$3,000 to bid on it. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

Ray joined Gunnar to suggest hiring a part-time person for the summer to mow at the different County facilities. Ray has money in his budget for wages and Gunnar will supervise that person. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

Bruce Foster from Noxious Weed brought in his annual report of Weed Eradication for 2009. The Commissioners signed, one copy goes to the Clerk and one to the State.

The County Soil Conservation District representatives Donna and Pat Greenleaf, Dave Allen, and Jamie Holopirek came to present their budget request for 2011. The Commissioners will take this under consideration at the time they prepare the annual budget.

10:00: A ten minute break was taken at this time.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff came to present the following:

There is still a leak in the basement of the jail, probably due to taking the cement away from the west side and putting in landscape shrubs. There are two options to correct this problem. 1) Remove landscaping and soil and seal the basement wall; then replace the landscaping at a cost of \$18,000. 2) Remove the landscaping and put back the cement at a cost of \$650.00. The Commissioners unanimously chose option 2.

On the Sheriff's department lawn, the cost to put in Zoysia Sod instead of Buffalo seed is \$18,000. They discussed this cost versus hiring someone to drag hoses and water for the next 3 to 4 years. It was decided to go with the sod.

The front door of the jail won't stay closed during windy days; it will cost \$3,000 to fix the problem but, it has to be done.

Three areas of the jail were missed for installing cameras. The cost to correct this is \$2467.65; Kendal will take it out of his budget.

The fair grounds are close to being done. On May 21st there will be a final clean up.

At Belvidere School they are working on the roof and should be finished this week. Kendal suggested removing the old heating oil tank in the future.

Ray Stegman, Emergency Management Coordinator updated the Commission with the following:

Everything is in the new Fire Dept. facility. Arrow Sangi will make any repairs to the rented facility that was used for the past three years as a temporary Fire Dept.

Ray presented a one page procurement policy he created with the help of our County Council, Dawn Hayes. The Commissioners will consider this and make a decision in the near future.

There are grant funds to pay for the water lines at the fairgrounds.

The lumber for the exterior of the concession stand at the fairgrounds will cost about \$17,000. There is left over lumber available for the interior at no cost.

Ray is in charge of the 911 addressing system. He had to re-calculate all the addresses according to State guidelines; out of over two thousand addresses only five have to change.

Kirk and Michaels Engineering is working on the grading package for the fairgrounds. It has changed considerably since the first time they looked at it.

Marilyn Brown came to the meeting and presented a written statement that she was hiring two temporary employees for the summer to help in the R.O.D. office. Judith Schoenberger will be their supervisor and they will be paid from their technology fund.

Debbi Allison and Jan Rush came to present the County Library's budget request. Debbi suggested the librarians be on the County payroll and receive benefits. The Commissioners will take that under consideration. Matt Christenson told Debbi earlier that there was \$300,000 insurance money for the library for furnishing and contents. She asked for a blueprint with dimensions so she could plan the layout of the library. She also stated they had saved \$76,000 in their general fund.

John Wickland, representing the Kiowa County Council on Aging, presented an update. Noon meals have been re-established at the Methodist Church, as well as home deliveries.

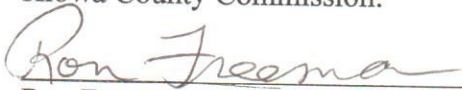
Ed Davis from Haviland has agreed to be on the KCCA Board; John asked the Commissioners to approve his appointment. Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the appointment, motion carried.

Their budget for 2011 will be available at the June 7th meeting as well as a revision of the 2010 budget. John met with the Masons about the option of sharing their building; more meetings are planned in the future. He is also working on the plans for a new building to lower the cost. KCCA will take over the ownership of the Senior's busses; they have had them serviced and new tires are to be put on.

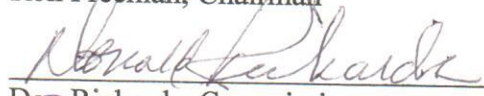
John asked if the Commissioners would release the tax levy funds of January 2010 through mid-May, 2010. He indicated he had done everything requested in the letter from the attorney last year. The Commissioners agreed that the conditions of the letter have been met. Gene moved to release the funds, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gene moved and Ron seconded to adjourn, meeting was adjourned at 12:05


Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

Kiowa County Register Of Deeds



Two college students are hired for the summer to help in the Register of Deeds Office. They will help go through our school records and documents.

It will roughly cost \$8,500.00 for 12 weeks. There is \$42,000.00 in the Register of Deeds Tech Fund that will be used to pay the part time help.

Judy will be the supervisor over the college students.

Bids are coming in again for backing up our precious documents. Hopefully we can accomplish this task during the summer with our part time help.

Thanks,
Marilyn Brown
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