Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room May 2, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Ray Stegman, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes Willard Olinger.

9:00: After the prayer, Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting. Don moved and John seconded to approve the agenda, motion carried.

9:10 Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

Corey Zenger won't need a gas line road crossing previously asked for, but does need an electrical line at the same location. Ron moved to approve, John seconded, motion carried.

After more discussion, John moved and Ron seconded to lease a new CAT 12m grader. There is a five year or five thousand mile warranty included.

Discussion on road maintenance followed.

After a brief break, the Commission and Ray discussed the options and measurements of the Conference room remodel

11:15: Jan West, Media Center Board Chairman, came to update the Commission on the activities of the Media Center. They met with contributors at the NAB meeting in April and gained approximately one half million dollars in contributions of equipment to the Media Center. They are collaborating with Greentown on filming green building topics. They have Dream Weaver for internet website and hope to have the local calendar by this Memorial Day holiday.

Their Board hopes to meet with the other Boards of the entities in the Commons building.

Matt Christenson came in to let the Commission know the State Director of USDA will be here on May 17th for a tour of the County Projects. He asked that at least one Commissioner be available to accompany them and be available.

11:45: Kristen Heines came to report on CASA programs, needs and costs. She is requesting \$250.00 from Kiowa County again for their 2012 Budget. Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the financial support, motion carried.

Open Forum: A discussion on purchasing/leasing equipment, getting bids was held. The Commission will suggest to Gunnar to start estimating what he'll need for 2012 and get bids lined up as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08

Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards, Commissioner

Kiowa County Commission:

John Unruh Commissioner

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk