

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

May 28, 2010

Present: Don Richards, Ron Freeman, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman, Jan West for the Kiowa County Signal

Ron opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

Don moved and Gene seconded to add a discussion on decision making outside of meetings to the agenda and to have that discussion immediately.

The discussion was initiated due to phone calls to Commissioners from outside persons wanting decisions from them individually on certain subjects. Unknown to the Commissioners, Ray Stegman was not included in the phone calls and thus created miscommunication and confusion. The Commissioners agreed that all information goes through Ray Stegman first as he is the County Supervisor/Manager.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of May 17th with a spelling correction, motion carried.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve payroll changes for Amber Stegman and Nikki Brown, summer employees in the Register of Deeds office, motion carried.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve payroll and accounts payable subject to County Council's approval, motion carried.

At 9:11 am Gene moved and Don seconded to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for five minutes, motion carried. At 9:16 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken. Gene moved and Don seconded to extend the executive session for an additional ten minutes, motion carried. At 9:26 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Don moved and Gene seconded to follow the written policy for vacation pay accrual for all employees.

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Gunnar Stauth updated the Commission on status of the personnel in his department. They are as follows: Summer employee, Tyler Stegman; promotion to diesel mechanic, Sean Kost; change in position, Corey Maas, and Eddie Osborne's immediate resignation. Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the payroll changes for these employees.

Gunnar presented two road crossing requests, one from TGT for a 2" salt water line on G Road and one from Dale Hayes for a power line on Road 51. Gene moved and Don seconded to approve these requests, motions carried.

Next, Gunnar presented bids for 45 tons of asphalt, they are as follows: Hefts & Sons, \$48.90 per ton; Apax \$52.00 per ton; and Venture \$65.00 per ton. Gene moved and Don seconded to accept Heft & Son's bid. Gunnar shared that he was planning on letting the Chat sealing wait and use the money for asphalt as there is a greater need at present.

Gunnar presented his budget for 2011 for his department, a brief discussion followed. He showed a picture of tree removal on North Main on and near Ki Gamble's property.

9:50 Break

10:00 D.J. McMurry came to present the following:

Payroll Change for Karen Butler and Chelsey Cantrell, Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the changes, motion carried.

He presented his budget and asked how the Capital Outlay line item should be used. Discussion followed, clarification with Theresa, our auditor, is needed.

10:20 Kendal Lothman, Sheriff presented the following:

The Belvidere school house is almost finished.

Next week construction on the pole barn at the fairgrounds is to start.

The toilets for the jail will be here earlier than expected.

10:30 Cassandra Fisher of Arrowhead West came to renew the Commissioners support for their program in Kiowa County. The State has cut their budget by 1.2 million dollars. They are doing fund raisers to help defray some of the costs. They are asking for \$6,200.

10:40 Ray Stegman brought in the bids for the vehicle the County is selling; they are as follows:

1. \$1,276.00

2. \$1,012.50

3. \$401.00

4. \$653.50

Don moved and Gene seconded to accept the highest bid from Jane Randel, motion carried.

Pam Muntz and Paul Unruh came to present the Extension's budget. They also expressed concern over the timely completion of the Community building for the 4-H Fair this summer. Ray and the Commissioners assured them that the building may not be completely finished, but it will be far enough along that they will be able to use it for the fair.

11:30 District Court, Ann Dixson and Debbie Schmidt, brought estimates for a fix for the problems with the glass/window issues of sound and access at the District Court offices. Ann received only one response from three attempts for estimates. The Commissioners O.K'd the estimate that was received. Next, they discussed their budget for 2011.

11:40 P.I.C., Rhonda Fernandez, came to have a contract agreement change with Infinisource signed. Discussion followed and she will be coming back at a later date with options for next year's medical benefit employee package.

Rick and Cody Sherer and Jay Koehn came with the following:

Jay said Colorado Interstate donated a pick-up to the Fire Dept. and he wants to insure it and equip it for use in Mullinville. Commissioners agreed by consensus.

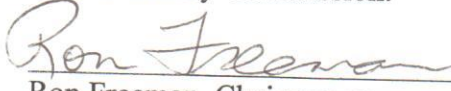
Next Rick and Cody presented an estimate of costs for an addition to the Mullinville station. The numbers are for the Commissioners to use when determining the 2011 budget. There was a discussion of ownership of property and buildings. Dawn, Ray and Jay are consulting on that issue.

The Kiowa County Museum Board came to present their budget. In attendance were Travis Barnes, Nancy Davis, Ed Schoenberger and Bob Aherns. This is the first year for a budget for the County Museum.

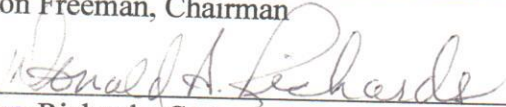
Ray asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel for five minutes, Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. After five minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Don moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25, Ron seconded, motion carried.

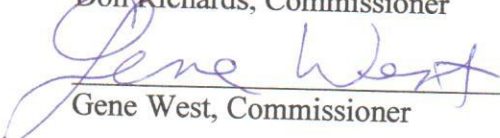
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:


Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk