

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

May 3, 2010

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

At 9:00 am Ron opened the meeting.

Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the Minutes of April 30th, motion carried.

9: 05 D.J. McMurry and Ray Stegman asked for an executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Gene moved to approve the request, Don seconded, motion carried.

At 9:15 they resumed the regular meeting with no action taken.

Gunnar Stauth came in to present two proposals from KDOT for the highway configuration of Highway 54 and Centerview/Cities Service Road. One was for the County road to be reconstructed to go over the highway and the other was for the highway to be built over the County Road. KDOT wanted a consensus of the Commissioners on the two choices. The Commission agreed on the option keeping the County road as is.

Kristen Heins of CASA in Dodge City came to update the Commission on the state of the program. She asked for a \$250 donation for 2011. She stated they need a volunteer board member from Kiowa County and to let her know if anyone would be interested.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff and Richard McVey, Undersheriff came to the meeting with the following:

There will be a Torch Run event for Special Olympics by the Sheriff's Dept on May 22 at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds. Richard asked the Commissioners to attend and receive the torch for this community. The Commission agreed to attend.

Richard next reported on the drug dog's accomplishments. With his help the Sheriff's department has been able to seize over one half million dollars in drugs; not including the recent seizure of over \$50,000 in cash. Some citizens are concerned about the cost of their dog. There is never any tax payer money used in the upkeep of the dog, nor was the dog purchased with tax payer money. He has been a great asset to the department and to this community.

Kendal addressed the issue of the Justice Boss Software System. After consulting with our auditors and the County Attorney, the software will be purchased on a yearly renewable contract. The cost is \$9,899 for the software; the yearly service fee is \$1,800 yearly; he will pay for this out of his budget. Securist Phone System in the jail will provide profit and the Commission agreed to let him keep that to help pay for the software and service fee.

Kendal discussed his storage issues. The County owns six storage pods and eventually all will be kept at the Road & Bridge compound with two being kept at the fire station.

Next Carmen presented some suggestions to the Commission that were proposed at the December department head meeting. The Commission asked for a list of these changes with what the benefit would be for the County and what policy would have to change.

Laura Stoltenberg came to the meeting on behalf of the "Paying It Forward" Benefit to be held on May 29th. She was asking for a sponsorship donation of an amount of their choosing. This is the first year for this and it's not known how much will be needed. So far most all costs are covered; they just need funds for T-shirts. They asked to table this until next meeting.

Oscar Ebert asked to talk to the Commission about the Belvidere fire truck. But instead, he talked about a survey letter that was sent out from Pittsburg State College. He was accompanied by Robert Ellis. The survey was commissioned at Ray Stegman's request several months ago. The survey is part of a list of requirements to obtain a CDBG grant. Pittsburg State did the survey as a class project at no cost to the county and the survey can be used by the county and all three cities in the county should they wish to apply for a grant. Oscar and Robert said the letter was misleading because the name of the town, Haviland, was included in the letter and he stated that Haviland did not agree to this survey. The Commission and Ray agreed that they should not have put the cities name on the survey. They will write a letter to the cities and Ray will attend the city council meetings of Haviland & Mullinville to explain.

They asked the status of the protest petitions that were sent in November. They stated that they were supposed to hear a response from the County Attorney five days from the day they were brought in to the Clerk's office. The Commission said that they were notified and the subject of the petition, using tax dollars for a revenue bond, was abandoned.

After the Clerk asked if he had anything about a fire truck, Oscar said there were going to be repairs needed on the Belvidere fire truck. The Commission said to confer with Fire Chief, Jay Koehn and get it fixed.

Ray Stegman explained the survey letter in detail to them.

Jan West came in to update the Commission on the Media Center's 5013C; the paper work has been sent in and they should have the certificate in a week. She wants to set a day and time to have the Commission meet with the Media Center Board and share all that has been accomplished to date.

Gene moved the meeting be adjourned, Don seconded, motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 12:05

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman

Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards

Don Richards, Commissioner

Gene West

Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk