

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
May 31, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Ray Stegman, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, D.J. McMurry, Willard Olinger, Marcylyn Woolsey.

9:00: Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the agenda as amended; Dawn asked for an executive session to be scheduled, motion carried.

Ron moved and Don seconded to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege for five minutes from 9:05 until 9:10, motion carried.

9:10 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken in executive session.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the minutes of 5/16 as corrected. Ron wanted the name of the City Administrator to be included, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the A/P and Payroll subject to approval of County Counsel, motion carried.

I, Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk, addressed the Commission with a request to hire a part-time, temporary person to research Severed Minerals. As I don't have the funds in my budget to pay this person, the Commissioners agreed to use the Commissioners fund up to \$3500.00 to start for payment of this position. If more funds are needed, they will reconsider the amount.

Marcylyn Woolsey came to the meeting to complain about incorrect information published in the Kiowa County Signal. The paper printed the wrong dates for taxes due. Mark Anderson explained it was just a mistake; the wrong stock ad was printed. After discussion it was discerned that she was concerned about being out of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program she had applied for in 2008. D.J. McMurry explained that she was already out of the program due to her not completing the building project in over two years. She said it was because she had been sick. After more discussion John moved to extend her NRP time for completing construction until January of 2012 due to her health issues, Don seconded, motion carried.

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

Spring Creek requests a road crossing for a gas line at E St. and 19th Ave. Gunnar wants it to go in the middle of the road so County road maintenance won't run into the line. Ron moved to approve, John seconded, motion carried.

He brought two bids for oil, Vance at 2.20 per gal. not delivered, and Ergon at 1.99 per gal., delivered. Ron moved to use Ergon, John seconded, motion carried. Other bids for asphalt were Apex at 54.71 per ton, and Heft at 49.90 per ton. John moved to use Heft, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar reported that they used 300 tons of crushed concrete and 170 tons of chat for the fairgrounds project.

He asked for an executive session for attorney/client privilege for five minutes, John so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. The Clerk was invited to stay for the executive session. After five minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken. John moved and Don seconded for another executive session for non-elected personnel for five minutes, motion carried; the Clerk was asked to stay for the session. After five minutes, regular session resumed, no action taken.

John moved, Don seconded to approve a payroll change for Derry Liggett. He will work for Noxious Weed and Road & Bridge.

Ray Stegman, LTR/Administration Director, came with the following:

He thanked Gunnar for the road work at the Fairgrounds; many people commented on how nice it looked and how nice the whole fairgrounds looked.

The Clerk added that Ray had done most of the work at the fairgrounds with the help of his son. Between Ray and Gunnar's hands on hard work, the fairgrounds project has been a success.

John asked to put an ad in the local paper to thank all involved for the work done at the fairgrounds. They also discussed a sign being put in the barn with all the names of the people and businesses who donated time and material to the project.

Ray said the new road sign project is completed. One problem; they didn't take down the old signs. They discussed different possibilities to get the old signs taken down. Dick Robbins is to take possession of the old signs once they are taken down.

Matt Christenson, LTR, told the Commission that the Courthouse has received Gold LEED Certification as expected. They decided to order the same kind of plaque used in other building in the community. Matt will order it; it should arrive in a few weeks.

He brought bids for a copier for the library, to be purchased from the library funds. The lowest bid was from Dirks Copy Products. Don moved to accept Dirks' bid, John seconded, motion carried.

Matt discussed some changes needed in the Commons building:

Additional grinding and polishing of the floor in the museum at \$10K

Changes to a window and a counter top at \$6K

There is \$99,641.00 in the contingency fund. Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the changes, motion carried.

Matt reported there is \$351,000 in the library fund that should be used up as much as possible by the end of the year. Matt suggested benches for the Commons, file cabinets for Extension. The Commission agreed by consensus. Those departments that are ready can start moving into the building approximately June 27th of this year. The book shelves for the library won't be ready until July

John Wickland of KCCA presented their budget for 2012 and said they would not be asking for additional funds at this time.

Laura Stoltenberg, Executive Director of KCHA, came to ask the Commissioners to approve Susan Clayton of Mullinville as a Board member. Don so moved, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Dee Chandler and Rick Sherer, Economic Development, brought their budget requests for the County Commission.

Chuck Miller came representing the Twilight Theater Board to ask the Commission to consider giving some of the funds from the RV Park on Grove St. to their project. Don relayed that the County does not have that money at this time. Chuck shared their progress to date.

Tom Corns came earlier than their appointed time to discuss the RV Park on Grove St. County Counsel suggests the funds go through the County. John argued that the funds and the hook-ups do not belong to the County. More discussion followed. Don moved to accept the funds and split them as the Can Do Committee was going to do. The motion died for lack of a second. John moved to table the RV Park until the June 20th meeting, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Chad Pore, EMC Director, presented their budget request for 2012.

12:20: The Commission took a lunch break until 1:30 pm.

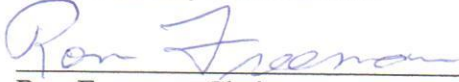
1:30: Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed, brought a payroll change for Derry Liggett. Ron moved, John seconded to approve the payroll change, motion carried.

1:35: Dawn Hayes, County Counsel, called for an executive session for 35 minutes for attorney contract negotiations; Don so moved, John seconded, motion carried.

After 35 minutes, Ron moved and Don seconded to go back into executive session for another 30 minutes, motion carried. After 30 more minutes the regular meeting resumed, with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk