

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

November 15, 2010

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Ray Stegman

9:00 Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting:

Approve the agenda: Don asked to add a discussion of the Recycling Center to the agenda. Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the agenda with the addition, motion carried.

Approve the minutes: Don moved and Gene seconded to approve the minutes of 10/29, 11/1, and 11/5/2010, motion carried.

Approve A/P & Payroll: Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the accounts payable subject to County Council's approval, motion carried.

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

Gunnar brought a payroll change for Mandy Sorg-Peters. Her wages have been well below the level of other clerical staff in the County. Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding setting a base pay for clerical staff in the County, as well as providing an employee evaluation form for all County employees. It would have to be flexible for each department's situations.

He presented costs estimates on re-doing wiring at the recycling building. The Commissioners decided to table a decision until he gets three bids.

Gunnar presented a road crossing request from Mary Melton for power lines on 37th Ave. Don moved, Gene seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

He showed pictures of the black top North of Haviland and the work they've done to stabilize the shoulders.

Gunnar took bids on grader blades, received three bids. Gene moved and Don seconded to approve the bid from Caterpillar at \$7,713.00.

Don brought up the question of what will happen to our recycling building when Nisley starts picking up the recycle directly from local residents. Gunnar assured the Commission that the recycling will still be used for other items not picked up by Nisley and by those who do not have pick up service.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, was out of town today.

Ray Stegman, LTR & Emergency Management Director, came with the following:

The Memorandum of Agreement of Vulnerable Needs Registry was signed by the Commission, with Gene's motion and Don's second to do so.

Ray has been working on the following:

Issues at the Rodeo Grounds;

Parking lot at the Hospital;

Two heaters at the Fire Dept. not working;

Courthouse: Floor refinishing has started. He will do the main corridor on Thanksgiving weekend.

There's a water leak still in Health Dept. ceiling on the north side.

They discussed options for renting Community Building to others and the seniors using it for their center full time.

Commissioner Discussion:

Gene moved to give a holiday pay adjustment of \$100.00 for full time employees, Don seconded, motion carried. Part-time employees holiday pay adjustment will be decided by their department head.

Flag Poles: they discussed the idea of the County installing three flag poles between the City Building and the Kiowa County Commons. The County would provide the power for the lights, and the City would supply the flags. The Commission agreed by consensus to go ahead with the project as explained above.

Ray presented the upcoming payroll changes, the dollar an hour raises for employees for 2011, for the Long Term Recovery/Administration personnel for January of 2011.

Mitzie Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came with the following:


They are working on updating school immunization records that were lost after the storm in 2007.

They received a grant from the Health Foundation which may be used to recoup expenses on vaccines.


The WIC audits are this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

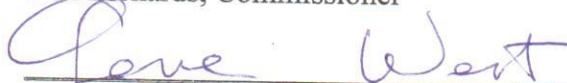
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk