

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
November 19, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, Kristie Odle, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Bert Lowry, Gunnar Stauth, Terry Mayhew, Mitzi Hesser, Rhonda Fernandez, Jay Koehn, Bill Hunter (RC&D)

9:00: After a prayer from Terry Mayhew, Don opened the meeting.

Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the consent agenda and the corrections to the 11-13-12 Special meeting minutes, motion carried 2-0. John is absent.

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

He brought each a copy of the revised letter he will be sending to Exelon showing the addition of 5 miles and that Exelon will pay 100% of the labor for the road work. Gunnar will come in next time with an update on their response.

He showed a map of the city limits of Greensburg and pointed out that there is discussion on the connecting link on East Grant. After research he or Ed Truelove (city administrator) couldn't find anything where the county and the city agreed on the connecting link fee every quarter of \$95. There could be a change in that fee in the near future and he will keep them updated on that.

KDHE called on some dumping on J St and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West of Mullinville. He showed pictures of the waste that was found and he has contacted Rob Roberts with the City of Mullinville to see if that area was used as an old dumping ground. He also added that if it was from the city that KDHE would pay for the cleanup with the help from city of Mullinville

He asked that they consider a .50 cent raise for R&B employees in January due to possible concerns of Oil field jobs coming available in the area and that he feels the department is deserving of the raise.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Department Supervisor – gave her monthly report for her department which includes: Flu shots, vision & hearing screens for the school, WIC audit and the new immunization refrigerator that was purchased with \$2500 from KDHE and \$2000 from Kiowa County Health Foundation and \$2062.98 from her Capital outlay funds. She presented an evaluation form for Commissioners to fill out for her yearly evaluation and be given to her once finished.

Matt Christenson came to get approval for blinds for the Extension Office. He reported where he would take the funds of the Commons building funds. He presented an estimate of \$586 from Fleener Furniture and Flooring for the blinds. Ron moved to purchase the blinds from Fleener's, Don seconded, and motion carried 2-0.

Jay Koehn, Fire Chief, – He informed that Unit 40 is in the shop for driveshaft repairs. He also would like to look into buying a used 3/4 ton pickup to install a skid unit for a field attack truck for Greensburg FD with funds from this year's budget and that in the near future they need to buy new tires for the military truck in Haviland. Ron told him to look around for a pickup and come back with more information at the next meeting.

Rhonda Fernandez- Came to discuss 2013 health insurance benefits. She explained that the county was sitting very well from the previous year and that everything will stay the same except that she suggested they move to the \$25,000 stop loss group which will be a 6.75% increase from the \$20,000 stop loss group they are in now. After much discussion Ron moved to renew the contract with the

6.75% increase for the stop loss group, Don seconded, motion carried 2-0. Rhonda will be back on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November to start the 2013 enrollments.

Bill Hunter, President of Sunflower RC&D came with Dollie Mathes and Teresa Mandwill – After explaining how the organization works and giving updates on projects that are in progress Ron suggested that Joel Schmidt come to the next meeting and discuss rejoining RC&D with John present as well and that they will contact them once they have spoken to the other individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Don Richards, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk

Sign In Sheet  
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Date: Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

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Name:

Affiliation

Bert Lowery

Mitzi Hesser

Jay Koehn

Rhonda Fernandez

PTC - Consultant

Dollie Mathes

Sunflower RCD Area, Inc.

Teresa Mandwill

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Bill Hunter

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