

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
October 15, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman, Bonnie Kuhn, Ellen Peters.

9:00: After a prayer by Ellen Peters, Don opened the meeting.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the consent agenda, motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the tax corrections presented, motion carried 3-0.

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

He sent the Heft & Son's quote for black top repairs to Blatner/ Excelon construction, but has not yet heard back from them.

Chesapeake announced they will be drilling at Eagle Canyon Ranch.

Tidelands, a seismic group, announced they will be in the north part of the county.

A guard rail has been replaced on the old highway.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, brought reports on their activities for the month.

There was information on the three major insurance companies that will be taking over Medicaid in Kansas.

She is purchasing a new refrigerator for storing drugs and vaccines. There are several different entities where funds are coming from as well as her capital outlay. The old refrigerator has an alarm to alert her when the temperature changes; its keeps going off when there is no reason.

There are auditors coming today from the State to audit the WIC program.

Don Richards, Chairman, wanted to discuss further the idea of having a county administrator. After some discussion John moved to table making a decision until next year when there will be a different board, but to continue to discuss the issue monthly until then, Ron seconded, motion carried, 3-0.

Chad Pore, EMS Director, came to inform the Commission that he's been made aware that Pratt County EMS ambulance has been called to Kiowa County, specifically in Haviland, to transport people to Pratt Hospital. His concerns are one, that they did not notify his department that they were dispatched to our county, if for no other reason than courtesy and two, that since Kiowa County EMS is closer they can get to the patient sooner. They are willing to transport Haviland people to Pratt if they request it. He has communicated to the Pratt County EMS director his concerns, but is not getting a clear answer. It was decided to write a letter from the Commissioners to the Pratt County Commissioners to make them aware of the situation.

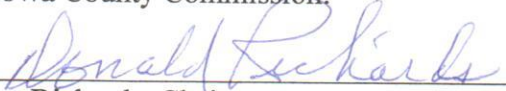
Mike Pompeo and his assistant came to the meeting, brought by Greensburg City Administrator, Ed Truelove. Mr. Pompeo is visiting several communities in his newly formed district, which we are now a part of. He wanted to introduce himself and answer any questions. He will speak at the Senior Center today at 11:00 am.

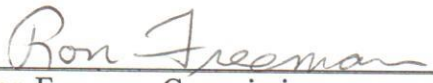
Chad Pore came back to discuss further the Pratt County issue; it was decided not to write a letter after all so as not to cause difficulties in the future.

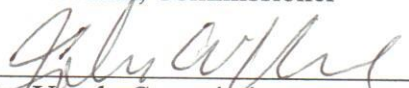
Dawn asked if the Commission was interested in purchasing any of the properties that are in the Sheriff's Sale on October 23rd. No definitive answer was given.

Don adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

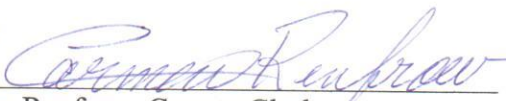
Kiowa County Commission:


Don Richards, Chairman


Ron Freeman, Commissioner


John Uhrh, Commissioner

Attest:


Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk