

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
October 17, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Dawn Hayes, Kendal Lothman, Mitzi Hesser, Matt Christenson, Gunnar Stauth, Eric Peters and Jeff Blackburn

9:00: After the prayer given by Jeff Blackburn, Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

John moved and Don seconded to approve the agenda with additions, motion carried.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes of and 10/03 as corrected.

Don moved and John seconded to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll subject to County Counsel, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to approve 4 Payroll change notices, motion carried.

9:10 Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

Road crossing permit for Haviland Telephone on intersection G & 59th going south one mile. John moved and Ron seconded, motion carried on road crossing permit. Gunnar reported problems with one of the grader's pump. The pump was \$3800 through Van Kempel in Wichita and has a 6 month warranty. Since they purchased the pump in March they have had problems, which they have reported to Van Kempel. Now the warranty has expired and pump has froze up. Gunnar is having problems with the company covering the part. Commission asked for Gunnar to use his best judgment in solving the problem. Don asked about a legal issue with one of the graders. Gunnar informed he had reported it to the Sheriff. Commissioners requested Kendal to come in and report on the issue. Kendal informed that it is under investigation.

9:23 Eric Peters, Solid Waste Supervisor, came with the following: He informed that he went to the 5 Year Solid Waste Management meeting and the board created the new 5 year worksheet. He would get with Carmen and publish a public hearing notice in the paper for the new contract with Solid Waste Management. He reported he has applications coming in for the position at the Landfill.

9:34 Break

9:56 Regular session began

09:56 Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept Supervisor came with the following:

She asked to have the Commissioners fill out an employee evaluation and give the form to the clerk's office for her employee record. She brought the school contracts for USD 422 and USD 474. John moved to approve and Don seconded, motion carried. Updates were given on the flu clinics and home foot care visits. She also informed that the office is closed due to being out for home visits; they leave a note on the door. She informed that they will start verifying insurance coverage on all patients before they are seen due to having problems with insurance covering visits. Don asked about overtime in the office. Mitzi informed that the overtime is due to back billing that the office help is working on to straightening up the files from the previous employee. Don suggested to stagger lunches or employees need to leave early to keep from having overtime because the policy manual states no overtime. She informed that it would be coming to an end shortly.

10:16 John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel and Don seconded, motion carried.

10:21 Regular session began with no action taken.

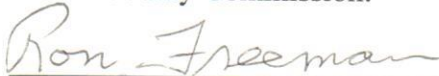
10:30 During open forum Matt Christenson came to discuss who they thought would be good to represent the Commission for the opening speech at The Commons building. Ron suggested seeing if Gene West would be able to speak due to his support for the operation while he was Commissioner. The others agreed. Matt also gave an update on the new server they installed this last weekend.

10:45 John moved for a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client privileges and Don seconded, motion carried.

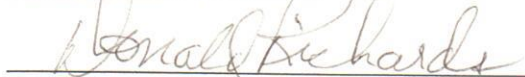
10:55 Regular session began with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk