

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
October 3, 2011

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Jeff Blackburn

9:00: After a prayer, Ron opened the meeting.

Don moved and John seconded to approve the consent agenda.

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

Bud Bowman from Haviland Cemetery asked if the County would haul sand for another road at the cemetery, the Commissioners agreed by consensus.

A land owner planted trees on the county right of way; Gunnar wanted direction as to how to handle informing that person the trees have to be moved. The Commission suggested Gunnar talk to the land owner first. If the problem persists, then the County Counsel can write a letter.

The Sheriff still has not contacted the suspect who used the County equipment illegally.

Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, came with the following:

He showed pictures of a recycle trailer in Haviland.

Greensburg asked to waive fees for concrete that has been dug up at the Big Well site; the Commission agreed by consensus.

Since the Gyp Hills Solid Waste organization was dissolved, the landfill has to create a 5-year plan for our landfill. Eric presented a list of volunteers for the Kiowa County Solid Waste Management Committee. Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the list, motion carried. Eric is working on a 5-year plan worksheet with the committee.

He asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel. John moved to go into executive session at 9:43 for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Carmen was asked to stay. After 10 minutes the regular meeting was resumed with no action taken by the Commission.

Mary Sweet, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital Director, came to update the Commission with the following:

A group of Architects are coming to look at the new buildings in Greensburg this month, a TV crew from China will also be here regarding the buildings and CBS is supposed to be here on Oct. 13th to do a piece on the LEED platinum buildings in town.

They have hired a new Physicians Assistant, Ms. Pham.

The Hospital Board will be meeting on Tues. Oct. 18th at noon this month.

The pharmacy should be available to open in November. Merlin McFarland from Kingman, a pharmacist, is willing to come in and help.

Don talked about the Phillips fund. He wants to apply the balance of the fund to the bond, which would lessen the length of time by 3 or 4 years, thus saving the interest that would be paid over the next 38 years until the bond is paid off, approximately \$300,000. Mary stated that the Hospital Board wanted to look into other options for that money. The Commission would like the Hospital Board to come to a meeting to discuss this matter.

Dick Robbins came into the meeting at 10:35.

The Commission discussed the Orkin contract for the Libraries. John moved to have the library board get bids from other companies, i.e. General Pest of Dodge City and No Pest of Hays, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Dick wanted to commend the Road and Bridge crew for the job they are doing on the roads.

John asked Dick's opinion on the Belvidere School house.

M.T. Liggett came into the meeting at 11:05 and left at 11:08

Dick discussed the history of the Belvidere School House. John moved to continue to supporting the School House as the County has up to now. Don seconded, motion carried.

Jan West of the Media Center came with the following:

The Mid America Ag Network representative, Ron Metzinger, will be here for the grand opening of the Kiowa County Commons Building on Nov. 1, 2011.

The Media Center will be assisting with the play of Greensburg's recovery.

They are covering Kiowa County School's games.

The Video Club at the school is up and running again this year.


They are going to be working with Barclay College and Haviland grade schools.

The Supreme Court live stream worked well. Due to that process the Courthouse is now set up to record the Commissioner's meetings whenever they want to start.

Their hours of operation are 9 - 12, 1 - 4 and evenings by appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk