

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
October 31, 2012

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

9:00: After a prayer by Don Richards, he opened the meeting.

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

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

He received a letter from KDOT informing him of the current balance in the grant fund of over \$54,000. This cannot be spent until next year. The State puts money in this account each year; it cannot be part of the budget and can be spent only on specific jobs having to do with roads and bridges.

He shared the letter and photos he sent to Exelon, the newest owners of the Shooting Star wind farm. The letter rejects their proposal on road repairs.

9:38: 10 minute break

Carmen Renfrow, Clerk, asked the Commission what day they wanted to hold the canvassing for the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> election. The options are Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>. By consensus they agreed to canvas the votes on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Nov. 12 is a holiday.

At 10:00 Don called the public hearing for the new Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The new program will run for three years from the time of adoption.

Dawn Hayes, County Counsel, updated the Commission on the recent tax sale and an ongoing law suit against the County.

The Clerk presented another offer from McDonald Land Services, for leasing oil and gas rights on the land where the County owns a weather tower, upping the offer from \$35.00 per acre and 3/16<sup>th</sup> royalty to \$50.00 per acre plus 3/16 royalty. The Commission, by consensus, presented a counter offer for the Clerk to respond with \$200.00 per acre and 3/16<sup>th</sup> royalty.

Next, the Clerk gave the Commission an agreement sent by Area I Workforce, from the State, asking for them to sign another agreement to update their records. The Commission will make a decision at the next meeting.

Mitzie Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came with a request to change Kerri Ulrich to a full time employee at 30 hours. She has the funds in her budget. The paper work from the State and Federal agencies for her dept. has increased so much that more man-hours is required to complete the work. John moved and Ron seconded to approve the payroll change, motion carried 3-0.


Ray Stegman, LTR, IT, Maintenance, Emergency Management, came to get approval to participate in a grant program from the State that pays for 75% of the cost of weather radios for the general public. The public will pay the other 25% coming to approximately \$8.00. There is no cost to the County. The Commission approved by consensus.

Out at the fairgrounds, there are five pallets of bricks and several feet of chain link fencing that is not being used. After discussion, the Commission decided to have Ray put an ad in the paper and sell the items.

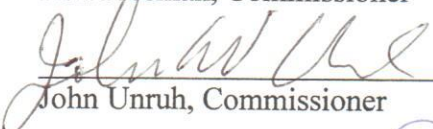
Ray was approached by the City of Greensburg City Manager with a proposal to have regular meetings with him, a Commissioner, Ray, and either the Mayor or a City Councilperson in an effort to keep communication open between the City and the County. The Commission asked that they attend a Commissioner's meeting to discuss it.

Don adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

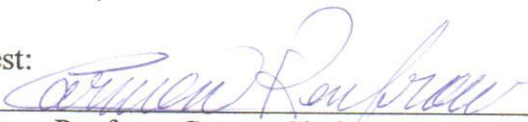
Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Don Richards, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

  
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John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk