

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

October 4, 2010

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman

9:00 Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting:

Approve the agenda: Gene moved to approve the agenda, Don seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk presented a certificate for a Cereal Malt Beverage license for the new owners of the 54 Truck Stop in Mullinville; Gene moved to approve the license, Don seconded, motion carried.

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

He asked for a five minute executive session for contract negotiations; Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried. After five minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Gene asked about South Cherry St. in Greensburg. Gunnar advised that it is the City's responsibility to maintain that street according to records at the Road & Bridge Office, they indicate which roads are the City's responsibilities and which are the County's, as agreed to between the City and County a long time ago.

Gene also asked about Ohio St. east of Heft's ready mix. Gunnar said he knew it was bad, but he didn't want to put much time and funds into it due to the new highway coming through and taking it out.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor came to ask the Commissioners for vacation from October 11th to the 19th. By Consensus they agreed.

Gene had asked that a discussion of the County Attorney's office be put on the agenda at this time; Candace Lattin, County Attorney, came to the meeting. Gene stated that he has received complaints over the past year about the County Attorney's office not being open during business hours. A year ago, the Commission declared that the Courthouse will be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Candace stated that they have been keeping 9:00 to 5:00 hours since she started here, but that she would let her secretary know to start coming in at 8:00 am. Also, since the secretary is alone in the office when the Attorneys aren't there, she needs to put a note on the door indicating when she will return when she has to leave for lunch, errands, etc.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

They still need to fill the jailer position. They also have an opening for a dispatcher; that notice will be going out immediately.

Kendal will meet next week with Steve Hewitt, Greensburg City Administrator, regarding the Law Enforcement Contract with the City.

Ron discussed sending a letter to ITC from Kiowa County Commissioners to encourage them to put their transmission lines through Kiowa County instead of neighboring counties. Dawn Hayes, County Council, is putting that letter together for the Clerk to send.

Ray Stegman, LTR & Emergency Management Director, came with the following:

Electrical and lighting in the Barn will be installed next Saturday. They're running lines to water the trees.

He has the new mower and is preparing to put it to work soon.

The lawn project for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center will be completed this week.

Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, brought information on upcoming and current health care law changes. She presented binders for all the Commissioners with options in Health Care Benefits.

Don moved and Gene seconded to accept Rhonda's recommendation to change to BMI self-funding insurance for medical benefits and dental, and Vision Care for optical care.

Gene moved and Don seconded to renew the consulting contract with PIC for three years, motion carried.

Jan West, Media Center Board President, came with the following:

Jan brought a lap top computer to show the video created by their director, Grant Neuhold. There are issues with the air conditioning in the media trailer; it will need to go back to Brown's for repairs after they attend the KAB, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, conference October 16-18.

They have a new website. The Board is creating policies for non-commercial and contract work.

Keri Beth has resigned from the board, so they're looking for a replacement as well as a student representative.

They want to have an open house locally for the media trailer very soon.

Ron stated that he has been asked if there is a difference between the Media Center and Economic Development. Discussion followed on the difference between the two entities.

Matt Christenson, LTR, came with the following:


For updates for the fairground completion he presented a summary of what the \$200,000 GO bond will be used for; it will cover the grading, paving, parking lot project. Gilmore & Bell will have the bond documents available for the 10/18 meeting. The closing resolutions will be approved at the first meeting of 2011 so payments will start in January of 2012.

Matt also gave summaries of funds owed to Coonrods & Associates, the contractors, for Courthouse and Jail project; they total over \$41,000. The Commissioners will wait till the end of the year and see what is available from insurance and building fund.

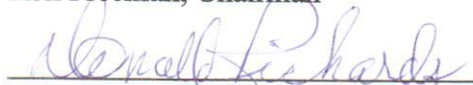
Rick Sherer was on the agenda for Economic Development, but did not attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.


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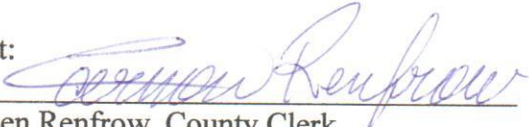
Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk