

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
September 17, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes.

9:00: After a prayer by Jeff Blackburn, Don called the meeting to order.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the consent agenda upon approval of the County Counsel on A/P and Payroll, motion carried 3-0.

After discussion they decided to table the decision on 2013 Holidays until the next meeting.

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

He introduced Kenny Proctor from Foley Caterpillar who came to discuss the truck and trailer lease as has been discussed the last two meetings. Gunnar also presented lease information from International, there was little difference. John moved to approve the seven year lease of the truck and belly dump trailer with Foley, with the trade in of the current truck, Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Delivery of truck should be in December and the trailer should be in March.

Resolution 2012-12, permitting installation and maintenance of entrance culverts, was presented for approval. Ron so moved and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2012-13, permitting right of way by utilities, was presented for approval. Ron so moved, Don seconded, motion carried with Don and Ron voting yes and John voting no.

Gunnar reminded them of the T-works meeting in Hutchinson on 9/27/2012 from 9-12noon.

He reported that an employee hit a steer with a county pick-up last Friday. This is another of a few similar incidents. He asked to be able to purchase several grill guards at the first of the year with the 2013 budget funds, the Commissioners agreed by consensus.

Gunnar reported that after looking through the paper work from the landfill, they found a permit application from KDHE that was past due and was never addressed; he completed the paperwork to keep the County compliant.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, came to update the Commission with her monthly report for services. She presented service contracts with Haviland School and Valley View School to be signed by the Commissioners. Flu vaccinations are starting again; when asked, the Commissioners agreed to pay for all county employees flu shots. Mitzi reported that Haviland Hardware store is now an approved WIC business.

Matt Christensen, IT, Long Term Recovery, came to present the cost of putting blinds on the windows in the Commons building in the fountain area. The only one who would bid was Adams Electric with a bid of \$9,209.00. There is over \$63,000 available in the fund to cover the costs. Ron moved to approve the purchase, John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

10:15- 10 minute break.

Joel Schmidt, employee from the landfill, came at the request of the Commissioners. The Commissioners asked if he would accept the position of Supervisor. Joel said he would prefer they offer the job to Joe Blair as he has been working there longer. Commissioners agreed. After further discussion, John moved to have the landfill closed on Mondays as of October 15, Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. They asked Joel to have Joe Blair to come to the meeting.

The Commission told Joel to meet with Gunnar and Bruce to create a plan to take up the slack in personnel at the landfill.

Bruce Foster, Noxious Weed Supervisor, came to discuss his secretary, Cindy Tuttle; he suggested she could act as a part-time secretary for the landfill. She is currently assisting in sorting and organizing the records from there. The Commission will consider the suggestion.


Dawn Hayes asked for a five minute executive session for attorney client privilege; John so moved and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. After five minutes the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Joe Blair came to the meeting at the Commissioners request. They asked him if he would accept the position of Landfill/Recycle Supervisor. Joe declined the offer saying he preferred to stay where he is; he didn't want to take on the responsibility as he will be retiring in the next two to three years. They discussed issues at the recycle building; he indicated several issues that were thought to be implemented by Eric in the past were never relayed to him. He also reminded the Commission that neither he nor Joel is certified as required with the state for supervising a landfill. This can be completed when someone has accepted the position of supervisor.

Joel Schmidt returned to the meeting as requested. The Commission offered him the position of Supervisor at the landfill; he accepted the position. John moved to raise his hourly wage to \$14.00 and revisit that after the 6 month probation period, Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

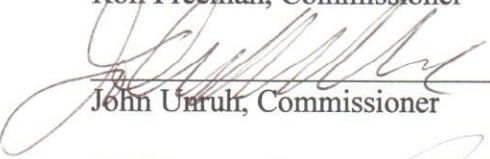
Kiowa County Commission:



Don Richards, Chairman




Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Urruti, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

