

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
September 19, 2011

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

9:00: Ron opened the meeting after a prayer.

John moved to approve the consent agenda, Don seconded, motion carried.

Don moved and John seconded to sign the Cimarron Basin Year End Report

Don moved and John seconded to approve the payroll change sheets for Chad Mull, Sue McVey of the Sheriff's department, motion carried.

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

Reilly Bennet of Blattner Energy came to introduce himself and his company as the one who will be building the Shooting Star wind farm for Infinity Wind Inc.

Gunnar presented a road crossing request for Haviland Telephone on Road 64. Ron moved and Don seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

Haviland Telephone also requested a road crossing for fiber optics on Road 11. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the request, motion carried.

Gunnar purchased two mower decks for \$800 and \$2,000.

John moved to go into executive session at 9:25 for attorney client privilege for five minutes, Ron seconded, motion carried. At 9:30 the regular session resumed with no action taken.

Chad Pore, EMS Director, came to address issues of public perception, gossip and complaints about his department that have come to the Commissioners. Chad presented an extensive list of accomplishments his department has attained over the past two to three years. He told the Commission the crew he has now is very well trained and have received several compliments from the public on their accomplishments and professionalism on the job. He asked the Commissioners to relay any calls or comments to his department to address.

Mary Sweet, KCMH Administrator, came with the figures the Commission asked for regarding their USDA bond. They discussed the details of the bond requirements pertaining to the required reserve fund and Mary's request to use some of the Phillips Fund money to complete that fund requirement. Don moved to use \$96,312.31 of the Phillips Fund to complete the reserve fund, Ron seconded, the motion carried with two votes for and one vote, John Unruh, against. The hospital will add what they have set aside, \$19,367.69 to bring the reserve fund up to the required \$115,630.00. The Clerk will work with the Treasurer to set up the required fund management.

J. Wynn Fleener of Fleener Funeral Home came in to present the same invoice as he presented before for an indigent veteran burial. He was paid the \$550.00 originally decided upon for indigent burials. Due to State statues, we are required to pay something for veteran indigents. John moved to approve resolution 2011-15 stating the Commission will pay \$1100.00 for veteran indigent burials, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Marsha Klein from the Health Department came in for Mitzi Hesser, the Director. She reported the flu vaccination schedule and asked if the Commission would cover the cost of employee's flu shots. Don moved and John seconded to cover the employee flu shots, motion carried.

School screenings started today. Marsha presented a contract for the Health Dept. to work with Valley View School. John moved and Don seconded to approve the contract, motion carried. She gave the Commission a schedule to Health Dept. travel for the month. The next request was to continue allowing the employees to give blood during a blood drive without having to clock out from work

Bill Robins came to the meeting.

Open Forum:

John said a tax payer showed him a text indicating an elected official was playing an on-line electronic game either on their phone or on a computer. The County Counselor reminded the Commission that elected officials are free to conduct their offices and their time as they choose; the Commission has no control over them.

Ray Stegman came to inform the Commission that the IT work is moving ahead and there will be costs involved in getting the systems updated and secure. The costs are unknown at this time.

The High School Rodeo was very successful with many compliments for the fairgrounds and rodeo facilities.

Ray is having surgery on his shoulder this Friday, 9/23 and is supposed to be off for six weeks.

John asked Bill Robins his opinion on the Belvidere School House. Bill indicated he thought the County should keep things as they are unless someone is willing to purchase it and keep it as is for the local residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk