

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

September 20, 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, Don seconded, motion carried.

Approve the minutes of 9/7/10: Gene moved, Don seconded, motion carried.

Approve A/P: Don moved, Gene seconded subject to approval of County Council, motion carried.

The Cimarron Basin Correctional Facility sent a carryover budget for the Chairman's signature. By consensus the Commission agreed, Ron signed the document.

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

The proper mailings and publications have been completed for the closure of 25th Ave. from 16000 to 17190. That part of the road is no longer considered a road and will not be maintained by the County.

Dawn Hayes, County Council, and Gunnar created Resolution 2010-17 which limits the through traffic on certain county roads for large trucks. Gene moved to adopt the resolution, Don seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar stated that John Unruh and Wes Jantz of the City of Haviland ask for the Counties assistance on some road work in Haviland. By consensus, the Commission agreed.

At 9:15 Gunnar asked for a five minute executive session for contract negotiations. He requested that Dawn Hayes, the Commissioners, Eric Peters, Mandy Sorg Peters, Ray Stegman and Carmen Renfrow stay for the session. At 9:20 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Gunnar, Eric Peters, Mandy Sorg Peters discussed getting quotes from outside trash collection companies. Presently the County picks up trash for Mullinville and Haviland, Greensburg does their own. The County is losing over \$14,000 yearly. In contacting trash collection companies, he found they could provide better service, including picking up recycling, for the same as the County would have to raise their rates to, without picking up recycling. Gene moved to set January 1, 2011 to discontinue County trash collection, Don seconded, motion carried. Gunnar will contact the cities with information from the other companies so they can decide who to contract with.

Kendal Lothman, Sheriff, came with the following:

The law enforcement facility is fully functioning at this time.

Deer season opened today; they expect activity to increase with hunting issues.

He is hoping to start interviews for the jailer position this week.

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

New Sod is going in to finish the rest of the Courthouse lawn.

They discussed mower issues. Gene moved and Ron seconded to purchase a John Deere mower for \$3,517.94, motion carried.

The mutual aid contract for firefighting services has been signed by Haviland; he's still waiting for Mullinville and Greensburg.

All but one storage pod is gone from across the street from the Courthouse.

LEED certification will conclude when all the work with the heating and air conditioning is completed.

Burt Lowry will seal the floor at the Community Center.

Allen Meyers can do the electric hook ups from the Community Center to the Barn in October.

Ray presented payroll change sheets for Laura Gwin, .10 hourly raise and changing from salary to hourly at \$15.00 per hour for himself. This was discussed at the last meeting. Gene moved, Don seconded to approve the payroll change, motion carried.

He held a LEPC meeting last week; there is already a plan in place for emergencies that was written a couple of years ago.

He contacted the Hospital and they are agreeable to the concrete work proposed at the Fire Dept and Hospital location.

John Wickland, Kiowa County Council on Aging Director:

The last two weeks have been the largest average attendance to the noon meal since '07.

They are having a fund raising supper Thursday for the veteran's memorial being constructed in Mullinville.

John asked the Commissioners to approve two new board members, Tom Corns and Sonia Kuhns. Gene so moved, Don seconded, motion carried.

Matt Christenson, LTR, came to discuss the ground work, parking & driveways, at the Fairgrounds. The architects estimate a cost of \$175,000, there is \$75,000 available in that fund. Matt said options for the balance are G.O. Bonds or using building fund money. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to apply for a \$200,000 G.O. bond for the paving and electrical and lighting for the barn.

Matt presented a report of the transfers that were already approved, they are attached.

Phase II, the Road & Bridge storage building, should be completed by October 4th. There are only a few items to finish including electrical and fencing.

Chad Pore, EMS Director, came with the following:

He informed the Commission the type of security used for the invisible bracelets is the same as the banking industry. Gene moved and Don seconded to pay the first year only at introductory rate of \$5.00 per employee for any employee who wants to participate. After the first year, the Commission will decide whether or not to continue at the \$10.00 per person per year rate or let the employee pay for their own.

It was discussed what funds would be used for the ambulance purchase. It was decided that \$29,600 would come from the ambulance fund and the \$60,000 would come from the special equipment fund.

The ambulance will be delivered next week. The following week it will be on display at an EMS Expo in Dallas, TX, and then back here in full service by mid-October.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, was unable to attend the meeting, but left information with the Clerk to be presented to the Commission.

First, she asked if the Commissioners wanted to pay for employee flu shots again this year and they agreed by consensus that they would pay for the shots from the Commissioners Fund.

She reported that the WIC fund balance has been reconciled with the Treasurer's reports.

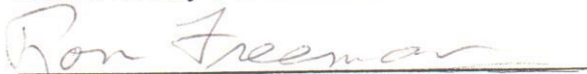
She will continue to reimburse staff benefits to the County to use up her grant money, but will not be able to continue indefinitely.

David Hotalen from Liberty National came to explain the life insurance benefits his company would like to offer the County employees and wanted to get their approval to make the offer. The Commissioners agreed to allow him to contact dept. heads and set up times and dates to be in Kiowa County to speak to the employees.

Ray Stegman reported to the Commissioners that the committee supervising the RV Park on County property next to the Road & Bridge Dept. has collected \$26,000 with \$10,000 being donated to the Boy Scout Cabin project. He will find out more details and report back to the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk

Building Fund Status 2009.09.21

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Starting Balance 2010	\$ 1,420,080.00
Fire Station	\$ 69,803.00
Commons	\$ 750,000.00
R&B Phase 2	\$ 67,002.00
R&B Phase 1 Overrun	\$ 66,665.62
Courthouse Overrun	\$ 15,000.00
Jail Overrun	\$ 50,000.00
Fairgrounds Overrun	\$ 100,000.00
Fairgrounds - Law Company	\$ 70,000.00
Belvidere Schoolhouse	\$ 10,000.00
Balance at Conclusion of Projects	\$ 221,609.38

*Transfers
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