

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
September 6, 2011

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

9:00: After a prayer by Don Richards, Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting.

Ron added two discussion topics to the agenda; a meeting with the city and the Belvidere school house. John moved and Don seconded to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried.

John moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of 8/31 with one correction.

The Carmen presented a list of State approved paid holidays for 2012. She added April 6, Good Friday, to the list since it has traditionally been a County paid holiday. Don moved and John seconded to approve the list as presented, motion carried.

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

He purchased the State truck with blade for \$22,000.

Bridge repairs have been postponed due to enough rain to make the ground muddy.

John said Dick Robbins asked that the Sun City road be improved for traffic to the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty event the end of Sept.

John asked to charge bags of quick crete to the Haviland Hardware store to stabilize the road signs that blew over; everyone agreed.

Ron discussed meeting with the City of Greensburg to bring about mutual cooperation between the County and the City.

Matt Christenson came in to inform the Commission about funds available that could pay for the fencing needed at Road & Bridge for expanding the area for equipment and the Sheriff's compound yard. The building fund and the equipment fund have over \$215,000. The Sheriff's special law fund has some money, but it is earmarked for other projects. John moved and Don seconded to reject all bids for the expanded fencing and table the topic until 2012, motion carried.

Carmen had suggested discussing the Belvidere school due to the Commission tabling the discussion for September. There was confusion as to what had been decided earlier about whether or not to sell the school. John moved to table the topic again until Oct. 3rd meeting to give the people of Belvidere more time to decide if they might want to purchase it, Don seconded, motion carried.

Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, came with the following:

He asked the Commission to make a decision on their earlier discussion on enforcing the policy of having loose trash be contained with a tarp or some kind of containment. Dawn Hayes has drawn up a Resolution for enforcement of this policy. After discussion, John moved and Don seconded to set the fee for not containing loose trash to \$35.00 and approving Resolution 2011-14 that supports the policy and fees, motion carried.

Mary Sweet, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital Administrator, came with the following:

She received an email from John asking about details of a trip by Chad Pore and Rosa Spainhour in county vehicles. Apparently someone had reported to John that Chad and Rosa were driving EMS vehicles out of town on the weekend. Mary explained that they were indeed traveling to

the STATE EMS meeting that was held over the weekend. If anyone has questions on the comings and goings of EMS personnel and vehicle use, they are welcome to contact Mary.

Mary requested to use part of the Phillips Fund, put it in a separate account to satisfy the USDA requirement of a back-up fund. To date they have been using hospital funds to set aside money to build up this account. After discussion, the Commission agreed to table this until the next meeting. Mary will come back again with more financial information at that time. The Clerk will contact Theresa, our auditor, and discuss this request.

Jan West, President of the Media Center, came with the following information:

Their director, Grant Neuhold, is attending Kansas Leadership Initiative training.

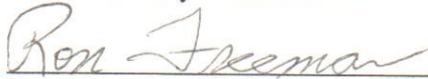
They are involved with two large events: The Community Based Play to be performed on the fifth anniversary of the tornado; and Telenet II having to do with links to K. State Extension services. Jan shared several events that are or will be available on their web-site.

Ron asked what the income of the media center is to date; she will bring that information to the next media center appointment with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners further discussed the hospital bond and Mary's request.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

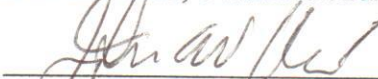
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



Don Richards, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk