

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room

September 7, 2010

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, Gene West, Carmen Renfrow, Terry Mayhew

9:00 Chairman Ron Freeman opened the meeting:

Agenda: Ron wants to add voting on the Grant St. asphalt project during Gunnar's scheduled time. Don moved, Gene seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition, motion carried.

Gene moved, Don seconded to approve the minutes of August 31, 2010, motion carried.

The Clerk presented the list of State holidays for 2011. Gene moved to adopt the same holidays for the county, with the addition of April 22, Good Friday; Don seconded, motion carried. The list of holidays is located in the Clerk's office and posted on the bulletin board on the main floor.

Don moved, Gene seconded to approve checks for Road & Bridge travel expenses and purchase of a truck in Florida, motion carried.

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

Kansas Gas wants them to move the log cabin storage building; it sits over a gas line.

Has a mower deck cost for repairs.

Discussed interchange at John Deere & Cities Service Road; still no final decision from State officials.

They discussed the Grant St. black-top project: Ron asked what was decided at previous meetings. Gunnar explained that nothing was voted on, just a discussion and a request to find out the cost if they decided to do that. He also stated he would not have time to do it this year. Don suggested tabling the issue until next year. Ron stated if there was a vote, he would vote no and he wanted that in the minutes.

Bruce Foster, Director of Noxious Weed came with the following:

The annual contract with KDOT for weed control, Gene moved to approve signing the contract, Don seconded, motion carried.

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

He asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes at 9:35. Don so moved, Gene seconded, motion carried. At 9:45 the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

The Law Company and the Pipefitters Union have not come back to finish up the work on the Community building. Anything left to do will have to be done by the County. USDA has offered some assistance on the paving and grading package; but, we've not heard yet what that will be.

Ray suggested installing security lights at the Community Center.

It will cost \$9,900 to construct the concession stand at the Fairgrounds; there are funds in the Community Center budget. There is a list of items that need completed for the Community Center, he will come back with estimates for the floor and lights.

Gene moved to go ahead with the construction of the concession stand and lighting, Don seconded, motion carried.

Ray brought an updated draft of the agreement to rent the Community Center; they discussed changes and additions. He will finish that document and present it to the Commissioners for approval.

They discussed the RV Park next to Road & Bridge. The county installed all the utilities, pads, etc. But, a committee from the Public Square group has been managing it. The Commissioners ask Ray to speak with Tom Corns and Randy Kelley regarding the status with the RV Park. It is on County property and they need to know several details, insurance, funds collected, if any, etc.

The storage pods across from the Courthouse are about ready to be moved either to another location or go back to who they were rented from.

He has ordered software to program the radios and pagers. MSAG, 911 address system is complete after almost three years of work by his department.

Our Courthouse LEED status is waiting on the completed installation and inspection of new heaters.

Ray is pricing different brands of mowers for the county facilities.

The Extension office has funds to complete the wash bays in the Red Barn at the Fairgrounds.

Chad Pore called and was not able to attend the meeting.

Ray stated that LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee – needs a Commissioner to attend. Don volunteered to attend.

Matt Christenson came to update the Commissioners on the Road & Bridge storage project.

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

The media trailer was delivered to the Fair in Hutchinson today; they are loading equipment and parts for the booth to be taken up in the next two days.

There is a possible partnership with the K-State journalism school in the future.

They plan on video taping the local football games on the 17th and 24th of this month.

Jan asked permission to borrow tables and chairs for their fair booth from the Community building. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman
Ron Freeman, Chairman

Don Richards
Don Richards, Commissioner

Gene West
Gene West, Commissioner

Attest:

Carmen Renfrow
Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk