

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 28, 2011. Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Debra C. Lening, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor.

Minutes from the July 12, 2011 Regular Meeting was presented. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The TV tower issues were discussed. The Library uses 1/3 of the Library District's budget to pay for the upkeep of the TV towers. The Commissioners would like to be able to account for whatever is spent on the TV tower to keep track of the total monies expended annually. There was discussion regarding inviting Kevin Rink to the next Regular Meeting to discuss changing the TV tower equipment over to digital signals and the Federal Government (FCC) grant that will pay for the project as previously discussed in the June 13, 2011 meeting.

Auditor Amanda Brown presented the Audit and Financial Statement for 2010 for Kiowa County. The Commissioners perceive the audit as favorable for Kiowa County. The County's Total Net Assets increased by \$49,175 for the year. Total fund balances including Road and Bridge, County General, Social Services and Non-Major Governmental Funds increased by just over \$290,000. The Commissioners discussed the FCC grant with Auditor Brown to start the process.

Dwight Lessenden met with the Commissioners regarding his landfill time sheets. He also discussed signage that will be installed at the landfill designating the asbestos area.

The Commissioners called County Attorney Wendy Shinn. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 24, Article 6, Section 402 at subsection VIII (4)(f)(I) to go into executive session with the County Attorney regarding legal council and to discuss Personnel Matters. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The meeting went into executive session at 11:15 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session and resumed the Regular Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Prairie Pines Assisted Living Administrator Denise Riley and Assistant Administrator Crystal Mozisek met with the Commissioners regarding various items. Riley asked the Commissioners if Prairie Pines could get certified for more Medicaid rooms, as there is a need to fill the remaining rooms. There was also discussion regarding hours worked and meals provided to the employees. They also discussed the refrigerator issues.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee met with the Commissioners to give them an update on activity in the Sheriff's office. There was also discussion regarding the Model Traffic Code Ordinance and regarding the County Employees Retirement Fund.

The County Picnic is schedule for August 11th. It was suggested that there be door prizes at the picnic this year using Eads Bucks as the prize. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to donate \$100 for door prizes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A new member is needed for the RETAC board. Commissioner Scott volunteered for the position.

The Prairie Pines Assisted Living roof issue was discussed. This issue will soon be resolved.

Scrap metal contract sealed bids are due August 4th for consideration.

The Hospital/Kiowa County Health Fair was discussed. The Commissioners would like to visit with the interim hospital administrator and the bookkeeper before making any decisions.

The West Kiowa County Cemetery District 2010 paperwork was reviewed. The Commissioners would like to see this from each special district.

Office hours for the courthouse were discussed again. By statute, the Commissioners can set the hours for the courthouse. It was discussed whether or not to continue with special summer hours with Friday's off or not and whether or not to be opened during the noon hour. The Commissioners would like to have some input from the other elected officials at a work session on August 8th. The work session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Pool usage at Prairie Pines Assisted Living was discussed. Clarification for public use needs to come from the PPAL board.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Lorraine Saffer sent a letter of resignation resigning from the Library Board. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to accept her resignation, thanking her for her dedicated service to the Library. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The position will be advertised for.

Weisbrod Memorial Hospital financials and 2010 Audit report were reviewed.

A letter was received from Rod and Sharon Johnson regarding the temperature of the PPAL swimming pool.

The Treasurer's semi annual report was reviewed and signed.

A time-off request form was received from Maintenance Director Mike Crain. The request was approved and signed.

County Clerk Debra Lening presented a Mail Ballot Resolution for approval for the 2011 Coordinated Election. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adopt and sign Resolution #2011-3 regarding a Mail Ballot Election, to wit:

**RESOLUTION
2011-3**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. 1-7-116 a coordinated election is scheduled for November 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County finds that a mail ballot election pursuant to Article 7.5 of Title 1, C.R.S. for the coordinated election to be held on November 1, 2011, is not in conflict with any of the provisions of C.R.S. 1-7.5-104(2); and

WHEREAS, since a mail ballot election costs less than a polling place election, has a higher voter turnout, and includes the use of security envelopes, it is in the best interests of the residents of Kiowa County to have a mail ballot election for the November 1, 2011 election; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa County Clerk and Recorder will provide a written plan for the mail ballot election to the Colorado Secretary of State in accordance with C.R.S. 1-7.5-105(1);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County that the coordinated election to be held in Kiowa County on November 1, 2011, shall be a mail ballot election pursuant to Article 7.5 of Title 1, C.R.S.

Date: July 28, 2011

Board of County Commissioners of
Kiowa County

/s/ Richard Scott
Chairman

/s/ William E. Koehler
Commissioner

/s/ Donald Oswald
Commissioner

SEAL

Attested:

/s/ Debra C. Lening
Kiowa County Clerk

All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to enter into an Agreement Providing for the Placement, Usage and Costs of Microfiche Viewers between Kiowa County and Westphal Energy LLC pending approval of the County Attorney. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Westphal Energy may be interested in renting some office space at the Bransgrove building.

The Commissioners would like to express their gratitude to all the elected officials for working with them this past year to stay within their budgets, as reflected in the positive audit report. They appreciate the team effort.

PPAL Administrator Denise Riley and Transit Van Director Carla Gifford met with the Commissioners to discuss reimbursement for PPAL residents riding the transit van. If PPAL gets a new Medicaid billing number and does the billing themselves, the transit van can be reimbursed 100% for every Medicaid rider from PPAL.

The Commissioners said for Administrator Riley to move forward on this matter and apply for the billing number.

The next Regular Meeting will be August 11, 2011.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.