

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JUNE 13, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on June 13, 2011. Commissioner Oswald 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

Sheriff Forrest Frazee and Emergency Manager Chris Sorensen met with the Commissioners regarding adding an ordinance to the Fire Ordinance per changes from the State. Agricultural burning can not be prohibited by a local ordinance. Sheriff Frazee would like an ordinance that says the farmer would have to get a permit 48 hours in advance of the burning so the fire department would be on alert. Sorensen stated that we need to set some standards for the agricultural burning. The permit would need to state what was being burned and when the burning was going to take place and have a plan in place to address public safety. An ordinance will be drawn up for the Commissioners and the County Attorney to review. The Commissioners told both gentlemen to move forward with the ordinance. There was also discussion regarding equipment availability to assist another county in need during an emergency situation.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor.

The vouchers were reviewed. Two vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

Minutes from the May 26, 2011 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Minutes from the June 7, 2011 Special Meeting was presented. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Bob Estes with Colonial Insurance met with the Commissioners to present the Colonial Insurance Plan.

Pat Roper met with the Commissioners regarding the museum. The reorganization meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to determine what hours the museum will be opened. She thanked the Commissioners for the new lights that were installed.

The TV Tower contract maintenance person will send a monthly report as requested to keep the Commissioners informed. A new contract needs to be signed.

Commissioner Oswald reported on the radio license information. The cost will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to upgrade the radios to narrow band. There was discussion on minimizing the expense.

Maine Street Retreat's lease is terminated. The equipment will be moved out by the end of the month.

FSA CED Dawna Weirich met with the Commissioners regarding the drought in the county. Kiowa County is a D-2 to D-3 category, which is severe to extreme. Emergency grazing of CRP has been requested, but has not been authorized yet. Weirich recommends that the Commissioners send a resolution to the Governor for Drought Recognition.

There was continued discussion regarding maverick accounts. Any Special District with a bank account should have an exemption from audit. However, the Commissioners would like an internal audit to still be performed and reported on these accounts. They would like a copy of the exemption letter and whatever the district sends to the State. The other maverick accounts were discussed. Donations made to these accounts are not tax deductible unless they come through the County. The Commissioners will meet with the folks regarding the handling of these accounts.

Scrap metal bids were tabled.

Three bids were received for the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria listed on the equipment list. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept the top bid of \$3,300 from Alice Glover for the purchase of this vehicle. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jan Richards with KCEDF met with the Commissioners regarding final copies of the SECORHT (Southeast Colorado Regional Heritage Tourism also known as the Canyons and Plains) Report. They are working on signs for the Towner Bus Tragedy and the Haswell Jail. Richards needs a resolution from the Recreation Districts and the Town of Haswell stating that they will maintain the signs once installed. She also needs letters of support. Richards had discussed incentives for businesses coming in at the last Regular Meeting of the Commissioners. She was instructed to tell the businesses that incentives would be based on a case by case basis. She will be going to the Eads Town Council to further discuss this issue with them.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sell all equipment and vehicles on the list that receive no bids for scrap iron. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners discussed the use of county vehicles being used for the purpose of getting to and from work. The Commissioners will check with CTSI regarding whether or not the insurance is in effect when the vehicle is parked in front of an employee's house. There was also discussion regarding the county shops being used for personal use. Commissioner Koehler didn't feel that this was a good practice. Discussion was tabled until later in the meeting due to an appointment.

Dennis Pearson, Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS), met with the Commissioners. DSS vouchers were reviewed and approved and checks were signed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to sign the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for the TANF Program (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families). All Commissioners voted affirmative. Pearson reported on various items from the CCI conference. The Commissioners further discussed Baby Bear Hugs with Pearson. They still need more information before making any decisions. Day Care was discussed.

Kevin Rink met with the Commissioners regarding the TV tower translators. Due to FCC regulations, the translators will eventually have to be rechanneled and changed to a lower frequency. Also, the antennae will have to be changed out. They will eventually have to change from analog to digital. Rink has already changed out some counties. He stated that with 5 channels, the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, but this would be reimbursed by the Federal Government. He stated that first the County would have to reapply for licenses to get frequencies below 50. Then they would have to apply for a construction permit through the FCC. Next, the new equipment would be installed and then all bills would be submitted for reimbursement, up to \$20,000 per channel. All monies have to be expended before reimbursements can be paid. Rink reported that it will cost \$1,650 per channel for support or \$8,250 per year for all 5 channels to maintain after the conversion is done. This would have to be worked into next year's budget if the Commissioners proceed. Rink will keep them informed.

Pat White, Tony Lyons and Bill Ensign from Eastern Slope Telephone Association met with the Commissioners to discuss internet options, particularly for the Extension office and the rest of the courthouse. Individual DSL's for each office were discussed. They will work up some options and get back with the Commissioners next meeting.

Vernon Sneyd met with the Commissioners regarding scrap metal at the landfill. He had seen the advertising for bids and was concerned that this was regarding the landfill scrap metal, not the equipment list. He was afraid he had missed the deadline.

Faye Barber met with the Commissioners regarding a transit van issue. She stated that because the transit van schedule that is posted shows Tuesday as the day the van travels to Colorado Springs, she made her doctor's appointment on Tuesday. She called on Friday to schedule riding the transit van on that next Tuesday to her appointment. Barber was told by Carla Gifford that since no one had requested going to Colorado Springs that she was going to Pueblo that day and couldn't take Barber to her appointment. Barber stated that her family wasn't available and since the transit van schedule showed Tuesday was the Colorado Springs day, she thought it should go to Colorado Springs as posted. Also, she has been made aware of the donation issue on the transit van and said she always donates what it would cost her to drive herself. The Commissioners thanked her for coming in and said they would look into this issue.

The discussion was continued regarding use of county vehicles and the county shops. On the matter of insurance coverage on vehicles, Administrator Dunlap reported that CTSI said that the county vehicles were covered by insurance no matter where they were parked. Regarding personal use, Commissioner Scott feels that something should be in the personnel policy regarding non-use of county vehicles and equipment and the county shops.

The Commissioners will be interviewed on June 21, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. on KVAZ radio station.

The Regular Meetings in July will be July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners will do whatever is feasible and reasonable regarding using County equipment and/or personnel outside of Kiowa County to assist other counties in emergency situations.

There was discussion regarding the speed limits on the three paved county roads (County Rd 19, 49, & 78). Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to increase the speed limit from 55 MPH to 65 MPH on County Rd 49 (commonly referred to as the May Valley Road) from Hwy 96 to the Prowers/Kiowa County line to coincide with the speed limit on this road in Prowers County. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The speed limit will remain 55 MPH on the other two paved county roads.

A memo will be sent to all department heads regarding utilizing maintenance personnel and/or licensed personnel for equipment repairs.

The Commissioners approved the requests for water lines crossing county road: Ed Jones requested crossing County Rd 49 and La Verle Kelley requested crossing County Rd AA and 31.

The bridge inspection report was discussed. Even though the bridges are in very good shape, it's very important to keep working on them to keep them in good shape. Copies of the report will be given to the three Road and Bridge foremen.

The next Regular Meeting will be June 28, 2011.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.