

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on October 27, 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

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

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor.

Shane Lessenden met with the Commissioners regarding Road & Bridge issues and Fair Board issues.

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

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to issue 3 letters of dismissal and 1 letter of reprimand for certain employees. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Prairie Pines Assisted Living (PPAL) swimming pool was discussed. The Commissioners are still waiting on a bid from Brase Insurance. If Brase does not give a quote, the Commissioners will contact the insurance commissioner to move forward. They feel that this matter has gone on long enough.

Dennis Pearson, Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS), met with the Commissioners. The Commissioners informed him that 3 letters of dismissal were being issued to 3 of his employees and a letter of reprimand was issued to Pearson. They asked him to deliver the letters of dismissal to the employees. Due to the dismissals, the Day Care will be closed after today until further notice. Pearson asked if this could be discussed further before making it final. The Commissioners said it had been discussed and no action was taken. They stated that the Day Care is necessary but the way it's being operated is not working. The fee structure will have to change and aging of accounts will have to change. There has to be a different system than what is being done now for it to succeed as a viable business. Pearson stated that the Day Care was set up to be affordable, but if that needs to change, so be it.

Redistricting issues were discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept Resolution 2011-4 for redistricting of the Commissioner Districts in Kiowa County. All Commissioners voted affirmative. There was no change in Commissioner District boundaries.

Denise Young from the Library presented an insurance proposal for the Library property from the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool. Workman's Compensation will become a part of this proposal as of January 1, 2012. This proposal was approved by the Library Board.

The Public Health Nurse position was discussed.

Kevin Rink with Southeast Networks & Support LLC met with the Commissioners regarding the TV tower contract. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Kiowa County Commissioners and Southeast Networks & Support LLC Service Agreement covering 1 month in 2011 and the full year of 2012. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the CDOT bridge funds. The County's two bridges that they would like to resurface do not qualify for these funds. Both bridges are in good shape and rated too high to receive the funds.

Cleaning at the Bransgrove building was discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to pay Krissy Ray her hourly rate to clean the upstairs hallway, bathrooms, windows and stairs through December 31, 2011. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Commissioner Oswald reported on SEBREA and SECEDD and landfill air pollution matters.

The Towner Railroad line was discussed. It still appears that the rail will be removed but the Commissioners do not have anything firm on this matter from anyone. Commissioner Scott will try to find out more information.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Time off request forms were approved and signed.

County health insurance for 2012 was reviewed. There will be a 4% increase for 2012.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Barbara McCoin to the vacancy on the Library Board. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be November 14th.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.