

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on August 14, 2012. Donald Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

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

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m. as a visitor.

Minutes from the July 26, 2012 Regular Meeting was presented. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

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

The agenda was reviewed. Some items were added to old and new business. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Rodney Johnson met with the Commissioners regarding the KCEDF lease which will affect the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the GOCO grant. The lease is for all KCEDF land including the pond. KCEDF will be responsible for the maintenance and the match. The Project Agreement between the County and KCEDF was reviewed. The County will receive the grants on behalf of KCEDF. No decision was needed on the Project Agreement at this time. Scott stated that the Commissioners may have to use half of the \$15,000 allocated for KCEDF in the 2012 Budget to offset the shortfall for Prairie Pines Assisted Living (PPAL). Johnson stated that the \$15,000 was generally used for the note payment at the bank and stated that this would be a discussion for the KCEDF Board. Scott also stated that the County may have to use the funds allocated to KCEDF for 2013 for the Murdock Project instead of giving it to KCEDF. He said they are still of the mind set that there be no non-mandated programs through DSS, so those funds for KCEDF would run out at the end of this year. The County would probably continue to cover the liability insurance. The Operating Lease was discussed and needs to be updated.

The agenda for the CCI Southern District meeting in Walsenburg was discussed. This is scheduled for August 23rd.

The Commissioners will discuss the Assumption of Kiowa County Building Corp with the County Attorney later in the meeting.

Emergency Management issues will also be discussed later with the County Attorney.

Planning and Zoning was discussed. Floyd Barnes is resigning and needs to be replaced. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Dale Butler to fill the term held by Floyd Barnes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners discussed the Sheriff's proposal to charge to unlock vehicles. Koehler wanted to know where the money would go if collected and how much the charge would be. He feels this should be a private business service. After further discussion, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recommend that the County not charge for this service but if the Sheriff goes in this direction, that there be accountability for the income and expenses. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Oswald stated that if you charge for these services, you are opening yourself up for liability and the County should not be involved in something like that.

The Commissioners will have a meeting August 21st at 9:00 a.m. with a prospective auditor in Lamar.

Wanda Lessenden inquired if she is authorized to drive the transit bus for senior citizen trips instead of having an additional driver. Since she is a County employee and a licensed driver, she is authorized to drive the transit van.

The Regular Meetings set for September will be September 14th and 27th.

The Commissioners reviewed the Assessor's Valuation and Abstract.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The Treasurer's Abatement Request was reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Treasurer's Abatement Request. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Clerk's report was reviewed.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee and South/Southeast Regional Field Manager Riley Frazee with the Colorado Department of Public Safety for Emergency Management met with the Commissioners regarding the reimbursement of the Emergency Management Performance grant. Because of the State's fiscal budget year, "5th quarter" funds were reimbursed for last year's performance. It is approximately a year out before

reimbursements are being received. The State can't distribute funds until the Federal funds (FEMA) are received. The State is one grant cycle behind. Riley Frazee went over the contract with the Commissioners.

Commissioner reports were reviewed and discussed.

Time-off request forms were reviewed and approved.

CSBG reimbursements forms required a signature. This was approved in a previous meeting.

The Kiowa County land auction from COGCC was reviewed.

EMPG grant requires signatures for 2012-2013. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the EMPG grant contract. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A contract was received from Phil Vaughn with Construction Management Incorporated (PVCMI) from Rifle, Colorado to deal with Oil & Gas Exploration and regulations on behalf of Planning and Zoning. The Commissioners reviewed the contract. After discussing further, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the contract. Scott and Oswald voted aye; Koehler voted nay. Motion carried.

A funding request was received from Jordan Barnett for the Youth Softball Field Renovations for a match for grant funds. The County may be able to offer some in-kind assistance. The Commissioners will have to see if they are able to budget a small amount in 2013.

John Meissner with Estes Park Archives met with the Commissioners regarding the blizzard time capsule regarding the 1931 Towner Bus Tragedy. He did a presentation and gave his personal opinion on the bus tragedy. He suggested that all information that might be on a kiosk should be accurate. He stated that names were incorrect in news paper articles so that should not be the media used for accurate information. He also stated that there are still two living survivors of the tragedy and they and their descendants should be consulted and involved in putting together the kiosks. He will be writing an article regarding the contents of the time capsule.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Oswald asked some questions about the DSS June report. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$72,025 in July on behalf of Kiowa County residents. He also reported that the new employee, Raul Rodriquez, is doing well. Pearson is very pleased with him.

Dwight Lessenden met with the Commissioners regarding time off without pay. He would like to take 6 days in September (September 14th through 24th). The Commissioners approved his leave.

The Commissioners had a conference call with County Attorney Wendy Shinn. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to go into Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. pursuant to and as permitted by CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice, legal counsel, and negotiations on a specific legal matter. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. and resumed the Regular Meeting.

Road foreman Allen Wade Watts met with the Commissioners regarding Road and Bridge equipment. He received bids on Rhino mowers as mowers need to be replaced. He also discussed the bi-fold door on the Sheridan Lake County Shop that quit working and needs to be repaired or replaced. Watts will try to get more information on the door. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to buy three mowers (one for each district). All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be August 30th, 2012.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.