

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on June 14, 2012. Richard Scott 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 as a visitor.

Fire Chief Jay Haase met with the Commissioners to discuss a fire truck being donated to Kiowa County from Parachute, Colorado. Haase would like to offer this fire truck to the town of Haswell. If they don't need or want the truck, he would like to see it go to Towner. The only cost for the truck would be freight to get it here and insurance. Haase also stated that the fire department needs to order foam for highway fires. He reported he also had to order new batteries for the radios.

Minutes from the May 30, 2012 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Scott, Oswald & Dunlap asked that some items be added to old and new business. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Daycare aging and ongoing business was discussed. Administrator Dunlap presented the Commissioners with a list of non-paying parents. The Commissioners will ask Dennis Pearson who all have paid through collections. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to send the over-due bills for child care to collection, excluding the one that had paid half of their outstanding bill. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Carole Spady's position was discussed. This discussion was tabled until the meet with Pearson. The utilities at daycare were discussed. This issue will be monitored.

The theater insurance was discussed. The Town of Eads is going to insure the theatre so no lease is needed. The Commissioners will need to budget for a donation to the theatre for 2013.

Permits for seismograph and drilling crews were discussed. The Commissioners will need to develop a resolution to include items they would like addressed, such as notifying people if they are drilling close to water wells, residences, etc. They want "fracking" addressed as a closed loop system. They want any cattle guard and road damages incurred to be paid for, possibly with a bond process. They also feel that the emergency management and fire departments need to know what their roll is versus the roll of the drilling company when there is any type of disaster or problem at the drilling site. Oswald stated he would like to have some type of a permit fee included. Koehler stated that he thought frost rules and wet weather and mud issues should be included. The Commissioners would like for the permit process to be as simple as the Septic Tank permit, a simple one page permit. The Commissioners will have Administrator Dunlap draw up a plan for them to review. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to develop an Oil & Gas Drilling Permit and a Seismograph Activity Permit system. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Paperwork for an assumption for Prairie Pines regarding the Building Corp, Prairie Pines, Colorado East Bank & Trust and USDA is in the discussion stages with the County Attorney and the County Auditor.

The Commissioners received sealed bids for the Sheriff's vehicles for sale. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept the bid of \$3,800 from Mitchell and Sue Ullrich for the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept the bid of \$13,559 from Mark Weirich for the 2007 Chevy Silverado Pickup. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to accept the bid of \$2,750 from Butch Robertson for the 2005 Chevy Impala. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee met with the Commissioners regarding legalization of marijuana in Colorado, which will be voted on per Amendment 64 in the November General Election. This would be a constitutional amendment if it passes. This would require the Colorado legislature to write the law, as it did with Medical Marijuana. There are many problems with this proposal. Law enforcement state wide is against it. Sheriff Frazee stated that supposedly they should be able to have better control of the substance, but law enforcement feels there will be no control if this amendment passes. He will get more information for the Commissioners. He feels it will be impossible to regulate. Scott asked if the Commissioners would like to take a position on it. Sheriff Frazee left some information with the Commissioners. 100% of the Sheriffs Association is opposed to this amendment. It will be cost prohibitive for law enforcement to attempt to control.

Sheriff Frazee stated that, at this time, fireworks have not been outlawed state wide, but that each county or municipality will have to decide whether or not they should be banned with the dry conditions. He stated that a fire ban may be in place very soon if conditions continue to be critical. He would like to allow each community to decide whether to have their fireworks or not.

The Commissioners met with Bill Bennett with Eastern Slope Rural Telephone regarding maps for fiber optics. He helped implement the perpetual easement that is now in place in the County. Eastern Slope wants to

install fiber optics in the County. Bennett brought the detailed Haswell maps and will send the other maps soon. He stated that RUS government loans will fund the project. With this loan, an engineering firm will have to oversee the project and make sure it's being put in right. Everything will be done without any cuts being made to any roads; all lines will be bored. Nodes will be installed, which are the "brains" of the system. They have plans eventually to offer fiber direct to the homes, but right now it would be just to the nodes and then would connect from the nodes to the home. This procedure will get rid of the analog carriers. They are offering DSL services. Bennett stated that eventually, phones as we know them will no longer be used. They'll eventually offer band width service instead of phone service. The project is planned for late July or early August to begin. He also stated that this would be at no cost to the County.

Chris Humrich with Westphal Energy met with the Commissioners regarding an oil and gas lease. The County Attorney would like to have a site map and order for payment. Humrich stated that payment will be made within 60 days of signing. The lease involves 22.86 mineral acres located in the following sections: Sec. 35, T17S, R47W; Sec. 6, T17S, R16W; Sec. 23 and 24, T20S, R46W; Sec. 18, T17S, R47W and Sec. 25, T18S, R48W. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to lease said mineral acreage of land to Westphal Energy. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The TV tower paperwork has been submitted to the State and will be sent on to Washington DC. Administrator Dunlap reported that the County will definitely make the July 1 deadline and then it will be three months or so and we'll have our money back before the end of the year. The antenna is back up for the radios after being properly repaired. There are still some issues with the narrow band but this is being addressed.

The Towner Bus Tragedy survey was discussed. Commissioner Scott met with KCEDF Director Jan Richards and Rod Johnson. He reported that one kiosk is going to be put up at the intersection of County Rd 78 and Highway 96 west of Towner regarding this information for now. They are talking about more kiosks being put in place there, at the actual site, and where the old school house was later on pending State Historic Grant funds and involvement with other people. Scott stated that we were on track to do the one kiosk for now through Canyons and Plains. He stated that the Hall Board sent their \$1,500 in with Jan and Rod after the meeting so the grant should go through and the kiosk will be installed. They are checking into ownership of that particular site where the sign is to be installed to make sure there are not any problems with its placement. Oswald reported on historical site signage he saw in Texas and said that they have information on them that apparently gives you a website for more information on each site. He found that very information and thought it might be a less expensive way of putting up signage.

Regular Meetings for July were scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurers report was reviewed.

The Clerks report was reviewed.

Commissioner reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Public Health Nurse Report was reviewed.

Time-off request forms were reviewed and approved.

August Regular Meetings were scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The Summer County BBQ will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. They will see about using the Eads swimming pool.

The Board of Health meeting will be June 28, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

CTSI renewal information was reviewed. If the Commissioners have any changes, they need to keep CTSI informed.

The Commissioners discussed used batteries and what to do with them. They usually trade the batteries in when they get a new one. They had an offer to buy them for \$2.00. The road foremen stated he could get \$20.00 for them if they hauled them. They decided to either refurbish the batteries or sell them.

Commissioner Scott stated he would like some information on possibly starting the permit process for a gravel pit on the East end of the County.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson and Hallie Cordova met with the Commissioners. Cordova would like to get paid out since her last day is tomorrow. She also discussed a TANF client that needs to do 22 hours of activity work per week to receive her (the client) payment and Cordova was wondering if this person could go to the daycare and clean the area and sanitize toys for now. Pearson stated they could supervise the client. The Commissioners had no objection to this client cleaning and sanitizing at the daycare for now. They had Administrative Assistant Bookkeeper Krissy Ray come in to discuss the early payroll pay out. Ray explained that it really does cause a lot of problems when there are two payrolls processed instead of the one regular monthly process. The Commissioners decided that an early pay out would not happen, even though it was done once before. Cordova's request was denied.

The Commissioners discussed some voucher questions with Pearson. All questions were answered satisfactorily. They also asked Pearson about Carole Spady's duties and how many more hours she would be needed. They asked him about how the collection payments were going. They ask for a report from the collection agency to see where they are. Pearson said he would get that report for them.

They discussed the utilities at daycare. They will disconnect all utilities the end of June.

Pearson stated that he ended up with three applicants for the child welfare worker. He hired a young man for the position who will come on board June 25<sup>th</sup>. He will have to go through the training academy and will have to have a back ground check done.

In regards to the audit, Pearson stated he asked if the \$80,000 could be reclassified so those funds could be used as TANF funds and the State approved his request. The feds had to approve it first and they did.

Pearson asked for clarification regarding cleaning the upstairs of the Bransgrove Building. He was confused as to who was going to be cleaning after reading the minutes. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to have maintenance clean twice a week the stairs, the hallway and the bathroom upstairs at the Bransgrove Building. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Pearson also asked about DSS helping support the transit van. He stated that DSS does support it. After further discussion, it was stated that DSS supports the transit van through Medicaid payments when the transit van is used by his clients, but that the transit van is not under the DSS umbrella. Oswald clarified by saying the question that was asked at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was, "Isn't the transit van program run by DSS?" And the answer was, "No, it is not run by DSS." Administrator Dunlap had said that Medicaid payments were made by DSS to the transit van for qualified riders, so DSS helps "support" the transit van, but it does not "run" the transit van. Pearson was concerned because he had been asked by the public why DSS doesn't support the transit van, and he feels that they do support it.

Dunlap stated that at a meeting recently with the Prowers County Commissioners and they said they sold Kiowa County \$35,000 of funds two weeks ago. She asked if that was part of the TANF funds that DSS was going to receive. She said when you sell something usually something else is given back. Pearson explained that Kiowa County assumed the MOE (Maintenance of Effort) payment. He stated that we're required on child care dollars and TANF dollars to pay what is called an MOE Maintenance of Effort. He stated that years ago it used to be a flat 20%. In other words, whatever we got, we paid 20% for the County, but now they take a year and say that our portion is a certain amount that is actually less than the 20%, which benefits the County. But if another county sells us child care dollars or TANF dollars, we pick up the MOE. In other words, we're responsible for paying the MOE. We don't write a check. It's all done through the adjustment, but it's like anything else. If they're going to give us \$35,000, it's going to cost us \$3,000, so why would we not do it? Dunlap asked if that money actually went back to the State and then the State sends it out. Pearson stated that it's in Prowers County's "pile" of money and they take that out and put it in Kiowa County's "pile" of money. Then the State says Prowers has \$35,000 less and Kiowa has \$35,000 more and we assume the MOE. He said it was the same thing that happened a few months ago when Jefferson County (Jeff Co) gave us \$60,000. Dunlap asked if Pearson knew they had done that because she and the Commissioners were not aware of this and he said yes. Koehler wanted to know why the Commissioners were not advised of this stuff. Pearson stated that he thought it was internal, that he was just trying to get the money to cover the allocations. Koehler said that was the problem, that Pearson is always trying to keep everything internal and they don't know what's going on. Pearson said he could certainly run it by the Commissioners; that he had told them about the \$60,000. Koehler said he thought they should have a monthly report. Dunlap stated that the Prowers County Commissioners said we should be better off now since they sold us that \$35,000 and we were embarrassed when we didn't know what was going on. Pearson said he didn't have a problem with letting them know, that it was all public record. He said he did inform them about the Jeff Co transaction, but that it was an over site to not inform them of the Prowers transaction. He said he should have TANF dollars left to help cover the MOE. He's requested that if other counties have extra TANF funds they would like to push our way, he will accept them. Dunlap said that Prowers County had heard that TANF funds were going to be decreased next year. Pearson said they don't know what the exact number will be. They just said it will be less. Dunlap asked if Pearson could show them what they normally receive for TANF funds each year as they couldn't tell according to the budget. Pearson said they should be receiving the allocation showing what will be allocated for TANF for this next fiscal year. He said that some counties contract out with private entities for their TANF functions and the Federal Government is going take those funds away if they continue to do that. They are saying those funds need to be spent internally and are not to be contracted out with private entities. He said that's just rumor, but it could happen when you are dealing with the Federal Government. He said they are wanting to block grant food stamps, so you never know. Pearson stated that Kiowa County's TANF funds show up on the revenue page that he submits to the County Auditor, and that it was around \$68,000 this past year. He said that we don't have the figures yet for this next fiscal year but he'll get them to Dunlap as soon as he receives them from the state. He said that when he submits his budget, the figures are always on the spread sheet as to what they expect to spend, what the projected TANF funds will be and what is expected to be paid on MOE, along with all the total budget numbers. He said he should receive the allocations in July. Oswald said that the sheet they have just shows a TANF bonus of \$2,090 so they didn't know if there was another sheet. Koehler said if they could receive a report every month that maybe we wouldn't get a \$150,000 surprise again at the end of the year. Pearson stated that he sent reports that show the revenue collected so he didn't understand that. Koehler stated that they weren't getting reports monthly. Pearson stated that he does send them a budget report every month, so he thought they were being informed. Dunlap asked him where the report is sent. He said to their office, that he had sent the report a couple of weeks ago that goes through April. Koehler said that was quarterly and Pearson replied that it was monthly. Koehler said he had seen that one but that was the only one he had seen in six months. Pearson said he sends one every month in the form of a spreadsheet. Dunlap said she's seen the one for the day care, but not for DSS. Pearson stated that he sent the budget report that shows how much is budgeted, how much was spent that month, how much are the percentages, and that it's been sent every month. Dunlap said she would go back and look. He said if she has the April report, it's the whole spreadsheet and each month has a tab so they are all on that same spreadsheet and it was sent out to all three Commissioners and to the Administrator and it is a budget report. Oswald said he did receive it but admitted he hadn't looked at it yet.

Scott said he didn't think he got it. Pearson said he could re-send it, but that he does send it out each month. Koehler said it was received a couple of weeks ago. Pearson said on the subject line for the email he puts "Budget Report" and Oswald said he was sure he had received it but he hadn't opened it and read it yet. Scott said he probably had it, also, and would go back and look. Dunlap said she did get it but there wasn't an attachment to it. Pearson asked her if she got a second email, because she had emailed him and told him there was no attachment and he sent it again with the attachment. Scott said he remembered receiving the first one that didn't have an attachment and the second one did have the attachment. Dunlap said she would have to go back and look again, because she still doesn't remember seeing it. She asked, "If it's being done on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month could you just bring it with you to the first meeting of the month so that we have it written out?" Pearson said he has to wait for the State numbers to come, noting that May's report will be sent in July, since the State is always a month behind in getting figures to him. He did say that the spreadsheet is a pretty accurate picture of what's being spent and received in his office.

Department of Emergency Management Director (DEM) Jeff Wright met with the Commissioners to discuss his expected hours of operation and a schedule of activities. They would like to know where he is daily and when he plans on being in the office as far as Wright knows, understanding that there will be things that come up unexpectedly. Wright said he would notify Dunlap if he was going to be gone for training for a day or a couple of days. He asked if the Commissioners were going to want to know where he's at every minute of the day every day. He said he did post on his door that if his office is closed and someone needs assistance, they can call his cell phone, but if they need assistance right away, they can stop by the Commissioner's office. Scott said they just need to know where he's at any given day of the week. Oswald said if he knows that every Monday he's going to be in Bent County from 10:00 to 2:00 that would be helpful, again, knowing there would always be things that could crop up. But if he knows the routine things, he can let the Commissioner's office know those scheduled meetings when he'll be gone. Wright asked if they would like his schedule emailed to them. They said if he had a calendar he could send, that would be helpful. Scott said as long as Dunlap knows his schedule, that's all they need. Wright said he would be gone tomorrow for Sand Creek meetings. Dunlap said that was good to know, that when people come in wanting to know where he is, she hates to tell them she has no idea. She said Chris Sorensen was really good about sending her an email and telling her where he was headed and when he was going to be out of the office and she would like for Wright to keep her notified, also. The main point of the discussion was that the Commissioner's office needs to know when Wright is going to be out of the building between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and how to get a hold of him when someone is looking for him. Wright said he understands what their saying, but if he's called out on an emergency, they're probably not going to get an email, but even then, he can be reached on his cell phone. Koehler stated that he could still take a few minutes to send out an email that he was going to be gone. Wright stated, depending on the type of emergency he's faced with, emailing may not always be possible. Dunlap said if it was a true emergency, their office would probably already know about it anyway. Wright said he could text her quicker than emailing. Wright stated that his office does not operate like the standard office, that 8:00 to 4:30 doesn't really work for his office. He'll have way too much overtime if that's the case and the budget can not accommodate that kind of overtime. There was further discussion regarding the office hours and overtime hours and how to handle all of the extra hours. Scott wanted to know why this had become a problem when it didn't seem to be a problem when Chris Sorensen was here. Dunlap stated that he was in the office and out on call and gave up a lot of his personal time by not turning in his overtime. Scott said that Wright was doing the exact same thing but all the sudden he was required to document it. Dunlap stated that it wasn't her office that was concerned about it; it was other offices in the courthouse that are wondering how many hours he's putting in each week and where he is at any given time. She said she's trying to work with Wright and in all fairness to him, he hasn't been given any guideline. He needs some guidelines that he can follow and know what's expected of him. Scott stated that then you just simply go back to overtime. Koehler stated that he doubted all that overtime was necessary. He said just because a cloud was rolling over the mountain that we weren't on alert. Wright said he agreed 100% but he was the one that was responsible if he ignored one of those clouds that ended up dropping a tornado and he wasn't ready with "Code Red"! Koehler said we lived billions of years without this! Wright said Koehler was right, but April 27<sup>th</sup> there was no tornado watch put out until after he put out the Code Red saying tornadoes were on the ground. Dunlap said we knew it was coming because the Sheriff's office had said around 1:00 p.m. that there was going to be severe weather. Wright said we knew there was going to be severe weather, but no one on the plant knew just how severe it was going to be! He said it could be like the storm yesterday that blew up into something huge and then flew out of town and dissipated. Or, he said, it could be like on Saturday when they had tornadoes touch down and it wasn't supposed to even hit this area. He said we weren't under any warning whatsoever and we ended up with tornadoes that night! He said he's not chasing every cloud but some need to be watched closely this time of the year! Wright stated, "If there is potential for damage to property or damage to life, that's what you guys want me on. That's what you guys are paying me for!" Oswald stated that sadly it comes down to the fact that individuals need to be consciences of what's going on around them. He said that people need to pay attention and take responsibility and not be depending on someone else to be watching out for them. Wright said that was true, but with all the warning that the media was giving out about taking cover and being vigilant about the deteriorating weather, some people were still caught by surprise. Oswald stated that Koehler is correct in that the County does not have the funds for a bunch of overtime; that Wright will be out of budget before he gets very far into the year. Dunlap asked Wright what time he's coming in to the office on a daily basis. He stated that it's storm season and that most storms occur after 5:00 p.m. He said he would hate to say his hours are 10:00 to 6:00 or 11:00 to 7:00, something that puts him into the stormy part of the day. Koehler said, "But that's not every day." Wright said, "But that's not NOT every day, either!" Scott said what he thought Dunlap was asking is what time does Wright come into the office every day. He stated around 10:00 although the last week or so it had been 8:00. Scott stated that the issue is that the office hours are from 8:00 to 4:30 and that why questions are being raised. Dunlap stated that unfortunately the County is in a time where the County itself is being watched like a hawk! The public is watching everything the county does and they are watching for the one thing they can pounce on and when people are in wanting to get a weather radio and no one is around to get them one, they're getting upset. Wright said he was thinking about putting an ad in the paper that Mondays and Thursdays he'll be available to

hand out radios or something to that affect to where people can plan on certain days instead of just showing up whenever and then being disappointed that no one is available. After further discussion, it was decided that nothing had been resolved and the money was going to run out too soon.

Wright wanted to discuss the bid for the phone pole with the Commissioners. Dunlap said she hadn't gotten a bid yet. He said that depending on the size of the phone pole, there are two different mounting heads and they need to find out what size (the diameter) their pole is. Wright submitted his application for approval for the 2012 Eastern Colorado Incident Management Team that Chris Sorensen was on and that Casey Sheridan is on. He requested that the Commissioners consider approving and signing it for him so he can get it turned in. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the above stated application for Jeff Wright to be a member on this team. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Wright reported that July 21<sup>st</sup> is the next Oil and Gas Safety Awareness Class at 10:00 a.m. He stated that it's a two hour class, they'll break for lunch, and then the rest of the afternoon will be spent at a drilling rig site. He's sending notice of this training out to all surrounding areas to try to have a good attendance. Wright stated that if they are going to be called to one of these sites, it's important to know what chemicals they may come in contact with and what to expect when they get there.

Wright gave the Commissioners the list of trainings he's been certified for and other classes he's taken that don't issue certifications. These will be put in his file. He discussed the training classes that he had recently attended.

The Shelter Project with American Red Cross was discussed. The Weather Radio Project is going well. Nearly 2,000 have been distributed and another 2,000 have been ordered and are here but they are waiting on batteries. He discussed the siren project. The Towner siren has been ordered and paid for along with four controllers, which can be attached to all the sirens and can be set off from anywhere in the County. Receivers are paid for but the signal which would be sent via a VHF radio is not paid for yet. They are looking for more tornado sirens for Sheridan Lake, Eads and Haswell. The paperwork is done; they are just waiting for the funding to open up. There is money in the region that he's hoping to receive some of. The next big project he would like to work on is the tornado siren for Eads that is a \$14,000 model with battery backup where they won't need generators to set it off if the power goes out, but that's next on the purchase list. Wright stated that he's getting a bid on the electrical installation, stating that he does not have funds for that and probably won't. This will fall under the "things that will pop up" umbrella and the in-kind umbrella. It hasn't been budgeted for, so whether it's in-kind or comes out of the Emergency Management budget, or whether Wright can get the region to pay for part of it, it needs to be done one way or the other. Dunlap said she would check with the State to see if Conservation Trust Funds could be used for this type of project. Wright said possibly Home Land Security could pay for it, but if no funds are available, the sirens will remain sitting in a warehouse somewhere and that's not acceptable! He'll have to wait for bids before he can submit anything to the Commissioner's office. Wright updated the Commissioners on "Code Red" lists to call. He discussed the school tornado projects, stating that the schools have no idea what to do in the event there is a tornado in their area. He will bring people in from Greensburg, Kansas to train the schools when school reconvenes. He would like to have superintendants, principals, teachers, school bus drivers and any other school personnel available for the training. He said that two weeks before school starts when the teachers are back at the school but before the children are back, would probably be a good time to have this training. The Courthouse Security was discussed. He stated that should be the responsibility of the Sheriff's officer John Renteria and Wright will back him up on it. Scott stated that if there is a true emergency, Renteria may be in charge but he feels that Wright needs to be present and assisting in every aspect. Dunlap stated that Judge Tallman and Judge Brinkley are expecting a report on Courthouse Security from her within a month so she's going to need the guys to get busy and get it done.

Wright asked the Commissioners what else they would like for him to do. Oswald stated that at least quarterly it might be a good idea for him to attend the fire department meetings to get to know the volunteers and share some of his information with them. They will let the fire departments know that they need to invite Wright to their meetings so he can schedule with them. Wright said he would facilitate that. He'll contact all of the fire chiefs and find out when their meetings are and get the ball rolling. He also stated that if the Commissioners had no objections, he would like to join the Eads Fire Department. They said that was his prerogative.

Wright also asked how to get more people interested in attending the training classes. They have opened up 14 training classes in the last 8 months, one of which has happened and the other 13 have been cancelled due to lack of attendance. He said that's a lot of money that has been spent in the region that could have been spent elsewhere and that's a lot of people that have zero training in areas that need training. He asked if the Commissioners could make it mandatory for them to attend. They stated that they can not make it mandatory without paying them and most of them are volunteer departments. They discussed the possibility of establishing a fire district or fire districts throughout the County and then there would be some leverage on insisting people take training. The Commissioners would like to see the pros and cons on establishing a fire district before discussing any further.

Maintenance Director Mike Crain met with the Commissioners regarding Prairie Pines Assisted Living roof damage due to the wind. He stated that Engelhardt would repair it for \$50, as PPAL already has the shingles. Commissioners said to have Engelhardt do it. Crain also stated that Walt Immer was willing to fill in from time to time if either of the maintenance people is gone for vacation, etc.

The Commissioners discussed the Disaster Declaration and where the starting point is. It depends on what type of disaster is being talked about to determine where you start and with whom. They thought the FSA office started the Disaster Declaration last year regarding the drought disaster in the County.

Dunlap discussed a government grant for Sheridan Lake Water with Keith Siemsen. It's a \$250,000 grant with a \$50,000 match. He recommends that it go through Public Health but he wasn't aware there was going to be a match involved. The Commissioners felt this should go through the Town of Sheridan Lake instead of the County. They would be the ones needing to do the match. Dunlap will get back with Siemsen.

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

DEM Jeff Wright re-entered the meeting to report that the Governor had issued an executive order to do a mandatory no burning in the State of Colorado. This does not include professional fireworks. Koehler stated that the Sheriff is our fire warden. Wright said the Sheriff will receive this same executive order.

Jeanne Sorensen met with the Commissioners to present some ideas on how to help Kiowa County. She is proposing the possibility of implementing a county sales tax for the purpose of purchasing water for the lakes to re-establish tourism. She proposes that 10% of the tax proceeds go to economic development and the remaining 90% be dedicated to obtaining water to fill the lakes and help once again bring tourism to our communities. She suggested that the tax have a sunset after 10 or 15 years. Sorensen thought that either having public meetings for input or having citizens send in their ideas would help generate new ideas.

Area Extension Agent Bruce Fickenschler met with the Commissioners. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into executive session to consider personnel matters pursuant to CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I). All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners went into executive session at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was returned to regular session at 4:20 p.m.

The Commissioners recommend that Southeast Mental Health provide a seminar on suicide prevention when possible.

County Rd 27 was discussed. The last two miles going to the County Line have not been used as a road for several years. There is a trail on one mile of this area. An oil company needs right-of-way (ROW) information on the southern part of County Rd 27. Scott talked about a prescriptive ROW and the ROW is 30 feet on each side of the section line, but he stated that the issue is between the drilling company and the land owner, not the County. The County has maintained the trail road when the land owner has requested work on it; otherwise the County has nothing to do with this trail road.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiation and developing strategy for Prairie Pines Assisted Living pursuant to CRS 24-6-402 (4) (e). All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners went into executive session at 4:45 p.m.

The meeting was returned to regular session at 6:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm. All Commissioners voted affirmative.