

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR MARY 29, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on March 29, 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 as a visitor.

Minutes from the March 15, 2012 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as corrected, changing "Ag Commissioner" to "Attorney General" on the second page. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Landfill personnel issues were discussed.

The Commissioners are still accepting R&B applications until March 30th. Interviews will be done April 3, 2012.

The Commissioners will be interviewed on KWAY Friday, March 30th, 2012.

Transit van riders' criteria were discussed. Carla Gifford submitted a list of criteria as to when she feels a rider would be required on the transit van. There will be further discussion regarding this matter.

DEM Jeff Wright met with the Commissioners and was reminded that Kiowa and Bent Counties work closely together and negative comments concerning on going issues in Bent County are not acceptable from a position representing Kiowa County. It is the goal of both counties to work cooperatively.

Sharon Frazee met with the Commissioners regarding the Murdock Building project and the meeting in Limon that she and several of the senior citizens attended. They are going to try to pursue grants for this project. She is writing a grant to the Cooper Clark Foundation and the Baughman Foundation with approval by the Commissioners for matching funds for the historical grant funds. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the application to apply for grants with these foundations and the Peter Grant Preservation Fund for Colorado Historic Preservation Grant. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The National Park Service monies have not been approved at this time for this project. The Commissioners will continue to push for a decision with our legislators.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. for the Public Health meeting. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The vouchers were reviewed and approved.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee and Undersheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding Jackson's Pond. There has been shooting going on around the pond and Rod Johnson would like to have an ordinance prohibiting fire arms without prior approval. The Commissioners stated that since there is a firing range, there should be not reason to be shooting around the pond to begin with. Sheriff Frazee stated that an ordinance would be the only way to enforce this. The Commissioners authorized the Sheriff to talk with the County Attorney to investigate further. They also stated that since Economic Development owns the property, they will need to be contacted first. This should be their decision instead of the County's.

Sheriff Frazee also discussed his department's automobiles and said they average approximately 25,000 driving miles per year. Money was not adopted in the budget for replacing vehicles for 2012. However, if they sell some of their vehicles, they might have enough to cover the replacements. There was discussion whether to lease or buy. Sheriff Frazee would like to contact Utah and see what the selling price would be for a vehicle that is already a law enforcement vehicle fully equipped. They would only have to put their radio in it. They will report back when they have more information.

The Commissioners continued discussion on the Transit Van rider criteria. They feel that the list submitted needs to be refined before any decisions will be made.

There was discussion regarding the Day Care. The aging is down to one page and is improving. Even though the State budget seems to be improving, it has been determined that this will not help defray costs at the Day Care or DSS. The Commissioners will ask for figures from Dennis Pearson regarding Day Care.

The hospital signed the MOU regarding the Health Fair account. The Commissioners feel that the \$4,961.15, which is a third of the Health Fair funds, should remain in the Public Health Agency account to help offset the overtime paid out for past Health Fair and for the full time help at the Public Health Agency.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to install a handicap parking sign and paint a blue stripe the length of the transit van on the cement behind the Public Health office for transit van parking. The painting will be done only upon approval from the hospital. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to move Shelly Myers to a full time position at Public Health starting April 1st with health benefits starting July 1st. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The fire truck purchase discussion was tabled.

The Towner Line was discussed. They are still waiting for a conference with the Attorney General, which has not yet happened. The Commissioners feel that the \$10 million received by the State for the line should come back to Crowley and Kiowa Counties. The money could possibly be used on Highway 96. They will brainstorm other ideas for these funds. They will still try to have Safety Transportation keep the line from being abandoned, if possible.

The Sheriff's report for February was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The State Historical Grant application needs a signature for the Historic Preservation of seven Kiowa County National and State Register Nominations. The project will prepare the National Register nominations for the Eads School Gym, the Eads Community Church, Foster Lumber Company in Eads, and the Hotel Holly in Haswell. The State Register nominations include the Jackson Barn in Eads, the Missouri Pacific Depot in Haswell, and the Sheridan Lake School. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to sign the State Historical Grant application. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Matt Smith met with the Commissioners to discuss internet issues in the courthouse. After much discussion, Smith stated can give them a bid for updating all of this after he investigates the issue further. They are hoping this will take care of the many problems all of the offices in the courthouse have been having.

The next Regular Meeting will be April 12th, 2012.

With no further business, Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. All Commissioners voted affirmative.