

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on October 15, 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 9:10 a.m. as a visitor.

Minutes from the September 27, 2012 Regular Meeting and the Minutes for the Public Hearing for the Sheridan Lake Water District were presented. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Scott, to approve both sets of Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

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

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

A letter of interest for the County Hospital Board was received. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to hold the letter of interest until the Reorganization Meeting in January. All Commissioners voted affirmative. All available positions for the different boards will be advertised for prior to the Reorganization Meeting to give everyone an opportunity to submit their letters of interest.

The ADP proposal for payroll was received. The Commissioners decided against this proposal at this time.

A letter was received from the Division of Reclamation regarding the Barnett Gravel Pit. This pit is out of compliance due to the top soil stock piles not having established vegetation growing which means they are susceptible to erosion. The Road Foreman is aware of this problem and will take seed out to the site. However, between wildlife and the severe lack of moisture, it will be very difficult to establish growing vegetation. This has been an ongoing problem.

The Commissioners signed the revised operating lease with KCEDF which was previously approved.

An update on the Road Damage Policy was received from Commissioner Koehler. After further review, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to adopt the County Road Damage Policy. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Employee Incentive for the Holidays was discussed. Pricing was received on jackets and embroidering on the jackets. All three Commissioners are in favor of moving forward with this project. The jackets will be given out to all full time employees. Extra jackets will be ordered in the event that part time employees would like to purchase a jacket.

Budget work session will be October 16th starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Commissioners reviewed the updated Certification of Valuation received from the Assessor.

Interviews for the Extension Office Administrative Assistant position will be schedule for Wednesday. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to recess the regular meeting to review the Extension Office position applications at 10:45 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners resumed the Regular Meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to reinstate the \$7,500 to KCEDF that was withheld earlier. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The voucher will be submitted October 30th.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed.

Commissioner reports were reviewed and discussed.

SCEDD has a new director starting.

Time-off request forms were reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the time-off request for Denise Riley. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve time off for Mike Crain due to family health issues. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Resolution 2012-4 to pay dues for SCEDD was reviewed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign the resolution to continue to pay the membership dues for SCEDD in the amount of \$237.66, to wit:

Resolution No. 2012-4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY APPROVING OUR COMMITMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2013:

WHEREAS, a letter was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners asking for a commitment to pay the membership dues to Southern Colorado Economic Development District (also known as SCEDD) for 2013 of \$237.66.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Membership dues will be based on 2010 County population of 1398 people. Dues for 2013 will be \$237.66.
2. Services include but are not limited to: Implementation of the CEDS program with annual updates, grant assistance, demographic profiles and monitoring of trends, assistance to our local economic developers, loan assistance to small businesses and a regional partnership through twelve counties.
3. SCEDD provides these services at little or no cost to clients and member counties.

Adopted this 15th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO

Richard Scott, Chairman

Donald Oswald, Commissioner

William Koehler, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Debra C. Lening, Kiowa County Clerk and Recorder

All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Fill dirt for the Chivington Friends Church was discussed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to assist the Chivington Church with fill dirt to help rebuild the church. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

DOT online training was discussed. More information is required before any decisions can be made.

A cattle guard issue was discussed. A new cattle guard was put in and the old cattle guard was left for the landowner to do with as he sees fit. The billing for the cattle guard remains the same.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$55,062 in September on behalf of Kiowa County residents. Pearson reported that the Ombudsman position needs to be filled. This person would look into complaints by assisted living residents or nursing home residents. It involves visiting the nursing home every month and assisted living every three months and if a resident has an issue with the staff or the facility, this person would take that complaint and help resolve the issue. This position was held by Hallie Cordova, but she is no longer able to continue in this position. The individual can not be an employee of the facility or be on the Board of Directors to hold this position, nor can the individual have family in either facility or working for either facility. This is a mandated, unpaid, volunteer position. Pearson discussed a letter being sent on behalf of Property Tax Contingency. Pearson discussed the DSS water bill, which was double the amount this time around. He will keep checking to see if they can find any problems or leaks. The Early Childhood Council Intergovernmental Agreement was discussed. Pearson hasn't heard back from anyone regarding this matter.

Chamber after Hours will be October 29th and they would like the candidates to be there to speak. Cathy Garcia with Action 22 is coming to discuss the amendments on the ballot.

There was discussion regarding a Workman's Comp issue and modified duty status. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to authorize Workman's Comp to issue modified work status for the employee involved. Koehler and Scott voted aye; Oswald abstained. Motion carried.

Brenda Fickenscher and Shane Lessenden met with the Commissioners regarding Fair Board Budget issues, which were overspent for the 2012 Fair. Lessenden stated that he felt most of the overage occurred when the Fair Board took over the utilities and not enough was budgeted. There were also several repairs that had to be done that were not anticipated. Lots of ideas were discussed to help with revenue for next year.

The Regular Meetings set for November will be November 14th and 29th.

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

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.