

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

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

Minutes from the August 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. Some items were added to old and new business. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. Vouchers were approved and signed.

The Public Health office was discussed. Shelly Myers will be going to Denver for birth certificate training on September 26<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. pursuant to CRS 24-6-402 (4) (d) for specialized details of security with Sheriff Forrest Frazee and CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) for personnel matters with County Clerk Debra C. Lening. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. and resumed the Regular Session.

Commissioner Scott composed a letter of support to CDOT regarding the proposed shoulder expansion on Highway 96 to accommodate bicycle traffic. Scott stated that after driving on Highway 96 on the west end of the County, he had never paid attention to the fact that there are no shoulders what so ever there. The bicycles have no where to go when vehicles are approaching and it presents a very dangerous situation for all concerned. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign and send the letter of support to CDOT. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee met with the Commissioners regarding an appointment to the Southeast Colorado All-Hazards Board. The Emergency Management Director had been the member on that board and now needs to be replaced. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to co-appoint the Sheriff and the Under-Sheriff to be the representatives for Kiowa County on the Southeast Colorado All-Hazards Board. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners met with Ron Farmer at his office in Lamar for his opinion on Prairie Pines Assisted Living. His opinion is that PPAL is a 501(C) (3) entity. In the assumption of ownership, the ownership is transferred to the PPAL Corporation. It is also the opinion of Farmer that with the PPAL Corporation owning it, they are to also run and operate PPAL. The Commissioners would have very little to do with PPAL other than the County's involvement with any operating expenses requested by PPAL if needed. The Mil Levy would continue on for debt retirement and operating purposes. The employees would no longer be County employees unless there was a lease agreement between the County and PPAL and the County would "lease" the employees to PPAL. This will be discussed further with the PPAL Board.

The Fair financials were discussed. The expenses were considerably higher than the income. This will be discussed with the Fair Board.

The Road and Bridge semi-tractor issue was discussed.

A complaint was received regarding County Rd 20 south of Haswell, which was washed out and is still being repaired. The Commissioners will try to get the gravel trucks moved to District 3 from District 1 to help with this repair.

Commissioner Scott stated that PPAL may potentially not be as far behind financially as previously thought, so he stated the County may be able to give the other \$7,500 to KCEDF, or a portion thereof. This number won't be known for sure until later in the year.

Jeanne Sorensen had some thoughts regarding PPAL. These ideas will have to be tabled until the assumption of PPAL is completed.

The Regular Meetings set for October will be October 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The Regular Meetings set for November will be November 14<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed.

Commissioner reports were reviewed and discussed.

Delton Eikenberg had concerns regarding ground blowing and wanted to know if the County had a policy in place for breaking out ground. The Commissioners will check in to this matter. (Later in the meeting: Title 35 has to do with Agriculture; Article 72 has to do with Soil Erosion and dust blowing. CRS 35-72-102 [Duty of landowner and liability for damage] and 103(1) [Action by county commissioners – emergency conditions] address blowing fields.)

Time-off request forms were reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the time-off request. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

CSBG program reimbursements forms required a signature. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the CSBG program reimbursements forms. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The hospital board vacancy was discussed. This was tabled until more information is received.

The Day Care playground equipment was discussed. No decision was made at this time as to what to do with the equipment.

The Public Health office car port was discussed. It is not being used at this time and is lying out at the county shop. Since it is too big to be used at the PH office, the Commissioners are in favor of putting it out for bid.

A request was made for a copy of the taping of the minutes. It was determined that a copy would not be made of the tape. If someone is interested in listening to the tape, they may come in to the Commissioner's office to listen to it. The "Sunshine Law" required that the tape be made available to be listened to if the meetings are being taped, but it does not require duplicating the tape.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson stated he was working on his budget and had not included anything for KCEDF. He just wanted to know if he was correct on that and the Commissioners stated that was correct at this time. There was discussion regarding TANF recipients and work programs for them. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$37,829 in August on behalf of Kiowa County residents. Raul will be finished with training by the end of the month. Audrey Johnson's salary will be adjusted down next month and Raul's will be adjusted up.

The next Regular Meeting will be September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.