

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 29, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on August 29, 2013. 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

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

Minutes from the August 13, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Scott asked to add item # 4– Social Security Number of R&B Applications and #5 – Personal vehicles being used for Sheriff Department business. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Administrator Dunlap reported that Western Solutions is coming next Tuesday, September 3rd, and will be here for three days for site survey on the old Maine Street Hotel. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, for Chairman Scott to sign the User Questionnaire and the Phase I Environment Site Assessment Questionnaire for Western Solutions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Weisbrod Hospital Administrator Tristen Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding hospital vehicles. Most of the vehicles are listed under Kiowa County for insurance purposes, and those that aren't, soon will be. The Hospital attorney would like for Sheridan to get a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Commissioners to agree to sign off on the vehicles if the hospital needs to sell them at any time. The understanding is that even though they are titled in the County's name, they belong to the hospital. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign an MOU for re-titling of the hospital vehicles. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Sheridan will draw up the MOU and present it to the Commissioners before the next Regular Meeting.

The use of the Public Health van was discussed. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, that the van to be used where needed for any county business with a county employee or elected official driving. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald to rescind both motions made during the August 13, 2103 Regular Meeting regarding changes in Road & Bridge, to wit:

“Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to form an East and West R&B district with Highway 287 dividing the two districts, with the equipment and personnel staying as is with the exception of a third road foreman.” And “Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to increase the two foremen’s current salary by \$600 per month for one year, and after that, if this arrangement works out, to increase their current salary by \$800 per month (an additional \$200 increase per month), and if this arrangement does not work, the foremen are to maintain the \$600 per month.”

Scott and Oswald voted aye; Koehler abstained. Motion carried. Scott stated he does not want to go to a 2-District system and Oswald stated the salary increases were problematic. Scott stated he does not want to diminish any road activity in District 1. Koehler stated he wanted to streamline Road & Bridge and felt the efficiency would be better with two districts instead of three. Discussion was tabled as the next appointment arrived.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m. as a visitor.

Terry Koehn met with the Commissioners to discuss Caterpillar equipment questions for Road & Bridge. Koehn said the lift kits were shipped and will be installed next week during Fair so that there is no down time on the equipment. Koehler asked Koehn for rental charges for equipment for budgeting purposes.

Discussion continued regarding Road & Bridge issues. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to continue with the 3-District system. Scott and Oswald voted aye; Koehler abstained. Motion carried. The Commissioners will need to now interview for a District 2 R&B Foreman. All Road & Bridge interviews will be done after the Fair on September 10th.

Signatures are needed for the 2012 Cost Allocation Plan. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the consolidated Cost Allocation Plan for 2012. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The gravel lease with Alvin L. & Deanna L. Russell was reviewed and needs revisions. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to amend the gravel lease with the Russell's, to wit:

Paragraph 3: *"It is agreed that this lease shall remain in force so long as Lessee conducts mining operations thereon or a lease for 5 (five) years"* was changed to read, "It is agreed that this lease shall remain in force for 3 (three) years."

All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Fair issues were discussed.

Sheriff vehicles were discussed. The new cars should arrive this week. Two Crown Victoria's will be taken out of the Sheriff's fleet and sold.

The Commissioner meetings for October will be October 10th and October 29th.

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

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Reports from Sage, SECREA, SCEDD, SECED, KCEDF, and Workforce were given.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting for a Public Hearing for the Special Events Permit for Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center at 11:00 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative. With no public present and no comments or opposition previously received, the Hearing was closed at 11:05 a.m. and the Regular Meeting resumed.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Application for a Special Event for Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center for the Pedal the Plains Event beer garden. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the CSBG Performance Report Request to combine all of the request forms into one for reimbursement for 2012-2013 that was left over in the contract. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The annual elevator load limit inspection and maintenance was discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to authorize the 5 year witness test with H.E.S. Elevator Services in the amount of \$100 per elevator and annual maintenance in the amount of \$250 per elevator. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the Road & Bridge application and whether or not the applicant's social security number was needed on the application or not. There will be discussion with CTSI regarding this matter.

There was discussion regarding personal vehicles being used for the Sheriff's Department. This matter was satisfactorily explained.

Rick Reed with 4 Rivers Equipment, formerly known as Colorado Machinery, met with the Commissioners and the road foremen.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$31,990.61 in July on behalf of Kiowa County residents. An MOU from Crowley County for Family Engagement was discussed. The Commissioners will review. Pearson sent the DSS report to the Commissioners and the Administrator. He reported that the Medicaid criteria are changing in October. Pearson discussed the vacancy in his office and said, regardless, he needs the fourth person in his office. Child welfare is a critical piece to the office, but if the County contracts this with Crowley County, he will still need another person in the office. If they don't contract with Crowley County, they need to hire another case worker for that position. The Commissioners said to advertise for the case work position and they will see where it goes.

DEM Nancy McCain met with the Commissioners. She reported that the radio repeater was installed in Sheridan Lake yesterday (August 28th). She will test the sirens tomorrow (August 30th). She will be attending the LEPC training conference next week.

LaVerle Kelley met with the Commissioners regarding the Veterans Memorial idea. She said she saw a very nice memorial in Springfield that had a large, usable gazebo with benches, tables, and stools inside. The Commissioners continue to collect ideas, hoping to have something put in place by next Memorial Day.

The next Regular meeting will be September 13th, 2013.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.