

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on February 27, 2014. 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

Cindy McLoud attended as a visitor.

Minutes from the February 13, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. One voucher was questioned. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve and sign the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Item #10 – County Survey - was added to Old Business; and #3 – Bransgrove Building Rent – was added to New Business. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A thank you letter was received from the Town of Eads for the playground equipment.

A letter of interest was received for the Fair Board vacancy. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Raelynn Riley to the Fair Board to fill the vacancy. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Fair Board roundtable was discussed.

Recycling information was discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to send a letter of support to Clean Valley Recycling for their RREO grant. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC) position was discussed. The Commissioners will consider advertising for this position after they talk with the Sheriff's office to see what the needs are for the County.

The Brownfields Grant update was discussed. It is still moving forward.

The fire district update was discussed. The Commissioners will need to discuss the matter with the County Attorney. The formation of the Special District needs to be discussed.

Sheriff Casey Sheridan and Undersheriff Mike Schneider met with the Commissioners to discuss the EPC position. The Sheriff will be the Emergency Preparedness Manager, but they discussed hiring a coordinator who will work with the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff feels the coordinator position should be a full time position. The Commissioners also discussed the formation of a fire district with the Sheriff.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson discussed the Medicaid report numbers. The report now reflects what is actually spent in the County. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$51,435.87 in January on behalf of Kiowa County residents. He also reported that through January, they have 58 new clients on Medicaid due to the new threshold. Medicaid enrollment has expanded significantly. Transportation and Prairie Pines Assisted Living were discussed. Pearson stated that if PPAL is paying for the residents' travel, Medicaid can not be billed. This would be considered double dipping. He will check to see if a donation versus a payment is distinguished. Pearson also gave a report on RESADA (Region Six Alcohol and Drug Abuse).

SBDC Director Bill Dutro met with the Commissioners with his final 2013 update review on the Impact Report. He reported that the capital formation for 2013 was \$5.31 million. Dutro's replacement has not been hired yet, so he will continue for 2 more weeks. The Commissioners discussed the casino gambling idea with Dutro.

Discussion continued on the fire district. They Commissioners will have Attorney Shinn research this matter and will meet with her.

There was further discussion regarding the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to advertise for the full time position. The starting pay will be \$10.00 per hour; \$10.50 per hour after six months; and \$11.00 per hour after one year. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Eads landfill was inspected but the report will take approximately one month to receive. Deficiencies are being work on at the Haswell landfill. Discussion on the landfill position was tabled at this time.

The museum was discussed. Members of the Historic Society say they are the board for the museum as opposed to the Commissioners appointing a Museum Board. No decisions were made at this time.

The casino gambling survey that was sent out to county commissioners statewide was discussed. The Commissioners are asking for state support of the proposal.

Prairie Pine Assisted Living (PPAL) Administrator Linda Watts and PPAL board members Mike Lening, Teresa Weber, Cindy McLoud, and Michelle Wyckoff met with the Commissioners regarding PPAL issues. Watts stated PPAL received a bid on repairing the swimming pool in the amount of \$5,220 to repair the cracks in the plastered surface. However, if the cracks are not the only problem and there are issues with the structure of the pool, repairs could cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. The damage was caused from draining the pool and PPAL is asking the County to help with the repair costs. Watts said that when she took her pool maintenance training, she was told a pool should never be completely drained as it will crack. Oswald asked if she had checked with the company that had installed the pool to see what their opinion would be on repairing it. Koehler stated that since PPAL is a private business and they are receiving county funds for operation, they should pay the repairs themselves. Scott stated they need to see if the insurance will cover the damage first. Watts stated she would do more research on the matter. Scott said he would consider assistance of some type if they were looking at \$5,000 but nothing more.

The PPAL board also wanted to discuss the transit van issue with the Commissioners. They received a letter from the Commissioners asking for a monthly payment of \$320 for their residents to ride the transit van. The Commissioners stated everyone riding the transit van is asked for a donation. PPAL has been giving a \$25 per month donation for its residents so the residents would not be asked individually and thought the matter was resolved until they received this letter. Lening stated he wished the Commissioners would have talked to them about this matter instead of sending this letter and said they were not in a position at this time to be able to make that kind of payment monthly. After much discussion, the PPAL board said they will meet and see what they can do to increase their donation. They want to do what is best for their residents and for the residents of the County and don't want to see the transit van service have to end because it is going in the hole monthly.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor at 1:35 p.m.

Walt Immer met with the Commissioners. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. pursuant to and as permitted by CRS 24-6-402 (4)(f) for the purpose of personnel matters. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. and resumed the Regular meeting.

Meeting for May will be May 15th and May 29th.

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

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The TV Tower report, SAGE, SEBREA, SCEDD & SECED reports were reviewed.

There were no time-off request forms to review.

A complaint was received from David Marble regarding County Rd 38, stating that the gas company laid or repairs a line in the ditch and now it is a muddy mess. It involves his drive way. He wants to know who is going to fix the problem. The Commissioners will have the gas company take care of this issue.

There was discussion regarding renting the Bransgrove building rooms. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to rent the "Maine Street Retreat" area for \$0.30 per square foot. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Renters will be responsible for their own utilities and their own janitorial needs.

The next Regular meeting will be March 13th, 2014.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.