

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JUNE 26, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on June 26, 2014. 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

Cindy McLoud attended as a visitor.

Minutes from the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Additions were made to the agenda, to wit: Old Business - #8 – DSS Employment; #9 – Rezone Permit for Cell Phone Tower at Sheridan Lake; New Business - #6 Amanda Brown to do budget. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A Fire District Preliminary Standard Operating Procedures work copy was reviewed. The Commissioners need to meet with the fire departments as soon as possible.

The Courthouse Security was discussed. The Sheriff needs to designate someone since Jeff Meyers is now the Undersheriff. There also needs to be new locking up procedure.

CSU Extension updates were discussed. Kiowa County will be sharing an Area Extension Agent with Cheyenne County when one is hired. The agent will be headquartered at Kiowa County. Bill Koehler will be appointed to the search committee. Richard Scott is also on the search committee.

Railroad updates were discussed. The Commissioners will continue to work with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on this matter. There is once again a legitimate offer for the railroad on the table. There are four companies interested in the railroad. The Commissioners will send another letter to Cynthia Brown regarding this offer. It is imperative that others send letters to the STB regarding the abandonment process.

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign all of the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Landfill updates were discussed. The Commissioners went to a meeting on Monday and put a process in place to solve some of the problems. They will have another meeting July 25th. They are looking for changes in regulations for rural area landfills.

The transit issues were briefly discussed. The schedule stands as is for the time being.

The Veterans Memorial was discussed. Roland Sorensen came in to discuss this matter with the Commissioners. Everything is coming along nicely.

The Commissioners discussed the DSS employment request at a work session. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to authorize an additional employee close to Charlotte Phillip's retirement, whenever that time comes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The TV tower SEBREA, & SECED reports were given.

There was one time-off request form to review. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the time-off request for Carla Gifford. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) is requesting an underground line to be installed under County Rd 75. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the request for SECPA to install an electrical line under County Rd 75. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners had a phone conference SECED Director Dan Tate for a Public Hearing. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to recess the Regular Meeting to open the Public Hearing for the Department of Housing (DOH) at 10:00 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Those in attendance were the three Commissioners, Administrator Dunlap, Clerk Lening, and Cindy McLoud. Tate explained the reason for the hearing was for the DOH Application for administrative funds going to the State in July. He explained that his office administers a rehab program for income eligible owner occupied residences, and he stated that they are asking for administrative funds. The way the program works, they don't get any operating funds other than what comes down through the Department of Housing. He stated that they have to make application to get those operating funds and they are asking for \$93,286 to operate the program for one year, budgeting for

12 projects. They are paid on completed projects only. They ended up with 9 or 10 projects this past year. Any money that's not used has to go back to the State. It's actually on a reimbursement platform; the money is expended and then reimbursed. The economy is not warm enough for people to be confident that they can take on the obligation right now, because it is a loan. So they are obligated to repay and SECED has to collateralize the loan with a Deed of Trust. The starting interest for the loan is around 3.5% to 3.25%. They look at the individual's ability to repay and structure the loan payments around that. There is one project here in Kiowa County that is deferred due to inability to repay (until transfer of title). With no further public questions, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to close the Public Hearing on DOH at 10:10 a.m. and return to the Regular Meeting. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to recess the Regular Meeting at 10:12 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to attend the Colorado 811 Dig meeting. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

William Wilcox entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. as a visitor.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

J.C. Carrica and Connie Brase with Southeast Mental Health Group (SHG) met with the Commissioners to discuss a new program that they have as of July 1, 2013. It is a transportation program funded by a grant from the Daniels Fund in the amount of \$70,000 to see what the savings will be to the counties for one year, ending June 30, 2015. To sustain this service, SHG will be approaching each county to help subsidize a portion of the cost after the first year ends on June 30, 2015. Currently, if someone is having mental health issues and needs to be transported to a facility, the sheriff's office has to transport them. This van would pick them up and transport them instead. This would benefit the sheriff's office and the county in that they wouldn't need personnel to transport these individuals. SHG will assess each county, as this will affect counties at different levels, depending on the use.

Also, they are trying to get a full time person in Kiowa County (4 days a week) possibly by October. They will keep the Commissioners informed on this matter.

A Cougar Mountain quote for upgrades on the computer system was reviewed. There is nothing budgeted for an additional upgrade for this year. There will be an annual upgrade done in February, 2015.

The Otero County Health-Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program was discussed. Otero County Health would like to offer this one time only service to Kiowa County at no cost to the County. The Commissioners said they would accept the offer since it was no cost to the County.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to engage Amanda Brown, CPA to do the 2015 Budget for Kiowa County. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Colorado 811 Dig will have classes for training and certification.

Michelle Wyckoff met with the Commissioners regarding a Cell Tower Zoning Amendment Application. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the application per the recommendations of the Zoning and Planning Commission, for Darren Hunter with Bridger Wireless Cell Tower for rezoning a portion of parcel #112911407 from Agricultural to Commercial for the construction of a 195' telecommunications tower & associated equipment shelters located north of Sheridan Lake.. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular meeting will be July 15th, 2014.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.