

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on October 23, 2014. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Debra C. Lening, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Cindy McLoud was present as a visitor.

Minutes from the October 9, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the Minutes as presented. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

Minutes from the October 14, 2014 Special Meeting was presented. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Minutes as presented. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Two additions were made to the agenda, to wit: Old Business - #9 – Towner Bus Tragedy Kiosk; New Business - #3 – Interview Policy. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the additions. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jo Lynn Idler sent the Commissioners a revision of the Core Service Contract for the Kiowa County Public Health Agency. The contract was originally signed at the first of the year for the total amount of \$3,738. Idler was notified October 10th that they had received an additional \$1,537 of state funding, reflected in the revision, bringing the Core Service Contract total to \$5,275. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to sign the addendum to the Core Service Contract. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

Commissioner Donald Oswald entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

The On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) final regulations have not been approved by the state yet. Once they are approved by the state, they can be adopted by the County.

William Wilcox entered the meeting as a visitor at 9:13 a.m.

Road and Bridge interviews were previous performed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer the operator position for District 1 to Nick Eder. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The transit van advisory board was discussed. Two letters of interest have been received so far. The deadline to receive letters of interest to participate on the transit van advisory board is November 10th.

The Veterans Memorial update was discussed. The memorial stone has been received by Brown Funeral Home. It should be sand blasted and set in place next week. Preparations for the dedication are being taken care of. Essays and posters have been received from both schools and will be judged some time next week.

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

The Lincoln County Free Trade Zone status was discussed. The application was completed and the final comment period is past. It may be another 8-10 months before approved. This means locals doing export trade would receive some type of tax break.

The Commissioners will have a budget workshop with Amanda Brown, CPA on October 29th and possibly 30th.

The state approved SE Colorado All Hazards Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan update from FEMA was reviewed.

Kim Richards from Kiowa County Abstract, Hospital Board Chairman Sharon Frazee, Hospital Administrator Tristen Sheridan and CFO Shannon Dixon met with the Commissioners for the closing on the Public Health building being sold to the Weisbrod Hospital. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the closing, the settlement, the Warranty Deed and the Bill of Sale for the Public Health building property. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Towner Bus Tragedy kiosk meeting will be November 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at the community hall building in Towner to discuss what goes on the kiosk and a CDOT form. An additional \$3,000 is needed if information is put on the 2 panels on the back of the kiosk. The cost is \$1,500 per panel.

There was discussion regarding the storage shed located behind the Public Health building which was not included in the sale of the property to the hospital. The Commissioners will have Road & Bridge move the storage shed after it is emptied.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The TV Tower, SAGE, SEBREA, SCEDD, SECED, and Public Health reports were given.

There were no time-off request forms for review.

There was discussion regarding pipelines crossing county roads from two different companies, to wit: 1. Mull Drilling; 2. DCP Midstream. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve both permits for pipelines crossing county roads. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Roland Sorensen met with the Commissioners to discuss the Veterans Memorial budget for the dedication luncheon, bag pipe player, band, etc. Sorensen reported that John Spano was coming next Monday to check on the issues with the solar lights.

The Colorado Civil Rights Division Pre-employment Inquiries brochure was reviewed regarding questions for interviewing for employment.

Sheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding an un-paid voucher that the Commissioners previously denied. Sheriff Sheridan showed the Commissioners the "Sheriff Coins" that are used for public relations. The Commissioners were not aware what this voucher was for when they denied it last meeting. They thought it was something personal. Sheriff Sheridan said he wouldn't have turned in a voucher if it was a personal item. After more discussion, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the voucher to Symbol Arts for payment. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jennifer Wells with CSU Extension met with the Commissioners to discuss the Area Extension Agent position. They had a conference call with Bill Nobles. They discussed the position that they have failed to fill thus far. Wells said the southeast area extension has changed and there is now sharing of specialists and generalists. Wells said they would like for the 4-H person to not be a shared position and would like for this person to be located locally. This means that Amy Kelley could cover Cheyenne County exclusively again. The search pools would also be greater for a person in this position. The Commissioners said they would prefer to move in that direction also, looking for a 4-H and Ag position. They will focus on the training aspect in the future and then use the specialists from around the area to fill the gaps.

FSA County Committee members Randy Carney and Jeff Salisbury, along with FSA Director Dawna Weirich met with the Commissioners regarding the Community Building rent for the farm bill meetings. Weirich wanted a few things clarified. The Commissioners' decision last meeting was based on something they heard from a previous County Committee person who said FSA would be reimbursed for the rental charge. Weirich said this was not a true statement and she would never have come to the Commissioners to ask for a reduced rate if they were being reimbursed. Carney said the Commissioners should have talked to Director Weirich before making their decision. The truth is, FSA has no funds available for renting for meetings and have had to rely on generous sponsors like WIFE or NRCS to pick up the tab for these meetings in the past. Scott said he was back to where he was when this issue was first brought up, in light of this information, to waive the fees. Koehler said if they did, that would set a precedent. Carney asked him how he figured that since this is a public education for the landowners. Koehler said he understood where they were coming from but it would cause problems later on. He said they have to pay for the upkeep on the building so if fees are cut or waived, eventually you're not going to have a building. Oswald stated he would propose that they go to \$75 for the fee instead of the \$100. Carney said the fee wasn't the biggest problem; it's the \$300 deposit. Weirich said it would be easier to just go east and west because they could get the venues for free by doing that. Scott asked her what her original proposal was and she stated \$50. He asked if she would go with that again and she said she didn't think so at this time. Carney said he didn't think that proposal would pass anyway, so it would be a waste of time. He said they hate to get outside sponsors and he doesn't feel like it is right to keep going back to these people to have them pay time and time again because FSA doesn't have the budget for it. Scott said again that he feels this isn't any different from the extension education, but that they would need \$50 for the cleaning fee. Scott stated he would be willing make the motion to accept this proposal if they would reconsider this idea again. After further discussion, Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to drop the rental fee of the community building to \$50 (with no deposit) for each of the FSA farm plan education meetings. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Weirich will set up the date with Administrator Dunlap. The first meeting will be in the next couple of weeks and the other meeting after the first of the year in January or February. The committee members and Director Weirich thanked the Commissioners for their time and their decision.

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

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.