

Unofficial Minutes for September 25, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on September 25, 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

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

Minutes from the September 22, 2014 Special Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

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 agenda was reviewed. Two additions were made to the agenda, to wit: Old Business - #10 - Veterans Memorial; New Business - #4 - Chivington. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the Contract for Sale and Purchase with the Kiowa County Hospital District, which has not been received at this time.

The new Public Health office was discussed. Everything is done except installation of a generator. They will move in next week. An open house will be the same day as the flu shot clinic next month. The Public Health sign needs to be installed. The Commissioners will do a walk through later today.

The railroad issue was discussed. The County is at no risk by supporting the law suit. Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad is attempting to purchase the rails from V&S, which may be why V&S started removing the rails so quickly. Discussion was tabled until the 10:00 a.m. conference call.

Interviews for the Emergency Management Coordinator position were done. Koehler and Dunlap were not present for the interviews due to conflicts of interest. No one was selected. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to re-advertise for the position. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Road & Bridge issues were discussed. Applications for the R&B position are due October 15th.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor at 9:40 a.m.

County Attorney Wendy Shinn called the Commissioners at 9:43 a.m. for a conference call. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (b) for legal council purposes at 9:44 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

William Wilcox entered the meeting as a visitor at 10:00 a.m.

The Commissioners had a conference call with Railroad Attorney Lawrence Treece regarding railroad issues. After the conference call, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign the Common Interest & Confidentiality Agreement upon receipt of a Letter of Protection. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners will send a letter to Corrections Industries to see if they can coordinate with them for equipment operating training. The Commissioners discussed their trip to the Corrections Industries to tour the fish farm on September 15th at the suggestion of Representative Larry Crowder. Scott said the tour was very interesting and encompassed far more enterprises than just the fish farm. Corrections trains people (inmates) to get experience for future jobs. The 6,000 unit prison runs without tax payer funds by using the profits from all their enterprises.

CCOERA Regional Client Services Manager Lisa Aiken-Jillson met with the Commissioners to discuss the County retirement program.

The transit was discussed. The town of Eads is not scheduled at this time and needs to be. Dunlap needs 24 hours notice to be able to get a driver for the transit van. There was discussion regarding trips that are already scheduled. Those trips will be honored and then a new schedule will be put in place. La Junta has not been on the schedule and was discussed. They will see what the demand is for trips to La Junta.

Rural Philanthropy Days is tomorrow in Trinidad. Scott and Dunlap will not be attending after all. This event caters more to the non-profits than government agencies. Software can be purchased for finding grants for government agencies. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to authorize Administrator Peggy Dunlap to purchase the software for government grants. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The extension agent position was discussed. The search committee found a person but that person took the Elbert County job instead, so they will have to re-advertise for the position.

The Veterans Memorial was discussed. The solar lights still need to be installed. The Plainview School student body and staff will be attending the dedication ceremonies.

The Contract for Sale & Purchase with the Kiowa County Hospital District was received and reviewed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the contract for the sale of the old Public Health building to the Hospital. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The SAGE, SEBREA, SCEDD and SECED reports were given.

The outdated generator at the TV tower was discussed. There was discussion regarding a propane generator versus a diesel generator. The Commissioners need figures to budget in 2015. Eastern Slope Rural Telephone will need to be contacted before any decisions are made.

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

The CCI conference will be December 1-3 in Colorado Springs.

There has been a petition circulated in the Denver area by a group called "Move On" to change the name of the town of Chivington, so that it doesn't offend anyone. The people in the town of Chivington told Rep. Larry Crowder no to the name change. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, that for the record, the Commissioners are adamantly opposed to a name change to the town of Chivington. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Letter of Protection was received from Railroad Attorney Lawrence Treece. The Commissioners reviewed the letter and sent it to the County Attorney.

The Commissioners recessed to go to lunch at 11:45 a.m.

The Commissioners called Attorney Wendy Shinn to discuss the Letter of Protection. She was not available to take the call.

The next Regular meeting will be October 9th, 2014.

With no further business, Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.