

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on February 26, 2015. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McLoud, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator
(Commissioner Oswald absent due to illness)

9:03 am Walter Immer with the Courthouse Maintenance crew entered the board meeting with a letter of resignation. Immer thanked the BOCC for the opportunity to be able to work for the county. Mr. Immer's last day will be May 15, 2015.

Scott moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from February 12, 2015. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

Scott moved to approve to pay all vouchers presented and McLoud seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott moved to accept the agenda as is, but with one addition to Item 17, the extension office report. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

The Murdock Project was tabled to lack of information available.

Scott moved to renew the Sirius radio for the Transit Van for the 2015 year in the amount of \$134.00. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

9:30 a.m. Dennis Pearson with the Director of Social Services entered the meeting. Mr. Pearson reported the Medicaid expenditures in Kiowa County for December were \$75,444.75 and in January were \$68,336.21. Pearson also said Medicaid enrollment in Kiowa County had increased by 66 percent.

Pearson also presented the plans for the construction to be done on the upper room in the Bransgrove building for family visitations, GED classes and therapeutic services. Scott moved and McLoud seconded the motion to authorize Pearson to solicit bids for the remodeling. All voted affirmative.

Pearson reported the state came down and discussed a Performance Improvement Plan for the Department of Social Services. The greatest concern was the part-time child welfare case worker. Mr. Pearson said he is applying for a waiver for Audrey Johnson to become a child welfare case worker. McLoud said she was in attendance of this meeting also and the state officer said he would advocate for the county to get this waiver approved. If this waiver would get approved the Department of Social Services in Kiowa County would not have to hire another case worker. The waiver would be for Mrs. Johnson to continue her education requirements and yet be able to work full time as a case worker. Scott moved and McLoud seconded to send a letter of request for an educational waiver for Audrey Johnson to serve as a child protection worker. All voted affirmative.

McLoud moved and Scott seconded to recess at 9:57 a.m. to go inspect the Eads Golf Course for their liquor license application. All voted affirmative.

At 10:20 a.m. Scott moved to reconvene the meeting. McLoud seconded. All voted affirmative. Roland Sorensen entered the meeting with concerns to the Archive Room and the splitting of this room for the Emergency Manager to have an office. Mr. Sorensen said he fears the records that are being held there will be put in jeopardy if they cannot be reviewed in this room. Sorensen said when the oil and gas people are here, there is a need for a research area. Some of these records being stored may walk away if they are being reviewed in another room. Sorensen stated that these records go back to the 1880's and if these records were lost or damaged, they can't be replaced and it would be the responsibility of the landowner and mineral right owners to go to court to prove ownership. Sorensen also questioned the size of the office area the Emergency Manager would need. Scott said they are going to measure off the room in an attempt to make room for either one or two tables to be by the vault for people to review the records and still give the Emergency Manager enough office space to operate. McLoud questioned if the oil and gas people would be back. Sorensen said he has been told they will be back, but was not given a date.

Dunlap updated the commissioners on the website information. Dunlap said it would be \$125.00 per year for the cost of the domain. Scott moved and McCloud seconded to register and maintain the domain Gov.com.

Keith Siemsen with Environmental Health entered the meeting presenting a program on waste tires. He reported the state is trying to get a program started to teach the people in his four county region the regulations on storage of tires and how they can be recycled. He said the state had not enforced this regulation but they have begun to do so. When a person purchases a tire there is a \$1.50 surcharge which is used for tire recycling. He said the county is not committed to this program at this time. He was here to explain how it works and to see if there is an interest in this program for our county. He said again the cost should be funded by the waste tire fund. McCloud said this does bring up concerns for her. She said such as the water sitting stale in old tires. Keith said that is one of the biggest health concerns for the state. McCloud said she didn't want a lot of waste tires sitting at the landfill. Siemsen reported one of the drivers behind forming this fund was tire fires and how long it takes for a tire to burn. Siemsen said he will take this back to his office and set up a budget process and will come back and present this fund with further information. Siemsen said he will keep the commissioners updated.

Siemsen also updated the commissioners on the septic system at the hog farm. He reported he had conducted some soil testing around the septic system and when they finish with the septic project it will be an approved permitted facility. McCloud asked about the water wells out by the hog farm and if the hog farm gives reports to the town of Eads in regards to the improvement being done at the farm site. Simmons said the hog farm does relay information to the town of Eads.

Kathy McCorkle of Domestic Safety Resource Center introduced herself and her assistant Renee Lopez . Mrs. McCorkle reported DSRC provides services for domestic abuse victims for free. McCorkle said she hopes to have trainings for youth and the dangers of dating in the near future. Mrs. McCorkle wanted to introduce themselves and to let our county know that there were services in the 15th judicial district to assist any victim in a domestic situation. Scott moved and McCloud seconded to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Domestic Safety Resource Center. All voted affirmative.

Scott moved and McCloud seconded to go into executive session in regards to statute 24-6-402 (4) purpose of personnel and also statute 24-6-402 (4) (b) legal advice and legal opinion.

Scott moved and McCloud seconded to come out of executive session. All voted affirmative.

Scott moved and McCloud seconded to recess for lunch. All voted affirmative.

Afternoon session begins. David Morrow came in with a copy of a deed stating he is the owner of the Peters Gravel Pit. Scott moved to initiate a 3 year lease with David Morrow on the usage of the Peters Gravel Pit. McCloud seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

Dunlap stated Commissioner Oswald had suggested purchasing a lap top for the fair board to keep their books on. Scott said he wanted to speak with Oswald before purchasing the laptop and McCloud agreed there needed to be more information.

Dunlap presented a letter of interest from Scotty Engelhardt in regards to the fair board. Scott moved and McCloud seconded to add Scotty Engelhardt to the Kiowa County Fair Board. His term will expire January 2019. All voted affirmative.

Scrap Metal Bid. No one placed a bid so the county will take care of their own scrap metal issues.

Action 22 was discussed and no one was interested in this program.

Gravel Pit was tabled.

Scott reported on the Towner Bus Tragedy kiosk. Scott said there will be another public meeting on March 10, 2015; to discuss what they all want on the kiosk.

Summer help for the Maintenance Department was discussed. Scott asked Dunlap to advertise for both a full time employee and a part time employee. The part-time employee will work from April thru September.

There were no updates for the Fire District.

McCloud gave a report on the Courthouse Grant Application . She stated she needed a signature from Scott and said this grant was for the Single Point entry to the courthouse.

Road Foreman Watts reported he was ready to advertise for an equipment operator in District 1.

Public Health issues were discussed. Prowers County wanted to open the remaining pool of applicants from the previous employee hired. Commissioner Scott and McCloud both agreed this job needs to be re-advertised. Dunlap will put an ad in the Kiowa County Press.

Scott said he will be sitting in on the interviews on March 11th and 12thfor the extension office position.

Mike Ellsberry entered the meeting at 2:30 p.m. He is an engineer who has been hired to evaluate the condition of the fairgrounds, particularly the grandstand area. Mike Crain, maintenance manager was taking Mr. Ellsberry out to the grandstands to start the evaluation. The commissioners will join them when the meeting is over.

Upcoming meetings: March 20, 2015; is the public hearing for the Colorado Fermented Malt Beverage (3.2%) license application for the Eads Golf Course at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners reviewed Sheriff's report and Veteran's report.

Theresa Witte, Emergency Manager entered to give an update. She said she is taking FEMA tests. Theresa reported she does not have enough space where she is. She will be relocating downstairs after a wall is constructed in the Archive Room. Witte said she will be attending an All-Hazards meeting in Ordway. Dunlap asked about the weather station radios for the health fair. Witte said she was gathering prices and information on these radios.

There were No Time Off Requests.

Thermostat issues were discussed. Treasurer Baxter requested the thermostat be moved in his office and out of the sheriff deputy's office. Baxter reported he is being frozen out. Scott said to speak with maintenance and see if it can be changed out.

McCloud moved to adjourn meeting and Scott seconded. All voted affirmative.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman