

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on March 16, 2015. Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McCloud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

9:00 a.m. Steve Plock and Myron Babcock with the Deep Space Exploration Society stopped by to provide an update on the satellite station and the progress they have made on the property south of Haswell. They both encouraged everyone to visit the site.

Scott moved and McCloud seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All vote affirmative.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to approve to pay the vouchers.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All voted affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Special District letter-The local bank was concerned about the process for individuals listed on special accounts. The bank requested each special district with a bank account send out a yearly letter with an updated list of members who can sign off on funds for each account. Along with this updated list must be minutes of each special district.

Landfill time-off requests/updates-The landfill operator requested April 2, 4 and 5th off. Oswald moved and Scott seconded to accept the Landfill Operators time off. All voted Affirmative. The landfill will be open April

Emergency Management Room-Remodel Discussion- Oswald moved to accept the bid by Engelhardt Construction. Scott seconded the motion with one modification added for possible extra electrical work. All voted Affirmative.

Barnett Pit: McCloud reported Barnett is requesting a 5 cent per yard increase. Oswald questioned how long it had been since there was an increase. Oswald moved to increase the gravel payment rates to 35 cents per cubic yard. McCloud seconded. All voted Affirmative.

Thermostat Issue For Courthouse: McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to relocate the thermostat from the Sheriffs' Deputies Office to the Treasurer's Office. All voted affirmative.

Scrap Metal Bid: Dunlap reported Mrs. Murdock had emailed in regards to the scrap metal prices being down. There was discussion. McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to give Brandon Murdock the bid for the Landfill at \$50.00 per ton. All voted Affirmative.

Mail box info for Commissioners: Dunlap reported she had updated the postal service information for the post office.

Extension Office Interviews:

The Murdock Project was tabled to lack of information available.

Scott made a motion to renew the Sirius radio for the Transit Van for the 2015 year in the amount of \$134.00. McCloud 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 expenditures were \$68,336.21. Pearson 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 McCloud seconded the motion to authorize Mr. Pearson to solicit bids for the remodeling of rooms.

Mr. 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. McCloud 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 McCloud seconded to send a letter of request for an educational waiver for Audrey Johnson to serve as a child protection worker. All voted affirmative.

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

At 10:20 a.m. Scott moved to reconvene the meeting. McCloud seconded. All voted affirmative. Roland Sorenson entered the meeting in concerns to Archive Room and the splitting of this room for the Emergency Manager to have an office. Mr. Sorenson said he fears the records that are being held there will be put in jeopardy if they can not be reviewed in this room. Sorenson said when the oil and gas people were here there was a need for the whole office. Some of these records being stored may walk away if they are being reviewed in another room. Sorenson stressed this would be the responsibility of the Clerk's office if something happens to these records. Sorenson also questioned the size of the office the Emergency Manager would need. Scott said they are going to measure off the room to attempt to make room for either one or two tables to be in an area by the vault for people to review the records and yet give the Emergency Manager enough office space to operate. McCloud questioned if the oil and gas people would be back. Sorenson said he had heard it may resurface, but did not know when.

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 this domain.

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 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. Siemsen 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. Siemsen 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 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 Cloud seconded to come out of executive session. All voted affirmative.

Scott moved and Cloud 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 Englehardt in regards to the fair board. Scott moved and McCloud seconded to add Scotty Englehardt 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.

No other 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 had 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 11 and 12 for 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 was 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 going downstairs 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.

Time off requests. None were requested.

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

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman