

Kiowa County BOCC Minutes November 10, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on November 10, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Robertson opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance: Donald Oswald, Chairman
Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
Mike Lening, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks. County Clerk
Dawna Peck, Financial Officer
Tina Adamson, County Administrator (entered the meeting by audio for the afternoon session).

Minutes: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the October 28, 2021; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried. Peck presented two vouchers that needed to be corrected from the October 28th meeting. Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the two corrections. Motion carried.

Agenda: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda with one addition. Old Business: County Issues. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Cindy McCloud, KCEDF Manager; entered the meeting at 09:20 a.m. to provide and update on the current grants that she has applied for serving as KCEDF Manager and as a member of the County Historic Preservation.
Landfill Update: Landfill Manager, Jeff Scranton; had provided a written update of landfill usage for the Free Dump Days for 2021. These will be published at a later date.

COVID-19 Update: Discussion followed over the COVID conditions. It was agreed that it has hit countywide but the number of infected citizens were coming down from the previous two weeks.

2022 Budget: There will be a work session at 9:00 a.m. on November 16th

County Issues: A letter was received from Whitney Barnett in regard to the use of the new Senior Center. Mrs. Barnett and other members of the community would like to have a weekly bible study for the teenage girls. Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the use of the new Senior Center up to 1.5 hours per week and \$25.00 per month usage fee for the facility and they will be responsible for the clean-up. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Collins with the Lower Arkansas Agency on Aging entered the meeting to discuss the CSBG Grant. After further discussion it was decided that Mr. Collins will contact Administrator Adamson and they will review and provide further information in the upcoming Commissioners meeting. Collins thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Eunice Weber, EMS Director; entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the use of the old Senior Center as her office. By consensus of the BOCC, the old Senior Center will serve as the Emergency Services building for now. Discussion followed with Weber being asked what she thought would be best for her entity to work under. Weber said she thought the hospital since they had been already doing her billing for years. Discussion followed with no decision being made at this time as to which entity will be doing the billing.

Weber reported that there were 17 ambulance runs for the month.

Weber reported that her EMT class has been completed and testing would begin very soon. Weber thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting.

Kedge Stokke, Environmental Health Manager and **Meghan Hillman, with Public Health** entered the meeting to discuss the Environmental IGA. Stokke's job includes water sample testing and sewer system plans. Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the IGA. Motion carried. Stokke and Hillman exited the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the meeting for the lunch hour at 11:59 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

Social Service Director, Dennis Pearson; entered the meeting to provide an update for his department. Pearson said 3 of the 5 employees in his department had tested positive so they have been very short handed.

Pearson reported there was \$671,693.58 in Medicaid funds spent in Kiowa County for this last quarter. Such services include the hospital, health clinic, the assisted living and the local pharmacy (medicine).

Pearson discussed the TANF Funds. The BOCC will discuss a figure that will be used for the childcare facility out of the TANF Funds. Pearson exited the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Meetings and Reports were reviewed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blodgett Building Permit: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the building permit for Donald and Heidi Blodgett. Roll Call was taken

Robertson-Yes, Lening- Yes and Oswald- Yes. Motion carried.

MTC Ordinance: Financial Officer, Dawna Peck; read the proposed Model Traffic Code Ordinance for first reading and a Notice of Hearing. Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the updated Model Traffic Code. The main need for this is due to the construction work zone that is occurring in Kiowa County.

FSA Ballot: After review of the FSA Ballot, Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to vote for Destiny Haase. Motion carried.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve Prowers County Commissioner's the use of the Kiowa County 1V tower for \$850.00 per month for some county residents in Prowers County. Motion carried.

Lening moved, to allow the Merry on Maine Group to-use the Sr. Center Facility for \$50.00 and they must do the Clean Up after the December 5th event. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the use of the inflatables at the Merry on Maine Festival on December 1st as long as there are enough County employee volunteers to set up and run the inflatables. Motion carried.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried.

County Clerk

Chairman