

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - August 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on August 12, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Donald Oswald. Oswald opened the meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance:

- Donald Oswald, Chairman
- Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
- Mike Lening, Commissioner
- Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
- Tina Adamson, Administrator

Minutes: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the July 29, 2021; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Mike Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Motion carried .

Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. The following additions to OLD BUSINESS: TV Tower and NEW BUSINESS: DUI Grant, CDPHE Contract and Broad band. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates/HP Legion Hall LOS Cindy McCloud, Kiowa Economic Development Manager entered the meeting to discuss the DOLA Grant and is requesting that the County put in \$10,000.00 as an in-kind.

Lening moved to approve the \$10,000.00 as in-kind and Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robertson moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the **Public Hearing** for the MET TOWERS at 10:01 a.m. Motion carried. Members of the audience: Kent Johnston, Debbie Shivers, Randy Carney, Andy Prosser, Haleigh Prosser, Robert Firner and Jerry Allen.

Ryan Sharp and McKinley Taylor, employees with Invenergy provided a power point of information and timelines for the installation of the MET towers. The MET towers will determine the placement of the wind turbines. Discussion followed with the audience.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and move back into regular session at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried. Debbie Shivers, Andy Prosser, Haleigh Prosser and Robert Firner exited the meeting.

Chairman Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to move into the **Zoning Amendment Public Hearing** at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried. Those in attendance as members of the audience were: Kent Johnston, Randy Carney and Jerry Allan. There was discussion over the septic, water, and electricity.

Adamson explained the County could issue a permit with the understanding there MUST be a sewer system put in before anything can be approved. Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to

move out of the Public Hearing and back into regular session at 11:32 a.m. Motion carried. All members of the audience exited the meeting.

Sales Tax Update: Informational meetings have been scheduled.

Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded to recess for lunch at 11:57 a.m. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Dennis Pearson, Director of Social Services entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to provide a monthly report. TANF funds were discussed with no action taken. Pearson exited the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Rick Wallner, Tourism Guide with Canyons and Plains; and Janet Frederick with the National Park Service entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m. to provide updates and services they can provide. Wallner was asking for a contribution for next year in the amount of \$1,000.00 Wallner and Frederick exited the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

TV Tower: There have been issues with the television tower. The BOCC is aware of the issue and a notice will be placed in the newspaper.

Sylvia Shields, Chairman of the Hospital Board; Char Korrell, CEO of Weisbrod and Craig Kerfoot, member of the hospital board entered the meeting at 2:40 p.m. to discuss the concerns the hospital board is having with the county hospital board members. The Hospital Board has spoken with two different legal counsel and they too agreed it may be better to have the Hospital Board split from the County Hospital Board, especially if the hospital wants to build a new facility it may jeopardize the grant process. No decisions were made. Shields, Korrell and Kerfoot exited the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Charles, Vivian and Sterling Day entered the meeting at 3:25 p.m. to introduce themselves and inquire about the old Senior Center. They would like to put in a Thrift Store in Eads. The BOCC said they would have to discuss further and get back in contact with them. The Days' thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Oswald moved and, and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into executive session at 4:01 p.m. The executive session was held to discuss legal consultation of a matter. CRS 24-6-402 4(b). Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the executive session and enter back into the regular meeting at 4:49 p.m. Motion carried

Road Foreman for District 2, Jack Howard entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m. to discuss a road grader which needs some major repairs. Discussion followed.

Road Foreman Allen Watts had concerns for safety of his employees. Watts notified the BOCC of disgruntled citizen in his district. The Sheriff will be notified of the situation.

Watts and Howard exited the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

NEW BUSINESS:

Time Off Request Forms: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Towner Wind Energy Permits: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to sign the 5 METTower Permits. Motion carried.

Stum Zoning Amendment: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve a zoning permit with one correction from Industrial to Commercial. Motion carried.

Audit Extension Request: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the audit extension. Motion carried.

Dispatch Equipment Lease Resolution: After review of the Bent County Dispatch Lease Resolution Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Lease. Motion carried.

Hospital Board Position and New County Road Request: Tabled.

Fair Work Schedule: Adamson will do the scheduling.

DUI Grant: The Sheriff Office requested for another DUI Grant which had already been approved. Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amendment #1 for CDPHE (Public Health) Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the \$65,000.00 request for Public Health. Motion carried.

TANF Funds: Tabled.

With no other business to discuss, Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Motion carried.