

## Kiowa County Commissions meeting minutes - July 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on July 15, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Donald Oswald. Robertson 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, County Administrator

**Minutes:** Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the June 24, 2021; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

**Agenda:** Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Tim Trospen,** entered the meeting at 09:15 a.m. to discuss the arena at the fairgrounds. He said the arena is holding water and has concerns as to whether the arena would be in good enough shape to have the fair rodeo. The Commissioners will speak with the Road & Bridge Foremen and see if there could be more dirt hauled in to help fill in some of the low spots in the arena. Trospen exited the meeting at 09:40 a.m.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Grant Updates/ARP Funding/Pearson Bldg/Inflatables:** Chairman, Donald Oswald and R & B employee, Tim Wolfe made a trip to Minnesota to pick up some of the inflatables the county has purchased. These toy inflatables will be used at fair time for entertainment for the youth as well as the Main Street Bash. There was discussion over the **DOLA Grant Funding.** The Kiowa County Historic Group would like to apply for a DOLA Grant in 2021. This would be for repairs and upgrades to the Legion Hall. The consensus from the BOCC is that the County Historic Board can apply for the DOLA Grant for 2021

**Pearson Building:** No action taken.

**ARP Funding:** There was a Resolution that was presented to the Commissioners for the SCEDD Project on the Housing Project. No action was taken.

**Deputy Murdock and Sergeant Swanson** entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to seek approval from the BOCC for a Grant in the amount of \$5000.00 which will be used for wages for DUI overtime. Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to sign and approve the Colorado Department of Transportation Grant in the amount of \$5000.00. Motion carried.

**Sheriff Frazee** spoke in regards to Deputy Hollis receiving a pay increase. Frazee explained that Deputy Hollis has taken on more responsibility and has been doing a fine job. He further explained that the increase would be coming from the Sheriffs Office salary budget. Sheriff Frazee also requested that a change of rank for Deputy Hollis to Corporal Hollis. No action taken.

Frazee discussed the possibility of applying for a grant for replacing body cameras. No action was taken at this time.

Sheriff Frazee, Sergeant Swanson and Deputy Murdock thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**Emergency Management Report:** There were several entities in attendance for this session those in attendance were:

Emergency Manager for Kiowa County: Shellie Engelhardt

Road Foremen: Jack Howard, Rick Spady and Allen Watts

Sheriffs Department: Sheriff Frazee, Office Deputy Debi Derby and Deputy Murdock

Fire District Representation: Mr. Riley

Southeast Colorado Division Emergency Management: Riley Frazee attending by Audio Conferencing. Emergency Manager, Shellie Engelhardt, Sheriff Frazee and Deputy Murdock each provided their thoughts in regards to the Towner destruction that occurred on July 9, 2021. All entities agreed that better communication is needed in this type of situation.

Commissioner Lening had reported he had not heard of the damage in the Towner area until the afternoon of July 10. Once he was made aware of the situation, Lening began going door to door checking on the Towner area residents to make sure they had been taken care of or if they were in need of some type of assistance. It was decided that there would be a work session held at a later date regarding who should take command of these types of emergency situations.

The above mentioned people exited the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the meeting at 12:05 for lunch. Motion carried.

**Dennis Pearson, Social Services Director;** entered the meeting to provide a monthly report for his department. Pearson noted that Medicaid had paid \$652,190.00 to Kiowa County since the beginning of 2021. This would be for pharmacy, medical, nursing home and assisted living for those who qualify for Medicaid.

Pearson then asked the Commissioners if they would approve an outside agency to process the Child Support Reinforcement Program. Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve Prowers County Child Support Team to continue to process Kiowa County's Child Support System. Motion carried .

Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to sign and approve the Core Services Plan for Social Services. Motion carried.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to offer the starting position of Child and Adult Protection Case Worker at \$19.00 per hour. Motion carried. This position has been opened for the past three years. Pearson thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

**Landfill/Recycling Update:** A Landfill Operator is back to light duty after an earlier injury.

**SCEDD Housing Project Update/MOU:** Tabled

**Disc Golf Update:** Administrator Adamson reported that the first event went very well. There will be a dedication for the Disk Scott Memorial Disc Golf Course on July 25. Everyone is invited.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Meetings and Reports were reviewed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Time Off Requests:** Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the two time off requests. Motion carried.

**R & B Bridge Report/Certification:** Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Bridge Report Certification. Motion carried.

**Russ Watson, Jacob Kraft and Ryan Britten entered the meeting as members of the County Fire Departments** to discuss adding liquor to the grandstands for the Demolition Derby slated for September 25.

Clerk Weeks advised she had already applied and had been approved for the liquor license for the Demolition Derby. The original map does not include alcohol in the Grandstands. Clerk Weeks will ask for an addendum to the map and see if the Liquor Licensing Board will approve for a section of the Grandstands to be allowed for alcohol beverages. Kraft and Britten both exited the meeting 3:10 p.m.

**Russ Watson** visited with the BOCC in regards to an Employee Appreciation dinner. No action was taken. Watson exited the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

**Treasurer Semi-Annual Reports:** No action taken.

**Inventory Management:** The Sheriffs Office is trying to downsize with some of their outdated

equipment. The BOCC agreed to sell the equipment by bid.

**Sheriff Office Salary's/Incentives:** Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the raise for Darrell Hollis to \$35131.00 per year and move him to a Corporal Rank. Motion carried.

The pay increase will be \$114.38 per month.

**Employee Settlement Agreement:** Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Employee Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$3100.00. Motion carried.

**Salary Survey:** Administrator Adamson will provide further information at the next meeting.

Without any further line items to discuss, Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. Motion carried.