

Kiowa County BOCC Minutes October 13, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on October 13 2022, at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donald Oswald, Chairman

Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner Mike Lening, Commissioner

Delisa Weeks, County Clerk

Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Members of the audience: Bryan Williams, Cindy Mcloud and Deputy Marlow.

Minutes: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Oswald, moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried. Two vouchers were withheld for further clarification.

Agenda: Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Two additions one in Old Business: Concealed weapons class and in New Business: Board resignations. Motion carried.

Cindy McCloud, Director of KCEDF; requested the BOCC approve a resolution for Kiowa County to participate in the incentive program for startup businesses called the Jump Start Program. McCloud explained that there is certain criteria that must be met with this kind of program, such as having five employees at all times. Lening questioned what happens if a business doesn't have the five employees. McCloud explained for the first four years that business would have to have one new employee each year. McCloud further discussed how this program works through the State. Lening moved to approve the Jump Start Program, Oswald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call Robertson-Yes, Lening-Yes and Oswald-No. Resolution 2022-4 motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Administrator Adamson reported on the RREO.

SECOG Mini Grants: An approval letter has been sent to K-Power on the electrical bid for the arena LED lighting at the fairgrounds.

Discussion followed over the new flooring for the Courthouse. Adamson explained that the new flooring will be for the hallways, kitchen, restrooms and entrances of the Courthouse and will glue down over the old asbestos tiles.

Estimate Reviews: Adamson presented three bids for installing flooring.

Lening moved, to order the tile flooring and have a local contractor install it. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Housing Project Update: Chairman Oswald reported that some of the siding for the housing project has been installed at Cactus Drive.

Landfill/Recycling Update: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the agreement for the rental of the county roll off. Motion carried.

30 X 30 Initiative: Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the initiative letter. Motion carried.

Employee Bonus's: Discussion followed over 4 bonus categories.

Oswald moved, to approve the 4th category, which is every employee will receive \$100 per year for the first 10 ten years of employment, capping at \$1000.00. The Road and Bridge Department employees will receive an additional \$500. Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kiowa County Treasurer, Diana Flory and Dennis Pearson, Social Service Director entered the meeting at 11:25 a.m. to go over the Audit Review.

11:30 a.m. County Auditor: Ronnie Farmer attended by ZOOM. A review of the 2021 budget was reviewed. He ended the ZOOM meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to recess the meeting for the lunch hour. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Dennis Pearson, Social Service Director, entered the meeting at 12:50 p.m. to provide a monthly report. Pearson reported that the LEAP Program is back in house, and clients have begun filing for assistance. Pearson reported that Child Welfare and Adult Protection are both staying busy. Pearson thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting and Reports: Reports and upcoming Meetings were discussed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Time Off Request Forms: Robertson moved, to approve the one-time off request. Lening second the motion. Motion carried.

New Hire Progress Report: Janelle Crow, the new Veteran's Officer, has trained with the regional VSO and will begin doing more home visits with our local Veterans.

Kiowa County Fitness Lease Agreement: Lening moved, to enter a 6-month contract with the first two months' rent being free and the following four months will be \$250.00 per month. There will be a report due from the business on the status of membership. The BOCC may request a modification to the Lease Agreement at the time of the report. Oswald seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Tri-State Transmission and Generation Project Resolution: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the Tri-State Transmission and Generation Project Resolution. Roll was taken: Oswald - Yes, Robertson -Yes and Lening-Yes. Motion carried.

Jensen Right of Way Permit: Robertson moved, and Lening second the motion to approve Kelli Jensen for a Right of Way permit for her property located at 41125 County Rd. R Eads, CO. Motion carried.

Website Letter: By consensus of the BOCC a letter will be sent to a local business requesting to close their website.

Public Health Contract Amendments #1,2, & 3: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Public Health Contract. Motion carried.

2023 Budget Review: A further discussion of the 2023 Budget will take place at the October 27, 2022 Commissioner's meeting.

Board Resignation: Fair board members, David Walker and Tallie Lane sent letters of resignation. The BOCC would like to thank these two individuals for their time they have served on the Fair Board.

Concealed Weapons Class: Robertson moved, to approve the upcoming Concealed Weapons Class and Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kiowa County Coroner, Jimmy Brown; entered the meeting at 2:50 p.m. to discuss the blueprints of the building that will be constructed at the fairgrounds; which will include the Coroner's Office. Brown provided some ideas of how he would like his portion of the building to be set up. Brown thanked the BOCC for their time and consideration for putting in an Office area for the Coroner.

The next regular Commissioner's meeting will be held on October 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

With no other items to discuss, Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting at 3:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Kiowa County Clerk
Chairman