

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - May 26, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on May 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Lening 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

Cindy McCloud entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m., as a member of the audience.

Minutes: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the April 28, 2022; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda with three additions. Old Business: Accounting Issues and in New Business: Water Conduit Appointee and Appointments Dave Callahan Veteran's Service Office. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Administrator Adamson discussed the CDOT Transit Grant. Adamson will send bid information to the local contractors.

The RREO Grant has been approved, but is requiring additional information in regards to the water quality approval rating and the storm water management.

Diane Crow, 15th Judicial Court Administrator; had suggested with technology changing and growing the court room will need more electrical outlets installed. With this in mind she said the County could possibly use some of the Underfunded Courthouse Grant funds to do this upgrade. No action was taken.

Landfill/Recycling Update: Jeff Scranton, Landfill Manager, had hauled some of the baled cardboard and baled plastics to Clean Valley Recycling. A total of \$5279.60 was received for the recycling of these items.

Dave Callahan with the Department of Veteran's Services, along with Eric Moncibais and Patricia Roper local Veteran's Officer, entered the meeting to discuss the statewide closures of Veteran's Office. Mr. Callahan said there has been some talk that this could happen but it will not be until 2026 and he doesn't know which offices would be in jeopardy. He said their main goal for the local Veteran's Office is to serve the Veteran's promptly in their needs. He encouraged any Veteran to make sure they contact their local Veteran's Office and enroll for benefits.

Mr. Callahan went on to present Patricia Roper the County VSO Officer, an award for her years of service as the County Veteran's Service Assistant.

Mr. Callahan, Mr. Moncibais and Patricia Roper thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting.

Planning & Zoning Update: Adamson will be meeting with Xcel on May 27, 2022 to review the Pre Application for Xcel.

Cindy McCloud, Kiowa County Economic Development Director, provided information on the housing projects taking place in Kiowa County.

McCloud had visited with Zelpha Deines from Sheridan Lake and Michelle Nelson, Haswell Mayor; in regards to the two towns being approved for the C-DOT Main Street Improvement Grant. The sidewalks around the front entrance of the Sheridan Lake KA Hall and the Haswell Community Building will be replaced with new cement.

McCloud reported that the Town of Eads also received approval for the COOT Grant. The grant will assist in new cement and gutter in front of the Crow/Luther building and also where the County Ambulance Service is now.

Mcloud thanked the BOCC and went back to her seat at 11:20 a.m. Mcloud then announced she would be representing the Kiowa County Independent.

Lening did discuss the need for new water meters for the Brandon Water District.

Lening also reported the water line that was broken at the Brandon Cemetery had been repaired.

Senate Bill 2013 in regards to Law Enforcement: There was a short discussion on what impact it will have on body cameras. No action taken.

County Equipment/Bid Withdrawal: Adamson reported the party that had the highest bid on the 1991 Ford Ambulance requested their bid to be withdrawn.

Accounting Issues: Adamson discussed the County's General Ledger balancing with the Treasurer's Fund Ledger. Adamson thought when the County purchased the new accounting program this would help solve the problem, but this is not the case. Adamson provided documentation showing discrepancies in the new accounting systems reports. Commissioner Lening asked Adamson to contact the new accounting company and let them know that the County is having some discrepancies with balancing issues. Adamson will contact CIC about the accounting program and will have Amanda Brown assist in finding the balancing issues.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to recess for lunch at 11:54 a.m. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Leanna Noga, with Southeast Colorado Water Conservancy District along with Jim Broderick, Kevin Carney and Lee Miller came to update the BOCC on the Arkansas Valley Conduit.

Lee Miller reviewed the Conservancy Act for the Southeast District. The district consists of 9 counties.

There will be a meeting held on June 15th to discuss the issues that we may facing. Mr. Miller is requesting that a commissioner and county attorney from each of the nine counties be able to attend as they are trying to discuss the water plan for this area.

After review of the mapping of the storage of the water the members of the Southeast Water Conservancy District thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting.

Nick Johnson, Maintenance Foreman; entered the meeting to discuss the newest employee that was hired in his department. After a brief discussion with the BOCC, Johnson exited the meeting

Upcoming meetings and reports were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lindholm Building Permit: Residential Solar Permit. Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion, Motion carried.

Ellis Subdivision Exemption Request: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Subdivision Exemption Request made Mr. John Ellis. Motion carried.

Misuse of ROW Letter: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the Misuse of ROW letter to a party on Rittgers Street in. Motion carried.

Gifford Letter: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the change of wording in the letter prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gifford.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Public Health Task Agreement in regards to Child Fatalities and how they are reported. Motion carried.

Water Representative: Oswald will be attending meeting as the representative for Kiowa County.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the bid of \$1000.00 for the 1991 ambulance. Motion carried.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to move into executive session at 2:30 p.m. in regards to Consultation with the County Attorney per C.R.S. 24-6-402 4(b).

Oswald moved to adjourn the executive session at 3:02 p.m., Lening seconded and the motion carried.

Oswald moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 3:03 p.m., Lening seconded and the motion carried.

/s/ Delisa L. Weeks

County Clerk

/s/ Donald Oswald 6/9/2022

Chairman