

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - April 14, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on April 14, 2022; at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Commissioner Lening opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in Attendance

- Donald Oswald, Chairman
- Mike Lening, Commissioner
- Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
- Tina Adamson, County Administrator
- Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner; absent due to illness

Minutes: Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Agenda: Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried. Amended Items: Old Business: Employee Resignation and under Appointments: Road and Bridge to meet at 1:30 p.m.

Library Update: Kemma Alfano, Kiowa County Librarian; entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to provide an update for the library. She discussed the challenges they faced last year, with COVID still in place. The 2021 summer reading program had to be held outdoors so everyone would have the correct spacing from one another. Alfano applied for a LSTAY Grant which they were approved for. With this funding Alfano has been able to prepare craft bags for the youth in Kiowa County. Alfano prepares about 60 bags a month and always dispenses most of them. The Library remains open Tuesdays thru Fridays. Alfano was worried the count of library usage would go down when the County moved to a four day work week but feels it is balancing out. Alfano thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Fair BBQ: Dawna Weirich, entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m., representing the Eads All School Reunion Committee to discuss the barbeque slated for Friday of Fair. Weirich asked if the Commissioners would consider moving the BBQ from Friday to Saturday or have one each day and look for donations to help offset the cost of both days. She explained that this would help feed the people coming in for the all school reunion. The BOCC will discuss at a later time and let Weirich know the decision being made. Weirich exited the meeting at 10:45.

Landfill Update: Jeff Scranton, Landfill Manager, entered the meeting at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the FREE Dump Day and the Cost of doing a Free Dump Day. Scranton said there were 118 people who utilized free dump day. Scranton reported that the free dump days contribute to the majority of trash intake for the entire quarter and use of a lot of space at the landfill. He suggested that we consider the intake and loss of space and may need to make some kind of adjustment or fee schedule.

Scranton recommended having a discounted Saturday. Lening moved, and Oswald seconded to discontinue the free dump day and replace it with a discounted 3 cent Saturday starting June 4th 2022, for residential people only. Commercial Loads will not be accepted on 3 cent Saturdays. Motion carried. There will be FREE (Yard Waste Only) year round, every day the landfill is open. If people violate the yard waste usage it may be discontinued. An example of this would be throwing bags of trash in with branches and limbs that will not be tolerated. Scranton exited the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Eric Moncibais, with the State Veterans Office in Denver, along with county Clerical Officers, Jim Kliesen and Patricia Roper entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m. to discuss the local Veteran's Office. Mr. Moncibais wanted to clarify that the County must have a local Veteran as the County Supervisor for the Veteran's Office. This Officer will be Forrest Frazee. Mr. Moncibais will be holding ZOOM meetings to guide Clerical Officer Pat Roper with more updated material and training is available. Mr. Moncibais, Mr. Kliesen and Ms. Roper exited the meeting at 12:07.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to recess for lunch at 12:18 p.m. Motion carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis Pearson entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m. to provide an update for Social Services. Pearson exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

The Division of Wildlife and Parks entered the meeting at 1:44 p.m. to discuss the boat ramp on the west side of Nee Gronda Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Tinnes owns the property which is near some of the BLM land and have agreed to allow access to the public if the County and State Parks agree to fix up County Road C. Discussion followed with the two Road Foremen as to what repairs would need to be done. The two Wildlife Officers exited the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Road Foremen, Rick Spady and Allen Watts entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and were informed about the road repair that will need to be done on County Road C. There will be additional road built and a cattle guard installed near the location of the lake area. This will provide entry and boat access on the west of Nee Gronda Reservoir.

The Road Foremen provided information on the two road graders that are being sold. The County has a bid on one and the other will be sold on Purple Wave. There was a bid for \$95,000.00 from Patrick Long on one of the two 2011 John Deere Graders that the County is selling.

After further discussion, Lening moved and Oswald seconded the motion to make a counter offer of \$98,000.00 on the 2011 John Deere Grader. Motion carried.

The Foremen then discussed the status of the county roads and advised patching will begin on the May Valley Road (County Rd. 49) within the next 30 days.

Road Foremen, Watts and Spady exited the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Kari Linker, Correspondent with Senator John Hickenlooper's Office provided an update as to what projects Senator Hickenlooper is working on. Linker reported that renewable energy and the Space Command Project are two of the important projects the Senator has been addressing.

Linker finished with her business at 3:05 p.m. but did stay as a member of the audience to observe the next item on the agenda.

Doug Tallman and Burl Scherler entered the meeting to discuss the buffer area or the "View Shed", the Sand Creek Massacre Site Foundation is recommending. Tallman asked if the BOCC would develop a resolution or agreement stating that the County would consider making decisions on each permit on its own merit. No action was taken at this time.

Tearle Lessenden, Kiowa County Extension Agent, entered the meeting at 4:25. He reviewed the CSU Need Assessment with the BOCC. Lessenden presented the Outstanding Member Award. Farm Bureau has sponsored this. Lessenden exited the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Update: A decision needs to be made regarding the Community Development Fund. No action was taken.

Renewable Permit Fees: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the new fees. Motion passed.

Permits: Adamson advised each year the permits are growing tremendously. There is a part time need for someone to help with the permits.

Upcoming meetings and reports we reviewed and signed.

New Business:

Leave Donation Requests: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the Leave Donation Request. Motion carried.

Donation Agreement: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the agreement to donate the County's half of parcel of land which includes lots 16, 17 and 18 in Block 36, to the Town of Eads if the construction of the swimming pool comes to fruition. Motion carried.

T-Mobile Tower Lease Review: administrator Adamson is waiting to receive more information from the State.

Collective Bargaining Review: Completed and sent to CCI.

Sheriff/Town Service Agreement: After review and discussion, Lening moved and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the agreement between the Sheriff and the Town of Eads. Motion Carried.

Domestic Safety Resource Center MOU: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to sign the MOU for the Domestic Safety Resource Center. Motion carried.

Gifford Settlement: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded motion to approve to sign the Settlement Agreement between the County and Gifford's. Motion carried.

Southeast Colorado Power Ballot: The ballot was voted.

Inflatable Rentals: Administrator Adamson presented a rental option for the inflatables. Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve rental fee schedule. Motion carried.

Fairgrounds Electric Bid: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded to approve the bid from Royce Electric for the electrical work at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Employee Resignation: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the resignation. Motion carried. The Board of Commissioners thanked Andrea Morgan for her service and wished her luck in her new endeavors.

With no further business to discuss, Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm. Motion carried.