

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on September 13, 2013. Donald Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Debra C. Lening, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Minutes from the August 29, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

The agenda was reviewed. Item #6 – 51st State Initiative was added to New Business. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jeanne Sorensen joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. as a visitor.

There was discussion regarding replacement parts for the Wagner road graders. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to purchase three take-off wheels for the Wagner road graders. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to hire Salvador Hernandez for the loader operator for the gravel crew position, and Bob Kern for the equipment operator for the District 1 position, with drug tests being done before either new hire begins. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding signage for county roads for mapping purposes by Geographic Analyst Dan Feiereisel with HERE Maps, a division of Nokia.

Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the hospital regarding their vehicles. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The social security number (SSN) on the Road & Bridge applications was again discussed. CCI said the SSN would not be necessary on an application unless the county intended on doing a back ground check on applicants prior to hiring them. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to remove the SSN from the Kiowa County Road & Bridge applications per the recommendation from CCI. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Maine Street Hotel update was discussed. The next phase, a clean-up grant, is due by December. Brownfield has a clean-up grant that can be applied for. Testing is still being done. It is a competitive grant so the process needs to be started as soon as possible. Koehler will talk to Amy Johnson to see if she will help with the grant writing.

A thank you note will be sent to Don Spady for donating all of the potatoes for the Kiowa County Fair BBQ.

Storage for the Coroner's equipment was discussed. The Commissioners see no problem with using part of the Emergency Manager's area for this purpose.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners report was reviewed.

Shea Cordova met with the Commissioners regarding renting the Community Building in October for her wedding. The Commissioners told her the new fees would apply.

There was discussion regarding the repeaters and radio issues.

Time-off request forms were discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve Shelly Meyers' time off. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Elected Officials Salary Commission was discussed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to go on record that the Kiowa County Commissioners are not in favor of a state wide salary increase for elected officials. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding additional oil and gas leases with McDonald Land Service. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the two leases regarding the following descriptions:

Tract in the SW1/4 of Sec. 30, T19S, R47W – approximately 6.76 acres
Parcel #17 in the N1/2 of Sec. 31, T19S, R47W – approximately 3.04 acres.

All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Repairs are needed at the fair grounds on a fiberglass door in the northwest corner under the grandstands. The Commissioners will have maintenance get pricing on a door.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson and Audrey Johnson met with the Commissioners to discuss the case work position issue. There is no local interest in the position and only one lady from another county has shown any interest. Pearson would need to know what the salary is going to be for the position before this lady will agree to come to work in Kiowa County. If they don't hire a case worker, they will have to contract with Crowley County and will still need to hire another person in the office due to changes coming down the road for DSS. There will be 146 new Medicaid cases added to their already full work load. After further discussion, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to contract with Crowley County for the child case worker and hire a full time office assistant. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to establish the salary for the office assistant at \$9.75 and move it up to \$10.50 after the probationary period of six months. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the 51st State Initiative. This initiative is regarding urban versus rural Colorado and big government. Something needs to be done regarding rural representation regardless of this initiative. Phillips County is proposing having a representative for each county instead of becoming another state.

Belinda Zink with Zink and Associates met with the Commissioners regarding the Murdock Building. Bids were opened and reviewed for the next phase. Bids were received from Empire Carpentry and White Construction Group. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to accept the White Construction Group bid in the amount of \$254,000. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Notice of Award will be issued so the contractor can get a performance bond.

District Judge Doug Tallman met with the Commissioners regarding the Court Security Grant. There is a grant application date coming up soon. He stated that the County needs to start thinking about items they would like on this grant cycle to be put in their plan.

The next Regular Meeting will be held September 26, 2013.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.