

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on September 29, 2013. Scott 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 September 11, 2013 Special Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Minutes from the September 13, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Administrator Dunlap asked for item # 9– Exercise Group in Community Room at the Courthouse to be added to new business. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. Two vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

Road and Bridge issues were discussed. Oswald reported that part of the railroad crossings in District 3 have been covered with road gravel by the county road crew.

Issues at the Peter's gravel pit were discussed. The County will have the MSHW inspectors inspect the pit before going any deeper at the pit.

The 51st State Initiative was again discussed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to have Administrator Dunlap draft a letter to CCI in support of the Phillips County initiative, commonly referred to as the Philips' Plan regarding one representative for each county. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The State Historical Fund Contingency Use and Budget Revision Form was reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Contingency Budget Revision Form. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioner meetings for November will be November 12th and November 26th.

The Sheriff's report for August was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Reports from Sage, SEBREA, SCEDD, and SECED were given.

A time-off request form was reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the time-off request for Dwight Lessenden. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Sharon Frazee met with the Commissioners. She is going to resign as the caterer for the Crow-Luther Cultural Event Center and would like for someone to take this over, but whoever does take it over will need a licensed kitchen to be able to work out of. Frazee stated that the day care kitchen would be perfect for this purpose if it was brought up to code to be a licensed commissary. The Commissioners will take this under advisement and make a decision in a future meeting.

A proposed newsletter for county employees was discussed. The Commissioners feel the proposal is a great idea.

A Town of Eads budget request was discussed. No decisions were made at this time.

The CCI Winter Conference will be December 2-4, 2013.

There was discussion regarding corral panels across the road at County Rd Y and County Rd 50. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to have the corral panels moved to the east end of that segment of County Rd Y near the house instead of the west end near County Rd 50. Koehler and Oswald voted aye; Scott abstained until he can see where the panels are actually located. Motion carried.

A complaint was received regarding blowing dirt. There was no land description given for the property that is the problem, so no action was taken at this time.

Health insurance for 2014 was reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go with the HSA 2500 plan, the B1000 plan and the B1500 plan as options for the employees. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The County will continue to pay the full premium on the HSA plan

only. Employees will continue to pay the difference between the HSA plan and the other two plans if they choose the lower deductible coverage.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson reported that DSS received an award for meeting all their goals for child support. They were one of 18 counties out of all 64 counties that met their goals. The State sets the four goals for the DSS offices. The Commissioners congratulated Pearson and his staff for a job well done. Pearson reported that the new applications for Medicaid were received by his office. They can start being processed October 1, 2013.

DEM Nancy McCain entered the meeting. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to go into Executive Session as permitted by CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) for the purpose of personnel matters. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners, Administrator Dunlap, Dennis Pearson and Nancy McCain went into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session 2:10 p.m. and resumed the Regular Meeting.

DEM Nancy McCain gave an update on the Department of Emergency Management. McCain said some of the radios, particularly those along the Kansas boarder, need to be programmed to receive emergency dispatch from Kansas. The cost will be approximately \$50 per radio. Approximately 16 radios will need to be programmed. McCain will give the Commissioners more information as she receives it. She reported that she is working on the grant agreement. McCain would like to attend the Colorado Academy for Emergency Management. She stated that the State would pay for her room. The County expense would be gas and meals. The Commissioners told her to apply. She discussed a device that can be attached to a cell phone that boosts the power of the phone where it is more usable in all areas of the County. The Commissioners denied this purchase at this time.

Administrator Dunlap reported that a group of ladies would like to use the Community Room at the courthouse for exercising. After discussing, the Commissioners stated that the fee will be \$20.00 per evening with the deposit, the same as anyone else wanting to rent the room.

Prairie Pines Administrator Linda Watts and PPAL Board Chairman Mike Lening met with the Commissioners regarding the Medicaid payments that went to the County instead of PPAL. Watts reported that since Prairie Pines did not initially have its own Medicaid Provider ID, they used the County's number to bill Medicaid. The funds were sent to the County General Fund in the amount of \$46,460.59, which she has made Auditor Ronnie Farmer and Treasurer Steve Baxter aware of. These funds will need to be taken out of the County Funds and switch over to PPAL. No further Medicaid will be billed through the County's number. As of the end of August, Prairie Pines will have their own Medicaid Provider ID and everything will now be billed through that. Watts apologized for the confusion this has caused the County and said it would no longer be an issue.

The next Regular meeting will be October 10th, 2013.

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