

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 25, 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

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

Auditor Ronny Farmer met with the Commissioners to present the audit report and financial statements. Farmer presented his engagement letter for 2013. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve and sign the Letter of Engagement for 2013. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Commissioner Oswald left the meeting at 9:45 a.m. for another meeting.

Minutes from the July 11, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the Minutes as presented. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Scott asked to add item # 10 – Veterans Memorial to old business and #3 – 2014 Budget to new business. Koehler asked to add #11 R&B issues to old business. Administrator Dunlap asked to add #12 Clarification of June 27th Minutes to old business. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the addition. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

There will be a conference call next Wednesday, July 31st at 9:00 a.m. regarding the EPA updates for the Maine Street Hotel.

The daycare playground equipment and grounds inventory was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the liquidation of the assets. The Commissioners will continue to work on the list and will decide what assets can be used elsewhere in the County and what need to be sold. They also need to decide if there will be a minimum bid price on each item or not before advertising for sealed bids.

There was discussion regarding the County wide fire department. The Commissioners will need to meet with each fire department in the County before they can hold a budget work session for planning purposes.

LCC President John Marrin met with the Commissioners with LCC updates. Marrin reported that classes are starting in less than a month and he stated that LCC is steadily growing. They are in the process of starting an online degree program for the rural areas. Student orientation will be August 16th. Administrator Dunlap said she would like to see LCC's presence at the County Fair Parade in September. Marrin said he will try to bring some of his LCC athletes to the parade.

E-waste was again discussed. Sharon Johnson is continuing to search for somewhere that will take E-waste for little or not cost if possible. She will get back with the Commissioners.

B&C Zoning continues to want their forms filled out regarding the hog farms. The Commissioners continue to insist that instead of filling out B&C Zoning's forms, they will send a letter stating that this land is zoned for agriculture and there have been no issues regarding compliance. If B&C Zoning feels they need more information, they will be responsible for doing the research.

The Commissioners will go out to the Fairgrounds to inspect all of the facilities before they start working on the 2014 Budget to see what repairs need to be budgeted for.

There was discussion regarding the USDA paperwork that needs to be recorded for the loan satisfied by Approval Compromise. The papers were incomplete and had to be sent back to USDA.

The deadline to turn in ideas for the Veterans Memorial will be August 28th and will be re-advertised.

Road and Bridge issues were discussed. Koehler suggested the possibility of combining the three road and bridge districts into two districts with two road foremen. This concept would need to be discussed with the current road foremen before any decisions are made. Koehler feels the maintainers would be better utilizes if there were only two districts.

Rick Spady gave two estimates for repairs on his 2008 pickup that blew a tire and was damaged. After much discussion, Commissioners Scott stated this should be turned in to the insurance and the vehicle fixed.

Clarification was needed on the June 27th Minutes. In the Minutes, it states, " Since no applications were received for the Healthcare Guide position, Pearson will check with Jay Brooks with Prowers County to see if they would take on Kiowa County for the Healthcare Guide. Pearson will keep the Commissioners informed as to what direction the County can go." The Minutes need to be changed to say: "There were two applications received. One was received before the ad went out and this person decided they did not want the position. The other application received did not qualify, according to Pearson." Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to include the conversation regarding the two applications received for clarification of the June 27th Minutes. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioner meetings for August will be August 13th and August 29th.

The Commissioner meetings for September will be September 13th and September 26th.

Tammie Clark, Interim Public Health Director, Jo Lynn Idler, Public Health Business Operations Manager, Keith Siemsen, Environmental Health Manager & Ag Specialist, and DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners for the Board of Health Meeting. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m. for the Board of Health meeting. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 11:52 a.m.

Director of Emergency Management Nancy McCain met with the Commissioners presenting then with bids for a repeater. The benefits of the repeater are to set off the sirens in Towner and Sheridan Lake and for the Road and Bridge department to have better communications in the eastern part of the County. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to purchase the Kenwood Repeater for the east end of the County. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

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

The Veterans report was reviewed.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson asked if County Auditor Ron Farmer was aware that DSS pays rent because of the cost allocations report that was discussed. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$50,706.41 in June on behalf of Kiowa County residents.

Scott gave a report on SECED.

The Transit bus was discussed. The Commissioners do not want the drivers or rider assistants receiving tips. Riders may give donations to the transit bus but not a tip to the drivers and their assistants.

There was discussion regarding the "No Brainer Management Program" training in Phoenix, Arizona for the Emergency Management Director. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, recommending the DEM not attend this meeting due to budget constraints. Both voted affirmative.

There were no time-off request forms presented.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the EIAF 7085 – Kiowa County Murdock Building Roof Rehabilitation match contract. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

Scott saw an email from Sharon Frazee asking for help in applying for grants for the Murdock building for the next phase. He will get back with Sharon and visit with her regarding this matter. It was determined that Architect Belinda Zink is the person who will recommend what the next phase will be on the project.

Oswald re-entered the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

All departments need to begin working on their 2014 budgets.

George Moats with Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association (ESRTA) met with the Commissioners to present the quote (or bid) for internet services with ESRTA. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to accept the bid as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular meeting will be August 13th, 2013.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.