

## OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on June 27, 2013. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner  
William E. Koehler, Commissioner  
Donald Oswald, Commissioner  
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Clerk Lening was gone for County Clerks Conference in Grand Junction.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m. as a visitor.

Robert Ryan and Elliott Ryan with Chama Oil met with the Commissioners regarding McBride States 16-17-48 #1H eight miles north of Eads. They will put a culvert in off of County Rd Z since there will be some drainage. Koehler suggested putting up a warning sign on top of the hill for trucks on the highway to be watching for oil traffic. The job is out for bid so the earliest would be the middle of July.

Minutes from the June 11, 2013 Regular meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Minutes from the Special Meeting June 14, 2013 was presented. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Special Minutes as presented. Oswald and Koehler voted aye; Scott abstained with an apology for leaving the meeting. Motion carried.

The vouchers were reviewed. One voucher was questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

The agenda was reviewed. Item # 10 – J.D. Grader to old business and Item # 2 was moved to new business to become Item # 5 in new business. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the changes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Caterpillar contract was signed again for the maintainer at Sheridan Lake. There were changes made to the contract since the turbo was blown and shrapnel was dropped into it. The repair cost had to be taken off the trade in value.

The Sheriff's inventory was presented. They will request an inventory list from the Department of Emergency Management as soon as she moved into her new office space. It was suggested that a year of purchase needs to be put on the list and it should be updated yearly for all departments.

Bylaws have been changed for KCEDF and as of now, only one commissioner is a member on the board. Scott agreed to be an alternate for 2013. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Scott as the alternate for KCEDF for 2013. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Steve Wright with McDonald Oil & Gas presented a 3-D seismograph project which entails 659 square miles in Cheyenne and Kiowa County. The trucks have smooth tires instead of cleats. He presented a map of the area. If there is any damage on the roads, McDonald asks that the County do the repairs and they will more than compensate the County for the repair. Safety is a concern and the company is very conscious of that.

A copy of the plan can be reviewed at the Commissioners' office.

Glen Beeson with the County Fire Department met with the Commissioners to present a policy he has drafted concerning working on personal property in the firehouse as long as they are an active volunteer. A copy will be sent to Alan Chapman at CTSI to get his thoughts on it. They can't subject the County to legal liability or workman's compensation when working on personal items in a county firehouse.

There was also discussion concerning the County wide fire district. It was agreed that options will continue to be discussed to get information out to the residents.

The 90 day waiting period for 2014 health insurance benefits was discussed. This will continue to be discussed in future meetings.

CDL physicals will be paid for full time or part time employees that are required to have a CDL for their job with the County.

Computer issues were discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to change the internet provider to Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association (ESRTA) and that he recommends that each office has their own router so the problem is in each office. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Administrator Dunlap will call ESRTA to get this started.

There was discussion regarding e-waste (electronics) that can no longer be put in the dumpsters. The Commissioners will need to let people know what cannot be taken to the landfill but they need to find an alternative. They need a collection point or system with fees and outlet to get rid of it. Sharon

Johnson with the Town of Eads worked on this project six months ago. Dunlap will email her for information.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was back in session at 1:00 p.m.

A maintainer from District 2 is in for repair. Repairs will be around \$20,000 - \$22,000 but it will be one of the next machines traded in.

The Commissioner meetings for August will be August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup>.

There is a Pedal the Plains meeting coming up July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Reports were given for SAGE, SEBREA, SCEDD and KCEDF.

The SECED meeting will be July 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a transportation meeting with CDOT about long term plans. Scott would like to have a list for some long term projects for the highways in Kiowa County. The surface on Hwy 96 needs to be addressed, as well as widening the shoulders, and there needs to be a change in their mowing program.

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 1:15 p.m. for an interview for the caretaker at the fairgrounds.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 1:44 p.m. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer the part-time position of caretaker for the fairgrounds to Cody Hishinuma. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out in May was \$68,248.93 on behalf of Kiowa County residents, which was higher than lately. Pearson reported on the child welfare update and stated that there are now two children in the program, which will save a little each month.

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.

One time-off request form was reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the request form. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

No report was received from the Department of Emergency Management.

No lease was presented for signing regarding the Kiosk for Towner. They will lease .41 acres from Andy Prosser. The lease would be for 20 years, it is renewable, and it would be \$10.00 per year. CDOT will install the Kiosk and the Towner community will maintain it.

County picnic will be August 13<sup>th</sup>. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to allow \$250 for the County picnic on August 13<sup>th</sup>. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the relentless drought conditions. More discussion will follow later.

Sheriff Frazee met with the Commissioners to discuss a voucher regarding a reserve deputy. The voucher was approved by the Commissioners for payment.

Brad Morgan and Rob Morlan met with the Commissioners regarding an auction planned for July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building. They stated that it takes a day or two to set up for the auction and they asked that they be charged for one day of use of the facility with no charge for the two days of setting up. The Commissioners told them it was \$525 rental for 3 days usage according to the new County Policies and Procedures. They decided that they would cancel their consignment sale at the Community Building and post the reason why.

There was discussion regarding maintainer work on County Rd 49, which goes up to the Sand Creek Massacre road (County Rd W). There is a two mile stretch of blowing dirt along this road. Pictures were presented. Koehler stated he took random measurements and they were anywhere from 32-40 foot from the center of the road. Easements are 60 feet total (30 feet from the center of the road) and these measurements need to be adhered to. Commissioner Scott asked Koehler what he would like to do about it. Koehler will get with the road foreman concerning the work being done.

Stephanie Morey and Josiah Masingale with CSBG came to touch base with the Commissioners on the next grant cycle. She has been in the area on monitoring issues and needed to find out more about where the County is at. The 2013-2014 Contract amendment needs to be executed. The next step in getting this contract awarded would be to sign the amendment for 2013-14 to use on fuel, repairs, and helper wages. Ms. Morey will send the amendment to the Commissioners for review and

signature. She suggested on the future contract that the County use the food wording so that they can use it for "blizzard boxes". It would give the County a few more options. On the current contract (2012-2013) the County can send in bills for past fuel. Administrator Dunlap will find the fuel bills from March to current and send them to Ms. Morey. This will allow for all monies granted to be used up instead of moving them on to the next year contract.

The next Regular meeting will be July 11th, 2013.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.