

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on March 26, 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

Debra Lening was absent due to illness. Jeanne Sorensen joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes from the March 14, 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. Commissioner Koehler asked for an Executive Session under new business regarding personnel issues. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

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

The Certificate of Compliance Immigration Status for 2013-SB90 was presented. Koehler made the motion, and Oswald seconded it to sign the agreement. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A letter was received concerning the Task force on Wildfire Insurance. CTSI will be sending out more information on this once the State legislature votes on it.

The Commissioners opened the bid that was received for the proposed Sewer line at the Kiowa County Public Health building. The bid from DeWitt Excavating, Inc. was for \$3,300.00 to replace up to 120' of 4" SCH40 pipe. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the bid. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Two letters of interest were received for the openings on the Kiowa County Planning & Zoning Commission Board. Scott made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Randy Carney to the board with his term expiring on January 13, 2017. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Commissioners asked Administrator Dunlap to send letters to both candidates and thank them for their interest in serving Kiowa County.

A resignation letter was received from Billie Cordova for the West Kiowa County Cemetery Board. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald to accept the resignation. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Commissioners asked Administrator Dunlap to send a thank you for her service to this board.

Commissioner Koehler gave a brief update on his meeting with the Kiowa County Library Board. After some discussion, Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement between Kiowa County and the Kiowa County Library Board that will allow the full mill levy (1.5) to be given to the Library instead of approximately 2/3 to Library and 1/3 going to County General effective January 1, 2014. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A letter was received about seismic operations to start in Kiowa County. This was informational only.

Employment interviews were held for the two (2) Road and Bridge positions open. Scott made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to hire Kirk Hasenbalg for the equipment operator position in District 1 and Kolton Sewell as the Loader operator. This would be subject to a negative Pre-hire drug screen. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The start dates would be immediately following the screen.

Interviews were also held for the position of Emergency Manager. Scott made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to hire Nancy McCain with a suggested start date of April 22, 2013 and monthly salary will be \$2,500.00. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Administrator Dunlap will call Ms. McCain and let her know as soon as possible.

The Crown Victoria that is under Emergency Management needs to go to Terry's Auto Body to get a thorough check over so that it is ready to go when the new manager arrives.

A letter was drawn up to Thank the Kiowa County Fair Board for all the hard work they put into our County Fair. Their dedication and efforts are appreciated by the Commissioners as well as the many Kiowa County residents who partake each year. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the letter. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners asked that this letter be sent to Brenda Fickenscher immediately and the original sent to the Fair Board.

There was also talk regarding the wrought iron fencing that is at the Fairgrounds. The fence in question is the fence that is on the south side just west of the Community Building. There is a resident in the County that wants to purchase it to put up around a house in Eads. After some discussion, the

Commissioners decided that the fence has a historical factor and needs to stay in the County at this time.

The Road & Bridge Equipment bids were unsealed. Four (4) sealed bids were received and opened. Doug Dowler with Power Equipment Co and Terry Kuehn from Wagner Equipment Co. were present for the bid opening. After some discussion, the Commissioners have set up a Work session on March 28, 2013 to compare the bids to see which bid would work best for the County. A Special meeting will need to be held before an action can be taken.

John Marrin from Lamar Community College came in to discuss what is happening in Lamar. The first thing he wanted us to know was that his baseball coach, Scott Crampton, just had his 800th win which is an outstanding achievement. Their 75th anniversary will be held on April 26th for Alumni to attend. Graduation for their nursing program will be April 27th, and they are having a Barrel Race on April 28th. He would love to have the Commissioners join them as well as any other interested party in Kiowa County. "Should be fun for all", he said.

Dawna Weirich from the Kiowa County Farm Service Agency came in to discuss the CRP program in the county. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve a letter of support for the Continuous CRP program. The Commissioners will support the FSA Committees request that enrolled Continuous CRP acres not be counted against the county authorized cropland limitation. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Bill Woelk came in to discuss the property on Maine Street (old hotel). He said that he is withdrawing his interest in the building now that EPA is involved. The Commissioners thanked him for his interest and that efforts are continuing to get the place cleaned up.

The radio for Kris Stokke will need to be updated in order to meet the deliverables on the Southeast Colorado Regional Public Health Response grant. Oswald will check into the radio situation and report back next meeting.

There is no update on the Murdock project except that the contract is still being drawn up by the State Historical Foundation. Once it is received and signed, the new phase will begin.

The Eads Senior Citizens will be meeting again on April 17th and have requested for the Commissioners to attend to discuss the possibility of a County wide Fire District.

The Commissioner meetings for May will be on the 14th and the 30th.

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

The Veterans report was reviewed.

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

There was some discussion had that Kiowa County Public Health will have someone here at least two (2) times a month to work with the residents of Kiowa County on certain issues. The Commissioners have asked Administrator Dunlap to get with Justin Lee to work that into our contract so that either him or someone from his office visit the Senior Citizen meetings, schools, and Chamber meetings to see what more can be done for Kiowa County. A contract will be brought from that office on April 9, 2013 to be signed.

There were no time-off request forms to be signed.

Oswald gave an update on water issues at the Town of Haswell. After discussion, the County will hold off getting involved until we get a request from the Town of Haswell for help.

There will be a Pipeline Safety Program meeting in Lamar on April 22, 2013 at 11:30 am. Scott said that he would like to attend this meeting so that he is more informed on pipelines in our County.

A contract for the H&H Rodeo Company was sent in to this office to be signed for the Kiowa County Fair & Rodeo. The contract had bull fighting on it still and the Commissioners were told that it would be cut. Also, the Commissioners have never signed these contracts in the past so we will need to find out what is happening with the Fair Board. The decision to sign was tabled until more information was received

A letter of support was presented to the Commissioners from Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium to designate Ray Garcia to act on our behalf as the Chief local elected official for the Southeast sub-region. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Scott, to sign the letter. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:55 for lunch. The Regular meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners and gave a report on Medicaid for the month of February. It is a total of \$50,000.12 which is still lower than the year before. He also went over a letter that he received from The Piton Foundation that thanked his office for being a "partner" that made a difference in the lives of Kiowa County residents. This foundation works with Earned

Income Tax Credit and is important to families to reduce the tax burdens on workers, help supplement their wages, and provide a work incentive. There are currently 106 families benefiting in Kiowa County.

The Intergovernmental Agreement for Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Lincoln Early Childhood Council was presented to the Commissioners. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign this agreement. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was also more discussion on the Colorado health Benefits Exchange which is part of the Obama Care Plan. Dennis will still be checking into this situation as the specifics of the job keep changing. He will bring back more information at a later date.

The Commissioners congratulated Dennis Pearson as the Citizen of the Year. He says that he was utterly surprised at the award but is grateful. Thanks for all your hard work Dennis.

Undersheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding the extra sirens he had. He would like to possibly install them in Chivington and Brandon so that there is warning there also. After some discussion, the Commissioners believe this is valuable but could be an upcoming project for the new Emergency Manager. There are still 3 generators at the City shop that need to be installed on the new sirens .

Sheriff Frazee came in and talked to the Commissioners regarding the purchasing of two (2) 2013 Dodge Chargers on a 5 year plan. Kiowa County National Bank has offered a low interest rate so they could go through an in-county bank to finance. There are numerous issues with our fleet at this time and purchasing new vehicles would help with the down time and repairs. Oswald made a motion, seconded by Scott, to purchase the two (2) 2013 Dodge Chargers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to go into Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. pursuant to and as permitted by CRS 24-6-402 (4)(f) for the purpose of personnel matters. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. and resumed the Regular meeting.

A work session and Special meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013 to discuss the bids for Road & Bridge and to make a decision on award.

The next Regular meeting will be April 9, 2013.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.