

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 15, 2014. 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

Cindy McLoud was present as a visitor.

Minutes from the June 26, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. One voucher was questioned. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approved and sign the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Additions were made to Old Business, to wit: #11 Restore Colorado; #12 Transit Van Cell Phone. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Fire District issue will not be on the 2014 ballot. The Commissioners will try to have it on the 2015 ballot.

The DOLA grant request for completion of project was reviewed. Scott will go to Durango on July 22nd to testify for this grant request.

The EPA Brownfields grant for the Maine Street hotel could still be viable and is going to be reviewed again. There is a revolving loan grant that would not have to be repaid. There is another grant that is a possibility if the building is considered a public hazard. Both will be pursued.

The Museum doors were discussed. An estimate from Eads Auto Supply for 4 doors (3 - 2 panel doors and 1 storm door) was received and reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the estimate of \$1,039.61 for replacing 4 doors at the museum to be taken out of the building maintenance budget. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Veterans Memorial was discussed. Roland Sorensen presented the stone paperwork for approval. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the wording for the marker for the Memorial. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jay Haase met briefly with the Commissioners regarding the electrical line going across a county road previously approved and also to see if Southeast Colorado Power could connect to the Sheridan Lake communications tower. This will be checked in to.

Jeanne Sorensen and Bill Wilcox entered the meeting as visitors at 9:30 a.m.

Superintendent Glenn Smith met with the Commissioners regarding the day care at the Bransgrove Building and the Eads School. Two inspections were required: the Fire and Safety Inspection and the Early Childhood Inspection. The Fire and Safety Inspection is not complete at this time. If they were to use the big room upstairs, it would have to be completed with a drop ceiling and dry wall before the fire inspector would sign off on it. Smith discussed the business side of this arrangement regarding utilities, maintenance, cleaning, etc. A lease will need to be drawn up if the school continues to move forward on this project. Smith will meet back the Commissioners on July 24th after the inspections are completed on July 22nd.

Otero County's free cholesterol screenings will be done on July 24th. This is a one time event being offered.

The Sheridan Lake cell tower update was discussed. Payment was received for the Zoning Amendment.

Restore Colorado has been restored. Signatures on petitions will continue to be gathered. The deadline for having the petitions completed is August 1st.

A transit van cell phone was lost. The replacement cost of the phone is covered by insurance. The cell phones were originally purchased by a grant. There was discussion regarding whether or not to replace the phone and whether or not it needed to be a smart phone, as one of the transit vans has a GPS in the van. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, that transit supplied cell phones shall have one smart phone/GPS, and the second with basic services only. The transit coordinator will have responsibility for the cell phones, supplying to part-time drivers either phone based upon whether or not GPS is available in the van they are driving and vehicle destination requirements. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Lamar Community College (LCC) President John Marrin met with the Commissioners regarding LCC updates. He gave out water bottles and new business cards showing the new Ag-based logo: the logo looks like a wheat stalk; the different colors represent diversity; the wheat plant represents growth. Marrin stated that classes start August 25th.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The Treasurer's 6 month report was reviewed. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve and sign the 6 month report. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners report was reviewed.

The TV tower report was reviewed.

The Model Traffic report was reviewed.

Sharon Frazee met with the Commissioners regarding a hospital board's decision to move forward in getting a CT scanner. For the first phase they are applying for a DOLA Grant (a Tier 1 DOLA Grant, which won't be in competition with the County's DOLA Grant) for a modular unit to house the CT scanner. There is no room in the hospital to house the CT scanner. Therefore, a modular unit is needed. Frazee is asking for a letter of support from the Commissioners to move forward with this project. The Commissioners will have a letter of support by their next Regular Meeting. Frazee also thanked the Commissioners from the Senior Citizens for their support of the senior citizens project stating that they have hope again. She stated that they have another \$5,000 to go toward the project and said the seniors would continue to have money making projects.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Letter of Engagement with Rfarmer, LLC (Ron Farmer) for the 2014 Audit. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Newsletter draft was reviewed.

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

A draft of the 2014 Notice of Valuation was reviewed.

Alexa Roberts and Janet Frederick with National Parks Service met with the Commissioners regarding NPS funding and cuts to their budget affecting law enforcement coverage. They will commit \$15,000 for deputy coverage this year (until September 30th, 2014). The numbers have changed and they are trying to figure out next year's budget. The contract between the County and NPS should be re-visited annually. They want to continue to make sure there is a good working relationship between the County and NPS.

Sheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding courthouse security. Sheridan stated that a particular deputy's name does not have to be on the grant. It can reference "security staff" instead of a particular person, although Sheriff Sheridan would like to have one person designated to this position full time. There was discussion regarding NPS funding. The Commissioners also discussed community service with the Sheriff. Road and Bridge would like to be able to use the community service person, if possible. The Sheriff stated that Useful Public Services arrange for community service and the contact person for Kiowa County is Delisa Weeks. The person doing community service is covered under Useful Public Services' insurance. After further discussion, the Commissioners didn't feel it would be a good idea to have these people running heavy equipment, especially considering they would not have any formal training for such. They will continue to find menial jobs for community service to be performed.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners with the monthly DSS reports. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$55,277.75 in June on behalf of Kiowa County residents. Pearson reported that CKLECC (Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Lincoln Early Childhood Council) will be doing car seat safety inspections August 7th. On July 1 all of the changes rolled out. The Medicaid incentive program will begin in October. If the benchmarks are met, the county will receive performance bonuses. Pearson reported that the 1-800 number needs to be in place by the end of the year for the call center. There needs to be a dedicated line and the calls will need to be recorded, as previously discussed. Pearson discussed the Child Case Worker and explained that since she is here only one day a week, they need additional coverage. What used to be Colorado Boys Ranch is now Colorado Youth Connect and they have a service where they can come in and work with families and Pearson would like to contract with them to provide that service. It would be 100 units of service at \$22.50 per unit. They would come twice a week (which would be 1 unit) and this could be paid for out of Core Services. If this intensive family service is not provided, the child can end up in foster care, which is very costly to the County and is not always what is best for the child. The contract would be 100 units for the year and when those units are used up, a new contract could be negotiated. These people are not with Child Protection and they do not work for DSS, but they provide a qualified service. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to sign the Purchase of Service Agreement with Colorado Youth Connect to provide intensive family services. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners also discussed the utilities at the Bransgrove Building with Pearson. He will check into this more fully and get back with them.

Tammie Clark and Jo Lynn Idler with Prowers County Public Health and Environment met with the Commissioners. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402-4 (f) for personnel purposes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session and resumed the Regular Meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to issue a Letter of Dismissal to a Kiowa County employee. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The transit van cell phone issue was discussed again. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to rescind the earlier motion and to order 3 County owned flip phones for the transit van employees. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be July 24th.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.