

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JULY 24, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 24, 2014. 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

Cindy McLoud attended as a visitor.

Minutes from the July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve and sign all of the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. One addition was made to the agenda, to wit: Old Business - #7 – Public Health. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Roland Sorensen met with the Commissioners regarding the Veterans Memorial. Cement has been poured and the flag pole is being worked on. Sorensen discussed the solar lighting system, which will cost \$3,200, but the life of the solar panels will be 35-40 years, and 7-10 years for the battery packs. The Lamar Community College (LCC) students will do all the work on the project. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the lighting package for the Veterans Memorial with LCC for \$3,200. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Sorensen discussed protocol for the flag size with the Commissioners. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to purchase the 6X10 American flag from Flag Express for \$115.95 plus shipping. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Scott stated that they appreciate Sorensen's efforts on this project, stating that he has done a great job keeping the project moving forward!

The transit van cell phone issue was re-visited. The transit drivers said they need apps for scheduling and weather on the phone so the flip phones would not work for all of them. Discussion was tabled until later.

The DTR contract for the Sheridan Lake tower was discussed. The contract was up in April, 2014, but nothing has been received back at this point, so the County can not do anything with SECPA regarding attaching to the tower at this time.

William Wilcox entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m. as a visitor.

A resignation letter from the Fair Board was received from Darrell (Pete) Koch. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to accept Darrell Koch's resignation from the Fair Board, thanking him for his service. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Commissioner Scott gave an update on the meeting in Durango where he testified on behalf of the Murdock Building project for a DOLA grant. He reported that Janet Frederick also attended and testified. Scott stated that it looks favorable that Kiowa County might receive the DOLA grant. He also reported that Weld County had applied for Energy Impact grants and he would like to have more information on this subject.

Superintendent Glenn Smith met with the Commissioners regarding the pre-school at the day care. Inspections will be finished today. Smith stated that they would start pre-school at the grade school as school starts August 11th. They will determine later if they are going to move pre-school to the day care at a later date or not. Utilities were again discussed. Smith will check the utilities history with Administrator Dunlap. They will also check the inventory list to see what is available. All other improvements will be presented to the BOCC before being done if the project moves forward.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m. as a visitor.

The Brownfields grant was again discussed. The next grant cycle is in November.

Tammie Clark and Jo Lynn Idler with Prowers County Public Health and Environment met with the Commissioners for a Board of Health meeting. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting to go into a Board of Health meeting at 9:55 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of the Board of Health meeting and resumed the Regular Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The Commissioners will have the Public Health phone transferred to the Commissioners' office if they can't find part time help to be at the PH office until they hire a new person.

The transit cell phones were again discussed. Personal phone numbers need to be reverted back to the individuals and other numbers need to be issued for the County phones. There was discussion regarding

having the drivers use their own cell phones, as nearly everyone else in the County, other than Maintenance, Landfill and Sheriff's office, use their personal cell phones for business. After more discussion, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to have the transit van drivers use their personal cell phones instead of the County furnishing cell phones, effective with the August billing cycle. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

September Regular Meetings will be held September 9th and 25th. October Regular Meetings will be held October 9th and 23rd.

The Commissioners had a conference call with Judge Stan Brinkley regarding the annual consultation for the pretrial services programs per statute CRS 16-4-106, to wit: (1) The chief judge of any judicial district may order a person who is eligible for bond or other pretrial release to be evaluated by a pretrial services program established pursuant to this section, which program may advise the court if the person is bond eligible, may provide information that enables the court to make an appropriate decision on bond and conditions of release, and may recommend conditions of release consistent with this section. The chief judge may make such order in any or all of the counties of the chief judge's judicial district.

Judge Brinkley explained that in 2013 the legislature modified the bond law and came up with a Best Practice procedure in a tool called the CPAT. The CPAT is simply a name for an evaluation of about 10 questions, and those questions in the counties that utilize it are asked of people who have been arrested. Based on those answers, the evaluator explains to the attorneys or the judge their perception of whether or not the person is (1) likely to reoffend and (2) likely to appear in court. The people who are unlikely to reoffend and likely to appear in court have numbers that are really low and those who are likely to reoffend and not appear will have numbers that are really high. In the counties that use the CPAT, they will have a person who is a neutral party who is paid for by the county and that person is on duty to make contact with these people that are arrested. This person would then perform this evaluation. The court is then, per statute, to consult with the counties to see if they are willing to put together funds to hire this person. This person would probably be shared within the judicial district much like the District Attorney is for these counties. Judge Brinkley stated that this person would probably cost approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year plus benefits. The questions would be (1) whether the counties would want to expend this money, (2) who this person would work for, and (3) what this person's duties would be. Judge Brinkley stated that Baca County and Prowers County have both declined funds to hire this person and asked if Kiowa County is willing to put up funds to hire this position. If the district does not hire for this position, the district has a bond schedule and bond is set according to this schedule and then a bond hearing is done. After further discussion, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to decline hiring this person per consultation with Judge Brinkley. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The TV tower SAGE, SCEDD and SECED reports were given.

The Model Traffic Code report was reviewed.

The Rural Philanthropy Days donation was discussed. Jan Richards told Administrator Dunlap that one entity in the County was donating \$1,500 and two entities were donating \$500 each. Scott asked what the Commissioners would like to donate. Koehler stated he didn't want to donate anything and Oswald said \$100. McLoud said the donation would help go toward advertising, which would get the County's name out there as they will be asking for funding from the entities attending this function. She said if you put a little bit into it, you can get a lot out of it. After further discussion, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to donate \$100 to Rural Philanthropy Days. Scott and Oswald voted aye; Koehler voted nay; motion carried.

The Joint Resolution for the 15th Judicial District Community Corrections Board was discussed. The resolution should be updated every five years. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adopt and sign the corrected copy of the Joint Resolution for the 15th Judicial District Community. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the CSBG Reimbursement. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Prairie Pines Assisted Living (PPAL) Administrator Linda Watts and board members Cindy McLoud and Theresa Weber met with the Commissioners to discuss the PPAL swimming pool proposal to have the pool resurfaced. There has been a community outpour requesting the pool be reopened. Watts presented the bid of \$5,220 for repair of the pool. Watts stated that they would like for the County to consider paying for the repair of the pool and PPAL would pay for the repair of the hot tub. Koehler stated he has a problem putting county money into a private business. Scott said since this company told Maintenance Director Mike Crain that draining the pool would be okay, the County has no responsibility or liability for repairing it. Oswald said he wouldn't be in favor of the total amount. After further discussion, Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, for the County to contribute nothing for the repair of the PPAL pool. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Weisbrod Hospital Board Chairman Sharon Frazee, grant writer Priscilla Waggoner, and Hospital Board member Roland Sorensen met with the Commissioners regarding the CT scanner building proposal. They would like to use the Public Health Service building to house the CT scanner if possible instead of having a modular unit brought in. Frazee said if the County was willing to collaborate in this endeavor, the hospital would be willing to share a receptionist in that building. Waggoner presented a proposal for this collaboration. They are looking at having a dentist and a psychologist in the same building. The grant could go a long way in

renovating the existing building instead of a new construction. The hospital would need to own the building in order for grant funds to be used in the renovations. There was discussion regarding separating PH from the hospital so a partition could be installed. An MOU could be established between the two entities. Discussion was tabled until after road and bridge discussion.

Road and Bridge foremen Jack Howard and Rick Spady met with the Commissioners regarding R&B issues. There was discussion regarding V-plows, 3 of which are needed. Maintainers would be a 2015 budget item. Howard also stated he needs time off during the fair for a family event.

The Commissioners discussed damage to a road done by a farmer. A letter will be sent to the land owner and the operator telling them to cease and desist. The damage makes the road dangerous to the public.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to recess the Regular Meeting at 2:35 p.m. to look at the Public Health (PH) Building and day care (down stairs area). All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 3:00 p.m.

The Commissioners decided the PH could move to the old day care (down stairs area) and they will sell the PH building to the Hospital. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sell the PH building and land to the Hospital for \$12,500 with a \$1,000 contingency and move the PH to the old ground level day care building. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Jo Lynn Idler stated the Commissioners might be able to get an EPR grant for a generator if they get bids.

The next Regular meeting will be August 13th, 2014.

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