

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on March 13, 2014. Richard 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

Minutes from the February 27, 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 Koehler to approved and sign the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. One addition was made, to wit: Old Business - #13 – Towner Bus Tragedy. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Applications are due March 20. One application has been received so far.

Bill and Vicky Wilcox entered the meeting at 9:25 a.m. as visitors.

An email was received from CCI regarding SB 93 - Eminent Domain for Pipeline Companies. Legislators want to know how many times petroleum pipeline companies have used eminent domain in the past. The Commissioners will send an email stating the no petroleum pipeline companies have used eminent domain to build a pipeline in Kiowa County. The Commissioners also want to go on record that, as a board, they are not in favor of eminent domain.

There was discussion regarding the landfill operator applications. Applications are due March 20. Two applications have been received so far.

The 2014 Community Building Contract was discussed. Applications are due March 17.

Transit van issues were discussed. DSS will get a report for the Commissioners regarding Medicaid mileage. The Commissioners discussed transit systems in the surrounding counties. The Commissioners will schedule a work session to discuss ideas on how to improve the transit system. They will schedule a work session for March 25th.

Insurance paperwork was turned in to CTSI for the Prairie Pines Assisted Living swimming pool.

The maintenance position vacated by Nick Johnson was discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer an in-house promotion to Walt Immer to fill the maintenance position. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The fire district formation was discussed. The Commissioners will talk with DOLA and the County Attorney for advice on moving forward. They will discuss further at a later time.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor a 10:00 a.m.

Casino gambling was discussed. The Commissioners received support from three more counties. A newspaper article stated that three other larger counties are looking at trying to add casino gambling. Scott said he would like to have a letter sent to each legislator, put together a team to call each legislator, put together a list of those legislators that were for it and against it, and then have a face-to-face meeting with those against it. He feels that they also need to talk with the gaming commission to discuss the benefits of this proposal to Kiowa County. This would have the possibility of employing several people in the County. The Commissioners will work on a letter to get the process going and will schedule a public meeting to see what interest there is in the county and see how many volunteers are interested in becoming a team member in this effort. They will schedule a public forum meeting on March 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the courthouse.

Restructuring the State Legislators was discussed. The 51st State referendum is still in discussion, as is the restructure of the State legislators. Administrator Dunlap will email the Philips County administrator to let him know that Kiowa County is in support of the restructure.

There will be a public meeting regarding the Towner Bus Tragedy kiosk April 8th at 1:30 p.m. at the Towner Community Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The Haswell landfill hours will be posted. The landfill will be open Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also, **PEOPLE WHO DISPOSE OF DEAD ANIMALS IN THE DUMPSTERS ARE JEOPARDIZING THE TRASH HAULING SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!** This will not be tolerated and must stop immediately!

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners report was reviewed.

The TV tower report was reviewed.

There was one time-off request for approval. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the time-off request. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign the Property Declaration Schedule for the Ferris Gravel Pit for Cheyenne County. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding an email from a company called Ameresco regarding energy efficiency for buildings.

The Commissioners had a phone conference with the County Attorney regarding the fire district formation.

Keith Siemsen with Environmental Health met with the Commissioners regarding State Regulations on septic waste systems: "Reg 43" On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Regulations. County regulations need to be in place by June 30, 2014 or the State will create regulations for the county. Siemsen gave the Commissioners a summary of the regulations and a list of options to discuss to aid in establishing regulations for the county.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners with the monthly DSS reports. Pearson reported on the Medicaid mileage for the transit van on behalf of Prairie Pines. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$56,368.61 in February on behalf of Kiowa County residents. He reported that as of Tuesday, there were 65 additional Medicaid clients added. Pearson also reported that there had been lots of activity in child welfare cases.

The Commissioners recessed the Regular meeting to do a walk-through at the Cobblestone Inn & Suites to complete the liquor license process. Upon returning, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Beer & Wine License for Kiowa County Investment Group LLC DBA Cobblestone Inn & Suites. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) for personnel issues at 2:50 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session and resumed the Regular Meeting at 3:57 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be March 27th.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to adjourn at 3:58 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.