

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on November 13, 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 McCloud, Commissioner Elect, and Delisa Weeks, County Clerk Elect, were present as visitors.

Minutes from the October 23, 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. No vouchers were questioned. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approved and sign all of the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Additions were made, to wit: Old Business: #11 – Towner Bus Tragedy; New Business: #9 – Historic Preservation Grant. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

An estimate was received from Royse Electric from La Junta for the Public Health generator. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the bid in the amount of \$6,577.00 from Royse Electric for the Public Health generator. This does not include the natural gas hook-up. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The TV tower generator is still on hold. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to request all bids be received by December 1st for the TV tower generator. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The State Historical Fund contract was tabled until the November 25th Regular Meeting.

The CCI landfill webinar is scheduled for November 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. through noon.

Jay Haase called in regarding the fire department. The red tanker truck is blowing white smoke and needs to be repaired. The Commissioners will have Frank Hine from Road & Bridge look at it first.

The landfill employee is requesting time off without pay for Christmas. He wants off December 29th and 31st and January 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer leave time and close the landfill on January 4th, and authorize someone to cover for the other days. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Certificate of Indirect Costs Amendment for Public Health was discussed. The amount that would be reimbursed is \$19,957.00. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Certificate of Indirect Costs Amendment in the amount of \$19,957.00. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding animal crossing signs. CDOT is planning on putting up signs east of Arlington to Ordway. Scott said he appreciates them doing that, but that they missed the target. He would like to see signs from Brandon to Eads also. So many deer are killed on Hwy 96 east of Eads on a regular basis and they're really bad around the Haswell area also.

Tammie Clark and Jo Lynn Idler with Prowers County Public Health and Environment met with the Commissioners with Public Health updates. Idler presented the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for 2015 showing the actual budget proposal with a 1% increase. Idler stated the cost for a flu shot will go up next year from \$25 to \$30 to offset the increase in cost of the vaccines. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the IGA with Prowers County Public Health and Environment for Public Health. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Idler also stated that the National Health Care Coalition is in Denver in December. She and Clark are planning on attending the two day conference with costs coming out of EPR.

Terry Koehn with Wagner Equipment, Road Foremen Allen Wade Watts and Jack Howard, and Shane Lessenden with Road and Bridge met with the Commissioners to discuss equipment bids.

Alexa Roberts had a conference call with the Commissioners regarding the 2015 Historic Preservation Grant proposal for installation of plaques on historic buildings in the amount of \$5,650.00. No match is required for this grant. Roberts stated they would have to get permission from the owner of each building designated as an historic building before plaques could be installed. She stated they will hire a local contractor for installing the plaques. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve and sign the grant request for the Historic Preservation CLG funding grant. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Roberts also stated that they need to advertise for the board position left vacant by Sharon Johnson. There is an interested person but it needs to be advertised before any appointments can be made. Roberts also said regarding the National Park Service, the Run will begin on November 29th. This is the 150th year so the Run will be much larger than in the past. The welcoming speeches will begin at 1:00 p.m. She invited the Commissioners to attend the ceremony.

The upcoming CCI conference was discussed. Two Commissioners, the three R&B foremen, and Administrator Dunlap will be attending.

The Prairie Pines Assisted Living (PPAL) mil levy needs to be distributed differently in 2015 per the County Auditor. There was discussion regarding handling the payment the same way until the end of the year and then the payments will need to come through the Commissioners on a voucher like all other expenses in 2015. The main change will mean that PPAL will not receive their funds the first of the month; it will now be after the first Regular Meeting of the Commissioners monthly. PPAL will be notified of the upcoming changes so they can adapt accordingly. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to continue the working of the mil levy for the remainder of the year 2014. All Commissioners voted affirmative. They will discuss further with the auditor and then get with PPAL to discuss the changes for 2015.

The Towner Bus Tragedy kiosk was discussed. The back panels will come from the Conservation Trust fund in 2015 as budgeted.

Rick Reed with 4 Rivers Equipment, Road Foremen Allen Wade Watts and Jack Howard, and Shane Lessenden with Road and Bridge met with the Commissioners to discuss equipment bids.

Eads Mayor Marilyn Baxter met with the Commissioners regarding issues with the public swimming pool. It continues to go in the hole every year. They are asking the Commissioners to consider a contribution to help offset the losses. They would like to replace the pool at some time. Justin McLoud will head up a committee to try and replace the pool with grant funds and donations.

The State Historical Fund Contract was presented for signature. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve and sign the contract with the State Historical Fund #2015-01-017 for the Murdock Building project. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners report was reviewed.

The Model Traffic report was reviewed.

No time-off request forms were reviewed.

Eads Consumer Supply (Co-op) is looking at tearing down the old truck stop and they are working with the EPA and would like to put some of the debris in the landfill. They will know what they are dealing with after the EPA inspection.

Jimmy Brown wants to lay a water line across County Road 31 and E. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the request for Jimmy Brown to put a water line across County Rd 31 & E. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler recommended putting a light at the Community Building on the southeast corner of the building. He stated that it's very dark by that door and could be a hazard. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to install a light by the south entrance of the Community Building. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Five letters of interest for the transit advisory board were received and reviewed. All five names were accepted as the new transit advisory board, to wit: Sharon Scott, Bill Wilcox, Melissa Peterson, Lola Igou, and Wanda Lessenden. Names were drawn for terms, to wit:

1 Year
Wanda Lessenden

2 Years
Lola Igou
Bill Wilcox

3 Years
Sharon Scott
Melissa Peterson

Riley Frazee and Jeff Meyer met with the Commissioners regarding the Emergency Management position. The grant program gets its funds from the federal government so if the feds stop payments, the state can't reimburse the counties. However, Frazee pointed out that this has never happened. The grant is a 50/50 grant. By statute, each county is to have an approved plan within the past 3 years for Emergency Management. By statute, each county is to also have an emergency management person. After further discussion, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to apply for the EMPG grant. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The budget was again discussed. A salary increase was discussed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, that the salary for the maintenance department (Mike Crain and Walt Immer) be compensated on the same basis as Road & Bridge. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to give Administrator Peggy Dunlap a \$2,600 increase for 2015. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to give a \$0.75 per hour increase for courthouse employees and a \$0.25 per hour increase for DSS employees, excluding all non-exempt salaries. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept the letter of resignation from Penny Weirich from the Pioneer Cemetery Board effective December 31, 2014. All Commissioners voted affirmative, thanking Weirich for her many years of dedicated service.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the State purchase for the DSS telephone system for the Child Welfare Hotline, in the amount of \$5,997 (which is 100% reimbursed). All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Judge Gary Davis asked if the County could come up with a common tumbleweed burn area. After discussing this matter, the Commissioners said at this time there is no such place.

The next Regular Meeting will be November 25th.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.