

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on September 12, 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 and William Wilcox were present as visitors.

Minutes from the August 28, 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 all but 1 of the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Additions were made, to wit: Old Business: #10 – Rooms for DSS; #11 – Public Health; New Business: #6 – SCEDD Update. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the railroad situation. On advisement from County Attorney Wendy Shinn, the Commissioners will not be in the intervention of the railroad lawsuit between KCVN, LLC and V&S. The Commissioners will continue to support KCVN but will stay out of the lawsuit. The Colorado Transit Rail Commission is in support of saving the Towner Line and will have a meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> in La Junta. KCVN does not have the only offer for the railroad. There is another offer in the event that KCVN decides to pull out.

The contract with Kiowa County School District RE-1 for preschool has been signed by the school so everything is in order.

The Murdock Building and Rural Philanthropy Days was discussed. Dunlap and Scott will attend Rural Philanthropy Days on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Veterans Memorial was discussed. Everything has arrived except the memorial marker stone. The dedication is planned for November 11<sup>th</sup> on Veterans Day. The committee will meet this afternoon to discuss plans for the dedication.

The Kiowa County Fair was a success. The BBQ was excellent both days. Everything seems to have gone smoothly. The Fair Board, the Road & Bridge crew, and maintenance did an excellent job!

There was a conference call with Bruce Halloran and John Tesone with Paleo Water and Paleo Ventures. They have previously met with 5 other groups of county commissioners in a 6 county area. They are building a pilot project in this 6 county area in the Arkansas Basin to bring a new source of water to Southeast Colorado and are looking for stakeholders for the project. They feel this is the best idea the Colorado has to insure its water's future for the next 25-100 years. They want to keep this water local and help out with regional economics through oil and gas to get at this water. They intend on using the Mississippian formation as their water source, stating that they believe the water could be high quality, usable water after being cleaned up. They will be attending the next SEBREA meeting to try and find funding. They will be in touch with the Commissioners again in the near future to discuss this matter further.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor at 9:43 a.m.

Catherine Anderson met with the Commissioners as Chairman of the Library Board. She stated the Library Board would like to have Tina Meyer, who re-submitted an application (letter of interest), appointed to the Library Board immediately to fill the 5<sup>th</sup> position on the Board, as they have been short handed for quite some time. After further discussion, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to appoint Tina Meyer to the Kiowa County Library Board. Koehler and Scott voted aye; Oswald voted nay; motion carried.

Job descriptions for a Fair Board manager and secretary were discussed, per the classified ad from Cheyenne County. The Commissioners would like to discuss this among themselves and then with the Fair Board for their input. They will have a workday September 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this matter, along with several other items.

Landfill issues were discussed. The Commissioners will meet with the Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE) in Denver on October 1 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss deficiencies and the timeframe to correct them.

Road & Bridge issues were discussed. The Commissioners will continue to advertise for the opening in Road & Bridge. An estimate was received from 4 Rivers for a transmission for the J.D. motor grader. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to authorize the replacement of the transmission for the Haswell J.D. motor grader with a rebuilt transmission in the amount of \$29,388.72. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

HUTF reporting was discussed. There will be an HUTF workshop in Pueblo on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. The Road & Bridge crew needs to be trained to put everything into the computer for HUTF reporting (instead of doing it manually).

The Correctional Industries tour for the fish farm idea will be Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in Canon City. All three Commissioners plan on attending.

Pat Roper met with the Commissioners regarding the museum. She would like to have something done with the basement door. After the flooding last month, there was some damage (water in the basement) that needs to be attended to. The Commissioners will have maintenance seal the basement door until next year when they can budget for the replacement of the door. They will also need to have gutters installed to divert the water away from the basement. Bids were received for installing the other three doors. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the bid from Engelhardt Construction in the amount of \$1,200 to install the three museum doors. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Public Health was discussed. The terrible smell at the old day care was coming from the small hot water heater. The small hot water heater will no longer be used and will be removed. Maintenance replaced the big water heater. All of the EMS equipment will be removed today and the PH will be up next week to paint.

The November Regular Meetings will be November 13<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The December Regular Meetings will be December 11<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

The Model Traffic report was reviewed.

No time-off request forms were reviewed.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the CSBG request form. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The budget workshop will be set for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Oswald discussed the Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD) update. They are choosing to go with a different director. The current director was given his 30 day notice.

Transit van issues were discussed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) for personnel issues at 11:10 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 12:00 p.m. The Commissioners recessed for lunch.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners. He presented an MOU Addendum to the Commissioners needing a signature. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to sign the 2013-2014 Addendum for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Colorado State Department of Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the 2014-2015 Memorandum of Understanding between the Colorado State Department of Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Pearson asked if DSS would be able to use the old Maine Street Retreat room upstairs at the Bransgrove Building to relocate the child visitation area, as well as mental health and GED program. Pearson stated he could use TANIF funds and Child Welfare money to finish this area, as it needs sheet rock, ceilings, walls, air ducts, and possibly a bathroom to make it usable. The County is currently using this area for storage. Pearson will get bids to see what the cost will be if the Commissioners approve this. The Commissioners gave Pearson the go-ahead to get bids for this project. Pearson said this area would work well for their needs since it was in the same building as the DSS offices. They had been using rooms in the old day care until the Public Health took over this area. He stated that the GED program needs a more permanent location and this area would work well for this purpose. He stated that the GED program is necessary to get people educated so they can get them off of TANIF.

Pearson also stated that he noticed wall board was up over his door in the back and that had been a fire escape door. Koehler told him he was not going to have access to the Public Health area any longer. He said that was fine, that he didn't need access to their office, but that door had been installed as a fire escape exit originally.

The Commissioners questioned Pearson about a voucher they held out. After discussing, the voucher was approved and signed.

Pearson stated that he had applicants for the opening at DSS and would like to review with the Commissioners and asked for an executive session. 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 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be September 25<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to adjourn at 1:53 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.