

Unofficial Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on October 29, 2015. Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McLoud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, Administrator

Oswald moved and Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes as approved

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All voted Affirmative. The two additions are:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Thank you to CDOT

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACH Payroll Originator Agreement

Van Brown, City Manager for the Town of Eads entered the meeting to inform the BOCC, the State is requiring the town to put a five foot perimeter fence around the dog pound. Commissioners all agreed if this was a state regulation then to move forward with the project.

Oswald asked Brown how the tie down project at the airport was moving along and Brown said the company had completed the project. Brown said Justin's Paving out of Rocky Ford completed the project. Roland Sorensen, Board Member to Weisbrod Hospital entered the meeting to thank the BOCC for contributing \$5,000.00 to the tie down project.

Adamson presented an update on the Rialto Motel and Gobble Hays Partnership (GHP). Gobble Hays Partnership will have a task two proposal they will need approval for before demolition can occur. GHP will do a walk thru of the site. Bidding for the demolition project will take place. The Board would like for the demolition project to be completed by June of 2016. The BOCC is waiting on the GHP task two proposal.

The website was discussed. No action was taken on this item.

McLoud gave a report on the Early Jail Diversion Program that was presented on October 26th. McLoud said it was well attended with valuable information being provided for those who have mental issues and going thru the judicial process. McLoud said the Equitas Foundation will send a report.

John Marrin, President of Lamar Community College entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to provide an update on the college and the construction on the new dormitory. The new dormitory will have 32 beds and will be made into suites.

Marrin also mentioned that he is the Chairperson to the Action 22 Program. He invited the BOCC to the next meeting. Marrin said he would like to invite other businesses to this meeting also and wanted this program to be geared more toward economic development. Mr. Marrin thanked the board for their time and left.

Railroad updates were provided. The NTSB reported that Otero County has 1100 feet of track in the rail line that runs through Kiowa County and that Otero was not included in the abandonment filing. The NTSB said everything would have to be put on hold until V & S sends the proper notification to Otero County and then this will allow so many days for Otero to respond to the filing. Administrator Adamson will get in contact with Colorado/Pacific to make sure they still have interest in this rail line and will have more information to follow.

At 10:25 Ashlynn Miner entered the meeting, as part of the audience. Tammi Clark with Prowers County Health entered the meeting to conduct the Board of Health Meeting. Oswald moved and Scott seconded the motion to recess the meeting at 10:38 a.m. All voted Affirmative.

BOCC meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

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Fairgrounds Update: Oswald would like to thank the Maintenance Department for all the hard work they have done at the Community Building. Oswald said he has received numerous compliments.

Event Manager: Tabled till next meeting.

Cobblestone Tax Letter was reviewed. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to approve the letter written by Adamson. All voted Affirmative. The letter will be forwarded to Cobblestone for their review.

Tourist signage was discussed. Administrator Adamson will gather more information on the fee for the different size if signage available for this area. Adamson will reach out to C-DOT for the different types of signage. Adamson suggested this may be a time for KCDEF and Chamber of Commerce to look into this as this could be a source to get more businesses to support the Chamber.

Gary Crow entered the meeting to discuss the county road that runs directly by their home. He wanted confirmation that the county would maintain this road for the upcoming winter. The commissioners said they will maintain the road since it belongs to the county.

The three road foremen, Allan Watts, Jack Howard, Rick Spady and Rick Reed with 4 Rivers entered the meeting to discuss a road grader purchase. It was decided that Mr. Reed will be back November 12th to provide price quotes for 3 road graders.

Foreman Watts had picked a trailer up from Carder's in Lamar. Watts said Mr. Carder had approached him with a 1996 Bucket Truck for \$14,950.00. After further discussions Oswald moved and Scott seconded to trade the 2007 Mack truck and trailer that had burned up earlier this summer for the bucket truck. The trade would be straight across with no funds being exchanged. All voted Affirmative.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to recess for lunch at 11:58 a.m. All voted Affirmative.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Dennis Pearson with Department of Social Services met with the commissioners to discuss the 1451 Collaborative Management Plan that enables the 4 counties in the Judicial District to hire a coordinator for programs geared toward children.

Pearson also brought up the T.A.N.F. funds and some being donated to KCEDF. The Commissioners said they would discuss that matter later.

Pearson also wanted to clarify the special funding of \$61,000 dollars the state provided to the county is being used for the county caseworker's salary. Ten percent of the caseworker's salary is funded by Kiowa County and the rest by the State of Colorado.

Oswald also asked what the status of the Bransgrove building was. Pearson said he will speak with Milton Watts and see when he can get to work on the upstairs area of the building.

Pearson also questioned as to how payments were going to be submitted for the van the county purchased for social services. Social Services will be reimbursing the county in either monthly or yearly installments.

Scott asked Pearson if there were any certified instructors in Kiowa County to teach the G.E.D. classes. Pearson said that certified school teachers would have to take extra courses to be able to instruct G.E.D. classes. Scott said he would like to see a local to be able to instruct these classes. Pearson exited the meeting.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. All voted Affirmative. One voucher was questioned.

Scott presented a thank you note to be sent to C-DOT for completing the mowing project. Adamson will forward this letter to C-DOT.

NEW Business: Reports were reviewed and signed.

There were no Time-Off requests.

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Public Health Cost Allocation Plan and Indirect Cost Plan were reviewed. Ron Farmer, Auditor for Kiowa County had forwarded this plan to the BOCC. After careful review Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to sign the plan. All voted Affirmative.

Teresa Witte, Emergency Manager entered the meeting at 2:20 p.m. to provide a monthly update. Witte had just learned that she had been awarded the Special Projects Grant of \$1600.00. Witte said she will be using these funds for emergency equipment. Witte said she had also been very busy updating ESF (Emergency Support Function) Plans. Witte thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting.

Kelley Subdivision Exemption Request: LaVerle Kelley requested an exemption of 31 acres to Brandon Dunlap. Scott moved and McCloud seconded the motion to accept the Subdivision Exemption Request. Oswald abstained from voting.

Extension Office Assistant: Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to offer the position to Karen Jones. Ms. Jones start date will be November 16th. Oswald said he would like to go on record to state that the county appreciated everyone who had applied for this position.

Useful Public Service: This was tabled till further information becomes available.

SEBREA/Hemp Growth: SEBREA would like a letter of support from the commissioners in support of hemp growth. Scott said there is legislation that is being presented that states hemp is not a form of marijuana but rather a plant form of its own. Scott said there needs to be more information provided before any decisions are made. This item was tabled till more information is available.

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS: Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to accept the following as winter hours: Eads Landfill will be OPEN Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. – Fridays 8:00 to 12:00 (Closed for Lunch 12:00-12:30) LANDFILL WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS. Haswell Landfill will be open Fridays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. All voted Affirmative.

Landfill Employee Schedule: McCloud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to accept the Landfill Employee Schedule as follows: Tuesdays the employee will be a R & B Floater or work with the Maintenance Department, Wednesday through Saturdays 8:00 – 4:30 at the Landfills in Eads or Haswell. All voted Affirmative.

Budget: Commissioners set November 4th as the work session date to amend the 2016 budget.

Airport: Scott moved and McCloud seconded the motion to donate \$5,000.00 to the tie down area project at the airport. All voted Affirmative.

ACH Payroll Originator Agreement: Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to sign the ACH Payroll Originator Agreement. All voted Affirmative. This agreement allows the county to direct deposit funds into employee accounts.

Commissioners thanked Administrator Adamson for the lunch she prepared for the Elected Officials.

Oswald moved and Scott seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. All voted Affirmative.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman