

Kiowa County BOCC Meeting Minutes May 11, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on May 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donald Oswald, Chairman

Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner Mike Lening, Commissioner

Delisa Weeks, County Clerk

Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Members of the audience: Cindy McCloud, KCEDF Director and Alexander Arensburg.

Minutes: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Lisa Thomas, Collaborative Management Director for Southeast Colorado entered the meeting to provide an update on the services she provides for this area. Thomas' works with different entities such as Department of Public Safety, Social Services, Judicial, Probation, SIGNAL Substance Use Entity, Schools and also Domestic Safety Resource. Thomas's main goal is to assist the youth and families from entering into the child welfare system and try to deter or slow down the behavioral issues with parents and children. Thomas provided further information on other programs she assists with. Thomas thanked the BOCC for their time and remained in the meeting to attend to the Board of Health Meeting.

Dennis Pearson, Megan Hillman and Shellie Englehardt entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m. as members to the Board of Public Health.

Oswald moved to recess the regular meeting and move into the Board of Public Health meeting. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried at 10:12 a.m.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the BOH meeting at 10:33 a.m. and move back into regular session at 10:43 a.m. Motion carried.

Oswald moved to recess the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. and move into the public hearing on the 1041 Setbacks for alternative energy development projects. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Those in attendance for the Public Hearing:

Alex Arensberg

Greg Brophy

Lane Stum

Linly Stum

Evan Hopkins

Melanie Medeiros

Heather Guffy

Randy Larrew

Joe Kasza
Betsy Barnett
Ken Flory
Mark Sanders
Ashley Rieseberg
Greg Miller
Donald Oswald
Delisa Weeks
Steve Cunningham
Tran Weaver
Nick Leiker
Rick Harris
Sam Nelson
Ryan Britten
Alex Thompson
Delton Eikenberg
Randy Carney
Marty Neugebauer
Kemma Alfano
Terry Laird
Matt Allen
Tina Adamson
Josh Framel
Norman L. Arends
Jolene Leiker
Tim Harris
Tearle Lessenden
Natacha Kiler
Patricia Breslin
Mike Splitter
Vincent Koeller
Roger Saffer
Pamela Cole
Jimmy Brown
Jerry Allen
Darla Specht
Howard Robertson

Those Attending By ZOOM:

Jacob Baker
Michael Hankard
Marci Miller
Donette Miranda
Steve Gray
Laura Miner
Mark Roberts
Jeff Ellenbogen
Mike MaRous

Dawna Peck
Doug Tallman
Wade Iverstine
Tiffany Pulliam
Lauren Kaapcke
Amy Weirich
Debbie Shivers
Emily Fern
Jennifer Chester
William Osborn

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to move out of the Public Hearing at 12:20 p.m.

Due to time constraints the BOCC held a work session during lunch and discussed draft recommendations with the County Attorney for preparation of a resolution and proper language regarding 1041 setbacks. No decision was made.

The regular session resumed at 1:30. **Brook Matthews, Southeast Region Extension Agent and Kiowa County Extension Agent, Tearle Lessenden** entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Agent Lessenden introduced Matthews to introduce the BOCC. Discussion ensued over duties and concerns with the different 4-H programs for the 2023 Fair.

Matthews and Lessenden exited the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Road Foreman, Rick Spady entered the meeting at 2:15 p.m. to discuss the possibility of purchasing a backhoe. Discussion ensued. Robertson moved to purchase the John Deere 310P Backhoe for \$124,033.12. Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A review of the buyout for the John Deere Road Graders ensued, Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to buy one of the road graders. Motion carried.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded to pay Tim Wolf, County Road & Bridge employee \$100.00 per month to review the DOT inspections on the seventeen trucks that have to be inspected yearly. Motion carried.

Foreman Spady exited at 2:38 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill/Recycling Updates: The rainstorm took out the scales at the landfill. The BOCC agreed the Landfill Manager, Scranton should close for the weekend due to the scales.

KCEDF Update: McCloud reported she had received one local bid for the Legion Hall rehabilitation project.

McCloud reported, Librarian Kemma Alfano wrote a grant through a library membership for solar panels to be placed on the Crow Luther building. Alfano should know by next month if it was approved.

A local donor has paid the matching funds to a DOLA Grant for the Town of Haswell and Sheridan Lake to replace existing sidewalks around their Community Buildings.

McCloud thanked the BOCC for their time and remained at the meeting.

P & Z Update: The companies that have submitted 1041 permit applications are considered vested so new setback requirements for those projects could be waived.

Redistricting: If Administrator Adamson has not received information from Colorado College by May 25th the BOCC will use the mapping that was done by Logan County.

Upcoming Meeting and Reports were reviewed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Hire Report: The newest employee is working very well.

HP Board Resignation and Letter of Interest: Jeff Campbell resigned from the Historic Preservation Board. Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve Gay Uhland to fulfill the position. Motion carried. The BOCC would like to thank Mr. Campbell for his services to the Historic Preservation Board.

RETAC Board Appointment: Jodi Stolzenberger, Chief Nursing Officer will fill the vacant position on the RETAC Board.

Fair Parade Theme Contest: The BOCC sent their three choices to the Fair Board, to make the final decision for the 2023 Parade.

BluEarth CUP Extension: BluEarth has a current MET Tower and is requesting an extension of the Conditional Use permit from five years ago. Lening moved, and Robertson seconded to approve the permit. Motion carried.

Public Health Task Order: Oswald signed and returned to the Administrator.

With no further business to discuss, Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. Motion carried.