

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on January 29, 2013. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Debra C. Lening, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m. as a visitor.

Connie Brase with Southeast Mental Health Services (SEMHS) met with the Commissioners to share information and see what the needs are for Kiowa County. SEMHS services six counties and want to take care of the mental health needs in all of them. There are a lot of stigmas regarding mental health and they need to educate the public about mental health. They also help with crisis debriefing and grief counseling and will come when called.

Minutes from the January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Additions were made. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. Two vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to hire Nate Dorow for the Road and Bridge Operator vacancy in District 1. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to hire Robert Kern for the Road and Bridge Operator vacancy in District 2. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Both Road and Bridge new hires will start February 4th and will be required to take the MSHA training.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to purchase the Ranco belly-dump trailer from Carder, Inc. in Lamar. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding other equipment. Doug Courley from Volvo will bring equipment down to demonstrate if requested. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to ask Corley to bring a demo for the Road and Bridge crew. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting for a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2013-1 prohibiting the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities or retail marijuana stores within the unincorporated boundaries of Kiowa County, State of Colorado at 10:00 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

With no public in attendance and no comments received regarding the Ordinance, Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to close the Public Hearing and resume the Regular Meeting at 10:05 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adopt, sign and implement Ordinance 2013-1 previously published, read, and inserted in the Minutes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Extension Agent Bruce Fickenscher met with the Commissioners to present the CSU Extension Quarterly Report. There was also discussion regarding the severe drought situation.

Bridge weight information was discussed pertaining to special permits. This needs to be further discussed in a work session using a county map to mark all bridges and their weight limits. A work session was scheduled for February 6th at 9:00 a.m. for this purpose.

Scrap metal bids were reviewed. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to accept the bid from Murdock Hauling for hauling scrap metal for 2013. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A letter was received from the State of Colorado regarding Notice of Intent to abandon; V&S Railway Line "Towner Line," from MP 749.5 near Towner, Colorado to MP 787.5 near Eads, Colorado. Anyone objecting to this abandonment may write letters to:

Mr. Michael Van Wagenen, Vice President
PO Box 26421
Salt Lake City, UT 84126

The Maine Street hotel was discussed. An asbestos study needs to be done according to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The Commissioners want to know what the cost is

going to be for the study and for the results of the study. Commissioners Scott feels they should contact CDPHE and have them come out first and evaluate the situation.

Pat Ward met with the Commissioners to discuss Fire Protection District information. Ward is a volunteer for the Kit Carson Fire District in Cheyenne County. After much discussion, the Commissioners asked what the advantage was for a fire district and Ward stated the advantage was finances.

Rick Reed with Colorado Machinery met with the Commissioners with information for motor graders. He discussed the John Deere leasing program with them. He will come out to meet with them at a work session to go over figures whether buying or leasing equipment.

Terry Koehn with Wagner Equipment Company met with the Commissioners with information for motor graders. He discussed the CAT leasing program with them. He and the mechanic both are based out of Lamar, which helps with mileage costs for repairs. He will come out to meet with them at a work session to go over figures whether buying or leasing equipment.

There was discussion regarding the TV tower and the Library. The Library received 1.5 mills, 1/3 of which goes to the TV tower and 2/3 to the Library. Commissioner Koehler will come up with a plan for the next meeting to see what kind of ideas can be presented regarding this situation.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to appoint Denise Riley to the Library Board, based on the recommendation of the Library Board members. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Colorado Development Finance program was discussed for Road and Bridge issues. More information is needed and will be addressed at a later date.

Commissioner Scott stated that a plan needs to be put in place regarding a fire protection district. The Commissioners need to know who can vote on this issue and need other questions answered as they attempt to proceed. They also need public input.

Ambulance licensing issues with six counties was tabled until a later date. If an ambulance goes into another county or picks up a patient in another county, they must be licensed in that county for liability purposes. More information is needed.

Information was received from LAVAA (Lower Arkansas Valley Area on Aging) regarding IIB funds. Kiowa County typically transfers its IIB funds (approximately \$2,930) to Sage Services.

Tri State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. will be attending the February 28th Regular Meeting.

A meeting with the Planning and Zoning board needs to be set up in February.

The Commissioners need to meet with the Fair Board at a work session in February.

Jeanne Sorensen asked the Commissioners if the Senior Citizens would be allowed to sell their ceramics if a portion of the profits went back to pay what the County puts into it. They can no sell the ceramics for private gain, but might be able to for the Senior Center. The County buys the green ware and the glaze and pays for the electricity for the kilns. Sorensen stated that they make beautiful items but have nowhere to put them. This will be discussed further after more information is gathered.

The Regular Meetings in March will be March 14th and March 26th. The Regular Meetings in April will be April 9th and April 25th.

The Sheriff's report for January was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The Treasurer's Semi Annual Report was approved and signed.

The TV Tower report was reviewed.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Impact Assistance Grant for Colorado parks and Wildlife for 2013. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to appoint Peggy Dunlap and alternate Krissy Ray to the Designation of Representation to the County Health Pool. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the ACH Payroll Originator Agreement with Girard National Bank. The bank has changed direct deposit banking procedures and needs new forms signed. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners will set up time for equipment vendors to come out to discuss lease/purchase of equipment February 22nd and 25th for a work session before the next Regular Meeting on February 28th.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the CDOT HUTF Annual Mileage and Condition Certification report. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

SECOM will come Friday, February 1st, to get the courtroom connected for the teleconferencing dedicated line.

The next Regular Meeting will be held February 12, 2013.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.