

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on February 13, 2014. Richard Scott opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

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

Commissioner Donald Oswald was absent from the meeting for a funeral. Cindy McCloud and Bill Wilcox attended as visitors.

Minutes from the January 30, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Scott made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Minutes as presented. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

Minutes from the January 31, 2014 Special Meeting was presented. Scott made a motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the Minutes as presented. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. Two vouchers were questioned. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott to approved and sign the vouchers. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. One addition was made, to wit: New Business - #5 – Social Media Meeting. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the addition. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The LEPC and Health Care Coalition meeting date was changed to February 18th.

There was discussion regarding the meeting with State Representative Larry Crowder last Friday regarding possible legislation for casino gambling in Kiowa County. So far, out of 916 surveys mailed out, 454 surveys have been sent back as of February 12, 2014. So far, 61% are in favor of a fire district, 55% are in favor of casino gambling, 70% are in favor of legislative reform. The deadline for the surveys to be returned is tomorrow, February 14th. Crowder has prepared a contingency resolution for casino gambling to present to the legislators but he already knows there is opposition. The Commissioners would either have to hire a lobbyist to take this measure before the legislators or get approximately 85,000 signatures statewide on a petition to be able to get this measure put on the ballot. They discussed sending an email to all of the commissioners throughout the state. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to email all commissioners to assess their support for this venture. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners regarding personnel matters. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) for personnel issues at 9:30 a.m. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session and resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Transit van issues were discussed. The Commissioners received a request regarding trips to an orthodontist in Colorado Springs once a month for three months on Friday for a child. Medicaid mileage would pay for the trip, so this would more than pay for the driver and the fuel. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to allow the transit van to make the trip to Colorado Springs once a month on Friday for 3 months for this orthodontist appointment. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

Extension 4-H Agent for Cheyenne and Kiowa County Amy Kelley met with the Commissioners to present the Colorado State University Extension Quarterly Report. Kelley has been covering one day a week in the office. There are no current plans for replacing the Area Extension Agent by CSU at this time. The Commissioners discussed the chain of command between the Extension office and the Fair Board. This will be further discussed at the round table meeting with the Fair Board.

The Transit van discussion continued regarding Prairie Pines riders. The transit service is losing money every year and the largest group of riders comes from PPAL. The monthly \$25.00 donation from PPAL does not cover expenses. The Commissioners would like to see some of the mil levy money be used to pay more for the transit van riders. Medicaid pays mileage for some of the riders, but when the trip is to the clinic, the transit van goes in the hole approximately \$15.00 per trip. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to send a letter to Prairie Pines asking them to reconsider additional funding for their transit van riders. Both Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners will continue to work on the Transit Van Policy during a work session.

There was discussion regarding maintenance at the fair grounds. They will continue to have the maintenance department take care of the grounds. They will hire part time help if the maintenance department needs assistance.

The 2014 Community Building Contract was discussed. The position will be advertised for. The current contractor will continue until applications are received and reviewed. Application will be due February 26th. The position will continue to pay \$50.00 for each cleaning.

Cindy McCloud met with the Commissioners regarding the State Historical Grant and DOLA Grant she is working on for the Murdock Building. This next phase is for shoring up the foundation.

Wiley Mayor Allen Campbell and Larry Coen met with the Commissioners regarding possible use of the landfill for the Town of Wiley refuse. Wiley hauls approximately 100 compacted yards per month. Scott stated they couldn't make any decisions at this time. There will be a State inspection at the Eads landfill next week so everything hinges on that inspection.

A letter needs to be signed and sent for the liquor license procedure. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to sign a letter to be sent to the four individuals who were fingerprinted for the Kiowa County Investment Group, LLC beer and wine liquor license per the recommendation of County Attorney Wendy Shinn. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The fire district was discussed. The Commissioners will proceed on this matter. This will probably be a 1.5 mil levy for the district. They will schedule public meetings and this matter will go to the vote of the people. There will be a five person board operating this district if it goes through.

The Haswell landfill issues were discussed. A Compliance Assistance Meeting needs to be set. The State will combine the Haswell and Eads landfill issues. The Eads landfill inspection will be February 20th. The meeting is to assist the County with how to rectify the deficiencies at both landfills.

Gravel pit issues were discussed. The Commissioners will need to meet with the landowner of one of the gravel pits who will not allow entrance to the pit. The Commissioners will review the permit and meet with the land owner.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor at 11:10 a.m.

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.

There were no time-off requests for approval.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Amendment to the Master Contract for Public Health was reviewed. The Master Contract was previously approved. Tammie Clark will meet with the Commissioners at 1:30 p.m. to discuss this matter.

Tumbleweed issues were discussed. The Commissioners are comparing totals of cost for cleanup with other counties. Area counties would like to meet to discuss this matter and see if there is any way to receive aide with these expenses.

The HUTF reports were reviewed. No changes were made regarding the county roads listed on the report. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve and sign the HUTF report. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

A Social Media Meeting was discussed. The Commissioners will let Administrator Dunlap decide if it will be beneficial to attend the meeting.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners met with Casey Sheridan, who was appointed to fill Sheriff Frazee's term of office as Sheriff. Sheridan will be sworn into office in the morning. The Commissioners asked Sheridan what his thoughts were on the idea of casino gambling in the County and whether it would affect his office. Sheridan said he will check with the sheriffs from the counties that have gambling to see it is has affected law enforcement. He will report his finding to them. The Commissioners also discussed the relationship between the Sheriff's office and the County Attorney and the DA. They would like to see cooperation between the offices. The Commissioners congratulated Sheridan on the recent search and rescue and the outstanding job that was done. Sheridan said his volunteers were amazing and he was glad the man was found and is doing well.

Tammie Clark met with the Commissioners regarding the CDPHE Amendment. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve and sign the CDPHE Amendment to the Master Contract. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be February 27th.

With no further business, Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. Both Commissioners voted affirmative.