

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on November 25, 2014. Scott 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, Commissioner Elect, and Delisa Weeks, County Clerk Elect, were present as visitors.

Minutes from the November 13, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Two additions were made to the agenda, to wit: Old Business - #9 – Employee with FMLA; New Business - #6 – Liquor License for Windmill Saloon. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners sent a letter CDOT regarding the animals on the highway. CDOT thanked them for their comments and said they would be working on it and sent it to the traffic engineer and will be in touch as soon as they receive a reply.

Several Thank You notes were received from the Plainview School students and staff. The Commissioners reviewed each one of them.

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign all of the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Landfill issues were discussed. Oswald reported on the Pueblo meeting regarding ongoing issues with rural landfills. Rural areas in Southeast Colorado need to meet and work together to resolve some of these issues. Violations are still being worked on here in Kiowa County. They will send a letter to Keith Seimsen to help organize a meeting. The Commissioners need to meet with CDPHE before this public meeting if possible.

Sheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding budget issues. He would like to replace at least one vehicle. He would ultimately like to get rid of the Expedition to help cover some of the cost of the purchase. He would like to get a pickup, stating that the resale for pickups is far greater than cars, but they aren't as economical to drive. When patrolling, it's more economical to drive cars than pickups. The dealerships also told Sheridan that they would make more selling the vehicles outright rather than trading them in. The budget for vehicles was dropped from \$30,000 to \$15,000 and Sheriff Sheridan said that wouldn't buy or lease a decent vehicle. After further discussion, Scott made the motion to reinstate the \$30,000 for the Sheriff Vehicle budget. Koehler said he would only go along with that if they dropped the fuel budget from \$38,000 to \$32,000. The motion died for lack of a second. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to drop the fuel budget from \$38,000 to \$35,000 and reinstate the vehicle budget to \$30,000. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding salaries. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to rescind the salary motion from the last meeting, (to give a \$0.75 per hour increase for courthouse employees and a \$0.25 per hour increase for DSS employees, excluding all non-exempt salaries) and have a \$0.75 per hour increase for all full time, non-exempt employees, except for maintenance and Road & Bridge. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. for a Public Hearing for Budget. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

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

The TV tower generator was discussed. Bids are still due December 1st.

The Fire Department truck was looked at by Frank Hine with Road & Bridge. The problems were beyond his scope of knowledge and the truck was taken elsewhere for repairs in the amount of \$950.00.

The National Parks Service (NPS) ceremony for the Sand Creek Massacre will be November 29th, 2014. The Commissioners will not be present, so NPS will need to find a speaker.

The Transit Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled for December 8th at 1:00 p.m. They need additional driver and so far, three people have expressed an interest. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve Bob Howerton as a transit driver. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Lease information for Road & Bridge equipment was received from 4-Rivers. The Commissioners will have a work session to review equipment lease options and bids on December 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Delisa Weeks said she had a question for the Commissioners. She stated that on December 11th there was a CTSI meeting for the newly elected officials in Denver and she wondered if the Commissioner Meeting could be changed to a different day. Scott said that was about the only day they could find to have the meeting and the newly elected officials would just have to miss the pot-luck dinner that day.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

The SAGE, SEBREA, and SECED reports were given.

There was one time-off request form for review. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve Heather Burk's time off. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A request for installing a water line across County Rd Z and 61 was received from Burl Scherler. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the request. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

USDA-APHIS-WS (Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services) Contract for 2015 was reviewed. The contract increased by approximately 1% for a total amount of \$5,058.28 to cover salaries, equipment and travel. Gary Rehm had previously covered this area for this contract. Blake Bell from the Lakewood office is currently responsible for this area. The Commissioners would like to have someone local again instead of this money going to the front-range and would like it to be advertised locally before signing the contract.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the renewal of the tavern liquor license for the Windmill Saloon. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Commissioners will have a Special Meeting on December 8th to certify the budget and other matters that may come before the Board.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners to present the Medicaid Incentive Program contract in the amount of \$2,796.06 (if all the criteria are met). Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the Medicaid Incentive Program contract. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Pearson was made aware of the DSS salary increase of \$0.75 per hour for all full time, non-exempt employees. The Commissioners also discussed an employee running out of personal (unpaid) leave time. Pearson stated that the circumstances were beyond the employee's control and said the position was being covered and he would like to continue with this employee due to extensive training as opposed to replacing this employee.

Eunice Weber met with the Commissioners regarding Emergency Medical Vehicle Driver permits for Jon (Jack) Howard, Monte Stum, Cheri Hopkins, and Weston Crow-Tucker. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve all four permits. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular meeting will be December 11th, 2014.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.