

Kiowa County commissioners meeting minutes February 13, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Richard Scott on February 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Donald Oswald opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were:

- Richard Scott, Chairman
- Donald Oswald, Commissioner
- Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
- Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the minutes with two corrections noted. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended with the following additions: Old Business: Impact Fees, a Dozer, and Disc Golf. Motion carried.

Anne-Marie Crampton with Lamar Community College entered the meeting at 09:30 a.m. to provide information in regards to the COSI Scholarship program. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion for a \$1,000.00 contribution to the COSI Scholarship Program. Motion carried. Crampton provided an update on the different programs being instructed at the college.

DJ Beckwith, Congressional Aide for Congressman Ken Buck entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m. He provided information on the different issues Congressman Buck has been working on. Mr. Beckwith questioned as to what issues the County is facing. The BOCC said trucking issues especially those applying for commercial driver's licenses is a concern and another great concern is the economic development for our county. Mr. Beckwith exited the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Kiowa County Emergency Manager, Teresa Witte and Homeland Security Regional Field Manager, Riley Frazee entered the meeting to discuss the IP A WS program which is an alert system that can be used on cell phones. The IP A WS program will allow cell phone users to receive emergency alerts such as the traveling public to receive weather alerts for the area they are traveling through. Discussion followed over the All Hazards Emergency Board. No decisions were made. Riley and Witte exited the meeting 11 :00 a.m.

Oswald moved to approve Shellie Engelhardt as the new Emergency Manager for Kiowa County. Robertson seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Jeanne Sorensen, owner of the Kiowa County Press entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m. as a member of audience. Sorensen came to the table at 11 :00 a.m. to discuss the Kiowa County Newspaper and the rates for ads. She explains how they have more online viewers than papers being sold at the news stand. Sorensen exited the meeting at 11: 15 a.m.

District 3 Road Foreman, Rick Spady entered the meeting at 11 :28 a.m. to discuss the purchase of a 2016 Kenworth. Following discussion, Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to purchase a 2016 Kenworth in the amount 58,750.00. Motion carried.

Oswald made a motion to recess for lunch. Robertson seconds the motion at 11 :51 a.m. Motion carried. The Regular meeting reconvened at 1 :00 p.m.

Dennis Pearson, DSS Director, entered the meeting to provide a monthly update. He reported that the county has 3 children in custody. Pearson again questioned the \$15,000.00 in TANF Funds. No decisions were made. Pearson exited the meeting at 1 :20 p.m.

Belinda Zink with Zink and Associates and Dan McCraw with Latcon entered the meeting to discuss change order #4. There were extenuating circumstances with the elevator which caused the cost to be

driven up on change order #4. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$34,301.78. Motion carried.

Janet Frederick with the National Park Service entered the meeting to request a Certificate of Occupancy. Administrator Adamson is working on the certificate. The NPS will begin moving into the new building the week of February 17th• Frederick also stated the Grand Opening for the NPS is scheduled for April 28, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants: Administrator Adamson provided information on the SECOG Mini Grant. A review of different items of activities for the youth during fair was discussed. Robertson moved and Oswald seconded to apply for the SECOG Mini Grant. Motion carried. Items that will be applied for are a 75 foot inflatable obstacle course with slide and bouncy house with slide.

Landfill/Recycling Updates: Discussion with no action taken.

Railroad Update: The PUC approved all the railroad crossings to be changed from active to passive warning signs. The trains that will be passing through each of the towns in Kiowa County will travel at 10 miles per hour with warning whistles being blown.

Impact Fees: Oswald moved to add a 1 percent impact fee into the 1041 regulation. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve a Disc Golf Course at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Meetings and Reports were reviewed and signed.

Time off Requests: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve 2 Time off Requests. Motion carried.

FSA Enrollment the Letter of Support was signed by Chairman, Richard Scott.

Building Permits: Jake Leonard has requested a building permit for the address of 9100 County Road 2. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the building permit for Jake Leonard. Motion carried.

Sean Harkness requested a permit for an Ag Shop in Towner. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Harkness permit request. Motion carried.

Viaero requested a permit for replacing the current equipment buildings they have at 3 towers in Kiowa County. Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TPR MMOF Request: The Multimodal Options Funding for Regional Transit Projects was discussed. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded to approve the MMOF Request. Motion carried. This request of funding will be used for shelter units for the County transit bus/vans.

HUTF Annual Report: Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the HUTF Annual Report. Motion carried.

CP & W Impact Assistance Grant Application: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance Grant Application. Motion carried.

Private Prisons Letter of Support: Chairman, Richard Scott signed the Letter of Support for the Private Prisons. There is discussion that the private prisons in this area may possibly be closing.

Landfill Manager, Jeff Scranton entered the meeting at 3 :00 p.m. to discuss landfill updates. The scales at the landfill have been re-certified and in good working condition. Scranton attended the State meeting in Lamar and came back with information in regards to recycling rebates. Discussion continued with no decisions being made.

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be February 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

With no other issues to be discussed, Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m. Motion carried.