

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - September 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Richard Scott at 9:00 am on September 9, 2020. Commissioner Scott opened with a prayer and 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

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

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

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the agenda with 4 additions which are: Amache Agreement, Black Hills Energy Incentives, Thomas Building Permit and Public Health. Motion carried.

Hayden Soloviev: Hayden Soloviev, son of Stefan Soloviev; entered the meeting to introduce himself and offer encouraging words for the railroad. He also invited the Commissioners to a meet and greet on September 30, 2020 from 3 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Sheridan Lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Administrator Adamson had received the Soil Report for the Courthouse Security Grant.

Landfill & Recycling Update: Adamson will contact the electrician, once again to see when they can do the electrical updates at the old Sheridan Lake shop.

Planning & Zoning Update: A certified letter will be sent to Bartlett and Soloviev.

Fair Update: Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to allow candy to be thrown at the 2020 Kiowa County Fair Parade. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update: Bylie Jo Watson is working with a couple of the businesses in regards to loans and has been in contact with other businesses in Kiowa County in regards to what types of services are available to them through the pandemic.

Demolition Derby: Rental Fees and Deposit fees were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Meetings and Reports were reviewed and signed.

Department of Labor & Employment Inspection: A state inspector examined the fuel tanks at the Haswell Road & Bridge Department. The inspector sighted there was a need to update the registration on the fuel tanks and replace the valves on the fuel tanks to meet legal requirements. These issues will be addressed.

GN Bank ACH Agreement: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to enter into the ACH agreement with GN Bank. Motion carried. This will be for direct deposits.

Public Health Indirect Cost Allocation: Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the Public Health Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for the 2019 year. Motion carried.

DSS Cost Allocation: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Cost Allocation Plan for the Department of Social Services. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to **approve the Audit Letter** from Ronnie Farmer for the 2020-2021 year. Motion carried.

CDA MOU-Industrial Hemp Program: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Colorado Department of Agriculture and Kiowa County. Motion carried. This is a report that the BOCC will receive in regards to industrial hemp cultivation for commercial purposes for growth of industrial hemp research and development purposes.

Amache Letter of Support: Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the Letter of Support for the Amache Designation for a National Park. These letters will be sent to Senator Cory Gardner and Senator Bennett. Motion carried.

Thomas Building Permit: Bernie and Kay Thomas requested a building permit at the Jackson Estates. Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the building permit. Motion carried. Road Foremen, Allen Watts, Rick Spady and Jack Howard entered the meeting at 11:26 a.m. The Commissioners wanted to thank the Road Foremen and their crews for the nice awning that was added to the community building.

Discussion followed with the fuel tanks and the modifications it will take to get the tanks up to State recommendations. The three foremen exited the meeting at 11 :40 a.m.

Demolition Derby: Jace Negley and Brandon Dunlap, Fire Fighters for the Kiowa County Fire District, entered the meeting to discuss a demolition derby. Clarification was made as to whether this is to be funded through the Kiowa County Fire District and/or the Eads Fire Department. Oswald moved to keep the \$1000.00 deposit in place but to waive the 10% ticket fees and decrease rent of the fairgrounds to \$250.00. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the meeting at 11 :55 a.m. for the lunch hour. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 1 :00 p.m.

Dennis Pearson, Social Service Director; entered the meeting at 1 :00 p.m. to provide a monthly update. Pearson said there were 50 families that qualified for the Commodity Program. In the past, they have processed about 35 families. Pearson exited the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Ronny Farmer, County Auditor; entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m. to provide the 2019 Audit Report. Kiowa County Treasurer, Diana Flory; entered the meeting at 1 :55 p.m. to listen to the Audit Report. Mr. Farmer and Treasurer Flory exited the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to move into **executive session** at 2:28 p.m. for personnel reasons under Colorado Revised Statute 24-.6-402 4 (f) (I). Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to move out of executive session and back into regular session at 2:42 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be September 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to **adjourn** meeting at 2:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Richard Scott,
Chairman of Board
Delisa L. Weeks,
County Clerk