

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - October 29, 2020

The Kiowa County regular meeting was called to order on October 29, 2020 at 9: 10 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance:

- 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 as presented. 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 being made: OLD BUSINESS: Budget Update and NEW BUSINESS: Goff Street Property and Holiday Festival. Motion carried.

Travis Grant, Representative for Congressman Ken Buck; entered the meeting to introduce himself and bring attention as to some of Congressman Buck's items he will be addressing in 2021. The topics discussed were farming, childcare and landfill management. Grant thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 09:50 a.m.

Ryan Sneller, TV Tower and Solar Consultant; entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss his budget for 2021 and the possibility of solar coming into the area. Tyler Surat, co-owner of Steel City, presented information in regards to solar for the Kiowa County. Discussion followed. Mr. Surat and Sneller exited the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates Virtual Happy Hour/Sr. Center Flooring:

Colorado Preservation Incorporated will do a virtual presentation on the Murdock Project. More information will be forthcoming.

Adamson discussed the flooring issues at the new Senior Citizens. Oswald moved to have Englehardt Construction lay half inch flooring and then paint it. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson reported there will be dirt work beginning in January for the low-income apartments that will be located on the south side of Lowell Street.

Jim Collins, with the Lower Arkansas Valley Area on Aging; entered the meeting to discuss the regional budget for 2021. Collins said he is preparing a Letter of Support for our County to sign requesting that the State take part in taking care of our people over 60. Collins exited meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Eunice Weber entered the meeting along with **Ken Flory** at 11:43 a.m. to request approval for the **2020-2021 SECRETAC Grant Application.** Oswald so moved the approval of the 2020-2021 Grant Application with Robertson seconding the motion. Motion carried. With this grant the Ambulance Service will receive \$15,000.00. Half of these funds will be used for training and the other half of will go to clinical care for the ambulance. Weber and Flory exited the meeting at noon.

Oswald moved to recess the meeting for lunch, Robertson seconded the motion at 12:13 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 1: 15 p.m.

Charlene Korral, CEO of Weisbrod Memorial County Hospital; entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to present a letter of termination of the ambulance service. She reported that the Hospital Board felt the Ambulance Service would be better operating under the Fire District. Korral said some of the

Hospital Board members had spoken with Fire District Board members and they came to the conclusion that the fire district would have a better opportunity for grant funding if the ambulance service was under the operation of them. Korral reported that the ambulance service will terminate in April 2021 under the operation of Weisbrod Hospital.

The BOCC will look into what options they have to continue the ambulance service. Korral exited the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Ken Flory entered the meeting as a member of the audience at 1:30 p.m.

The BOCC reviewed the three applications for appointment to replace Whitney Barnett who recently resigned from the hospital board. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to appoint Ashley Prince as a County Hospital Board Member. Motion carried.

A phone conference was conducted with George Kemp in regards to drilling a water well down by the lakes. The phone call ended at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Kemp will contact the Commissioners when he begins this project.

Landfill & Recycling Update: Adamson reported that there was 36,000 pounds of cardboard recycled which totaled to be 18 tons. The County was able to get \$65.00 per ton which totaled to be \$1170.00.

Lakes Update: The BOCC had met with a group of entities and some community members in regards to the possibility of having a dirt bike track built at the Great Plains Reservoir south of Eads. There were different committees formed and they will all meet again on November 3, 2020 to discuss what each committee has gathered as far as information for a track.

Planning & Zoning Update: Adamson reviewed and discussed the Towner Wind Energy permits and Conditional Use Permits. There was clarification needed from the BOCC as to whether a certified letter would be sent to a business/property owner and a \$100.00 fine per day which is in the Planning & Zoning regulations.

Budget Update with Employee Goodwill: Oswald moved Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Employee Goodwill. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Meetings: Reports and Meetings were reviewed and approved.

DOJ Grant: Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Department of Justice Grant for Enhancing Safety. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Plan Resolution: Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve and sign Resolution 2020-04, which is the Southeast Region Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the **Southeast Colorado All Hazards Region Cyber Security Plan**. Motion carried.

There was **no action** taken on the Goff Street property.

Holiday Festival: Betsy Barnett has requested approval for use of the space at the new Senior Citizens building. The BOCC will allow them to use the Wissel portion of the Senior Center if the floor covering and the cement is completed on the outside portion of the building. It will be up to this organization to clean the facility portion they use.

The next Regular meeting will be November 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

With no other business to conduct, Commissioner Oswald moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.