

The Kiowa County Commissioner's regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 13, 2020 by Chairman Richard Scott. Oswald 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

Mike and Amber Weber, Consultants for the Arkansas Basin Round Table entered the meeting to discuss and gather information on the Great Plains Reservoir. They are visiting each of the six Counties seeking information as to what they would like to see happen with the water issues they are having. Mr. and Mrs. Weber thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the following additions: Old Business Census and Railroad Concern and in New Business: Popular Vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Update: Murdock Progress Report: Administrator Adamson reported that it will be at least 10 days before the Senior Citizen portion will be completed. Adamson also had reviewed the last bill with Latcon in regards to some line items that she has concerns over. The lighting, heating and air conditioning are the three main concerns in the Senior Citizen Center. The BOCC will do a walk thru and then decide which line items need to be discussed with Latcon.

The Senior Citizens are asking the County to apply for another State Historical Fund Grant for the flooring in a portion of the Senior Citizen Building. No decision was made.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the grant application request by Clerk Weeks. This grant application will be for digitizing recorded documents for Kiowa County. Motion carried.

The Disc Golf Course will be added to the fairgrounds with no grant funding.

Landfill Update/Recycling: The County has taken in 1,510,500 pounds of waste thru July 2020.

Planning & Zoning Update/Invenergy Proposal/ Building Permits: Oswald moved to approve the language modification to the 1041 Regulations to add "in a timely manner". Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed. With the change of wording it will allow the developer time to get the land back to its original state or "revegetated".

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to the Planning & Zoning fee schedule on building permits. Motion carried. The minimum building permit will be \$25.00 for construction up to \$25,000.00 and a \$1.00 per thousand fee for construction or movement of buildings and trailers in the County. The Commissioner's Office will process all building permits.

Sales Tax Question: Scott moved to remove the County Tax Question from the 2020 General Ballot. Robertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote requested: Scott- Yes, Robertson-Yes and Oswald-No. Motion carried.

Fair Update: Fair board will need to strictly adhere to their plan which includes the COVID-19 guidelines that the Public Health Department has issued. Signs will need to be posted around the fairgrounds.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to have county employees work all day on Thursday, September 8th and give the county employees Friday September 9, 2020 off to attend the fair. Motion carried.

Dennis Pearson entered the meeting to provide an update for his department. Pearson said that Kiowa County had received \$4659.00 as a performance bonus from the Department of Health, Policy and Finance. Pearson also said Social Services did not use the \$171,000.00 that had been allocated to Kiowa County from the Colorado Department of Social Services. Pearson thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

COVID-19 Update: Bylie Watson, COVID Coordinator, entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m. to provide further information on the progress she is making regarding COVID issues and the CARES Act Funding available. The Protect Your Neighbors letter was sent to Kiowa County residents. There will be a meeting with the transit Board on August 14th in regards to the COVID funding. Watson exited the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Adamson asked for clarification as to whether an employee of the county who does not wear a mask should be able to take the allowed days off with pay as the employee who abides by the state mandates and wears the mask. The BOCC agreed that the previous policy that was approved supports that position. No action taken.

Census: Adamson reported that Kiowa County is at 54% completion with the US Census.

Railroad: Commissioner Robertson said that the railroad still has not picked up the poles that they had cut down earlier this year. Adamson will contact Mr. Prince with the railroad and ask what the status is on the removal of the poles.

Upcoming Meetings: Meetings and Reports were reviewed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scouler Building Permit: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the building permit for Scouler at Highway 96 and County road 72, with the agreement that they must identify the location of the wells on this property before any construction commences. Motion carried.

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

Popular Vote: Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03 which states Kiowa County does not support the Popular Vote. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion. to recess the meeting so that the BOCC could do a walk thru at the Senior Citizens portion at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Brandon Dunlap, Russell Watson and Jace Negley with the Kiowa County Fire District entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m. to inquire about the possibility of the Fire District putting on a demolition derby in late September at the County Fairgrounds. Adamson advised they would have to issue a written plan to the Department of Public Health stating how and what kind of steps they would have to take to abide with the COVID regulations. The three firefighters said they would be in contact with the commissioner's office and exited the meeting.

With no other business to conduct, Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-03
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT
(which will appear on the 2020 General Election Ballot)

WHEREAS, America's Founding Fathers created a system of checks and balances to ensure that each state would have a unique voice in the election of a President; and that no city, state, or region would consolidate too much political power; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the National Popular Vote compact concentrates political power in a few large cities located in the most populous states; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's nine (9) Electoral Votes are highly coveted and pursued by presidential candidates, ensuring candidates listen to Colorado's unique interests on issues such as water, infrastructure, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, National Popular Vote compact requires Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes for the candidate for President who received the most votes nationally, even if that candidate did not receive the most votes in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, requiring Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes this way would give away Colorado's votes for President to more populated areas like Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., relegating Colorado's electorate to a mere bit play in Presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, National Popular Vote compact contains no majority requirement and would allow a candidate with a plurality, however small, to become President;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Colorado officially declares its opposition to National Popular Vote compact for the purpose of ensuring proper checks and balances against accumulation of political power and to protect Colorado's unique political voice in presidential politics.

This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2020, in Kiowa County, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO


Richard Scott, Chairman


Howard "Butch" Robertson


Donald Oswald

ATTEST:


Delisa Weeks, Kiowa County Clerk