

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on February 12, 2015. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McLoud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Scott mentioned they needed about 15 minutes to finish up reviewing vouchers. Clerk Weeks entered the board meeting 15 minutes later and Social Services was in the meeting with Commissioners. Audrey Johnson, Melissa Allen and Dennis Pearson with DSS were discussing the upstairs office spaces in the Bransgrove building. The Department of Social Services is requesting 3 additional offices for child welfare, counseling and GED classes. If the commissioners approve of the renovations it will be totally funded by Social Services. Allan asked if they could possibly use the 4 old tables downstairs in the community room. These tables are the old heavy ones that are not used much anymore. The commissioners agreed they could be used in the GED classroom. Johnson and Allen asked if they could use some of the old daycare items and the commissioners agreed they could. Allen said some of this office space would be used for therapy for family issues. DSS will bring plans to Commissioners office for approval.

At 9:30 a.m. Josh Sonnenberg, regional manager and agriculture liaison for Congressman Ken Buck's Office, introduced himself. Sonnenberg said he will be setting up satellite offices in the surrounding area and is planning to set up an office in Eads. Sonnenberg plans to be down here once a month. He asked if there were concerns he could take back to Congressman Buck. Sonnenberg said he knew water issues were a big interest in this area. The Commissioners all stated concern over the railroad and asked Sonnenberg if Congressman Buck could speak in support of the railroad. Sonnenberg said he would definitely take it back to Congressman Buck. After further discussions Sonnenberg thanked the commissioners for their time and said he would get back with them when he has more information as to where his office will be.

Scott moved to recess the regular meeting at 10:05 a.m. due to the Public Hearing with SECED. Oswald seconded the motion. All voted affirmative. In this meeting it was discussed how home owners in our area can apply for loans and rehabilitation for their home. There is certain criteria a home owner has to meet. Dunlap stated she did have this information on SECED in her office if someone came in and inquired about this type of loan. Oswald moved and McLoud second the motion to close the Housing Authority Meeting (SECED) at 10:15 a.m. All voted affirmative.

Oswald moved to approve the payment of vouchers as presented. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

Amy Kelley presented the quarterly report for the Kiowa County Extension Office. Kelley reported that 2 individuals attended the Dare To Be You Camp. Kelly reported there is an increase in the Cloverbud 4-H. She reported there will be 16 youth in the Cloverbuds in the Eads area and 2 new ones in the Sheridan Lake area. Enrollment was going up this year in 4-H and Kelly was very excited about this. Interviews for a new Extension Agent will be held March 10 and 11th. Scott said he will be sitting in on the interview board. Scott stated he appreciated all the work Kelley had been doing for the extension office. Kelley thanked the Commissioners for their time and then left.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to approve the regular minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting. All voted affirmative.

Scott stated he needed to add 2 new items to the agenda. The items added were the interviews for the extension office and a potential problem out at the fairgrounds. Clerk Weeks asked if one more item be added to the agenda and this would be in regards to the license renewal at the golf course. Scott moved and McLoud seconded the motion to accept the agenda after the three items were added to the agenda. All voted affirmative.

Oswald moved the Commissioners approved DSS for submitting plans and getting bids to put office spaces in at the Bransgrove building. It would be remodeled using the Department of Social Service Funds. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

The Fire District updates. Scott reported the only thing for this was the formation of the district and there will be public meetings to present information in regards to a fire district.

At 11:00 a.m., Terry Koehn with Wagner Equipment presented information on a 1997 trash compactor that might be of interest to the Kiowa County Landfill. The cost for a new trash compactor is \$400,000 dollars. The cost for the used compactor is \$50,000. The Commissioners thought this information should be kept on file due to the current landfill issues going on.

Mr. Koehn reported the new road graders are in use at their designated districts and the Road and Bridge crew had received training on the machines. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to sign the upfront payment to Wagner Equipment on the equipment management solution agreement. By doing the upfront preventative agreement this will create a \$2,700 saving to the County. All voted affirmative.

Transit van issues were discussed. The commissioners have received a written complaint on a transit driver. Corrective measures are being taken at this time. Dunlap added one item will be added to the transit van flyer which will be the 24 hour cancellation as well as a 24 hour scheduling notice.

McCloud reported she is working on a grant and seeking more information on a grant for a possible single point courthouse entry.

Rick Reed with 4 Rivers entered with Foreman Howard and Spady to sign contract on an 85k Dozer that has 4 hours on it. Oswald moved to approve and Scott seconded the motion to sign the leasing contract on a 2015 John Deere 850K Dozer. All voted affirmative. The funds will be coming out of the 2014 budget for Road and Bridge.

Oswald moved and Scott seconded to recess for lunch at 11:55 a.m. All voted affirmative.

At 1:02 p.m. the commissioners afternoon session reconvened, with Michelle Wyckoff and Dale Butler presenting information on building a website for Kiowa County. Wyckoff said she has had several phone calls regarding information on Kiowa County and how there is limited information on the internet. Wyckoff and Butler thought it might be in the best interest of Kiowa County to come up with a website. Wyckoff said she would like to put all the planning and zoning information on the website so that people could get the most current information. Betsy Barnett entered the meeting and suggested that the county hire a professional IT person to build this website and put them on a certain time frame to get the project done. Scott agreed that there needs to be something done. Dunlap and McCloud said they would do some researching to see if there is some kind of government domains that Kiowa County could use and would update everyone as they found out any information.

Oswald said the only update on the landfills is the record keeping at each of the sites. Oswald said the county had been dinged by the state for the record keeping and thought that maybe the commissioners should have another work session in regards to the landfill and the correct way to fill out the paperwork.

The commissioners all agreed February 23, 2015 would be a work session day on the landfill and other subjects at 9:00 a.m.

Fair board updates. Scott moved and Oswald seconded the BOCC will advise the Fair Board they have decided not to advertise for a paid position at this time for a bookkeeper or a manager. In lieu for that the BOCC will work with the Fair Board on events and will help design a set of books that works for everyone. All voted affirmative. There were two individuals interested in the vacancy positions with the Fair Board. Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to fill the two Fair Board vacancies with Bart Michael filling the the vacancy with a term to expire in January 2016 and Jeni Weber to fill the other vacancy till January 2019. All voted affirmative.

McCloud reported Lakota Roberson will be recognized on April 22, 2015 by the FSA Office for her many accomplishments with the youth program that can be applied for through the FSA Office.

Item number 7 was tabled till the next meeting.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to sign the renewal of the liquor license for the Windmill Saloon. All voted affirmative.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to option out of the lease with Andy Prosser for the location of the Towner Bus Tragedy kiosk. All voted affirmative.

Oswald reported 2 of the road foremen had traveled to Amarillo to look at a semi-truck the county was interested in purchasing. The road foremen declined to purchase the truck due to the mechanical problems it had.

McCloud reported the local hospital was not interested in the dental equipment the county has. Oswald said he would speak with someone at the Fort Lyon facility to see if there was a need for this type of equipment and if not it will go to the for sale list.

McCloud had attended the Hospital meeting and questioned the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement. It was discussed since we had association with the hospital as a vendor the county needed this agreement signed. Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to sign this agreement. All voted affirmative

Dunlap discussed the previous bidder for the scrap metal has not responded to the letter she had sent. Dunlap will send another notice for response by February 25, 2015 for further discussions at the February 26th meeting.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to purchase four new plastic tables for the basement meeting room in the courthouse. All voted affirmative.

The April meetings will be the 14th and the 28th.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurers Reports, Model Traffic Reports, and Clerk Reports were presented.

There was no time off requests.

Line Item #2 – Action 22 membership. Scott moved and Oswald seconded to table due to more information coming forth. All voted affirmative.

GOCO Grant was discussed. Oswald wanted to emphasize his concerns as to improvements with or without a grant. Scott said he felt the county could not do improvements without a grant. Scott asked Dunlap to get a hold of D.O.L.A.

Scott reported he had received a phone call from Marvin Koeller in regards to the west interior wall of the community building and a possible leak. Scott asked Dunlap to get a hold of the Maintenance crew and have them check it out.

Clerk Weeks made the Commissioners aware the Golf Course would be filing for a new liquor license application.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. All voted affirmative.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman of the Board