

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on April 14, 2015. Donald Oswald 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

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 31, 2015. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to approve the vouchers as presented. Six were questioned. Commissioners voted Affirmative to pay all vouchers except for those set aside.

The agenda was reviewed. Scott requested an addition to old business for the lights on the Veteran's Memorial and one addition to new business liquor license fees. Scott moved and Oswald seconded to approve the agenda with two additions to the agenda. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Fair board members –Scotty Engelhardt, Tearle Lessenden, Andrew McCracken and Nancy Walker were present. Mr. McCracken reported the Board was working on activities for the younger kids for the upcoming fair. They are looking into carnival type activities. They also reported CRPA had gone up in cost. Oswald questioned if a concert was something that may be of interest, but the Fair Board did not think they could afford it. After lengthy discussions the Fair board thanked the Commissioners for their time and reported they would be back in a few months for further updates.

John Marrin, President of Lamar Community College; presented an update with the upcoming activities for LCC. Mr. Marrin reported 21 students from the Eads area and 2 from the Sheridan Lake are enrolled at LCC. He also reported there will be an addition to the dormitory pod. Scott reported the lights at the Veteran's Memorial were not working properly. Mr. Marrin said he would get in touch with the Solar Energy Students and have them come back to Eads and see if they can get this issue corrected. Mr. Marrin thanked the BOCC and extended an open invitation to the upcoming graduation.

Old Business:

Landfill Issues: Oswald said he had not received any updates from the state. Scott reported Mr. Deines with DW Waste will be adding two new dumpsters in the Haswell area.

Fire District Meetings: Scott said the immediate question for them was where they were to go from here. Oswald said he felt the by-laws would be the next step. Scott questioned when to put the Fire District on the ballot. Commissioners all agreed they are going to delay the actual formation of a fire district till the 2016 election, but will continue to work on the preliminary required paperwork.

Rick Manzanares with Canyons and Plains, Janet Frederick's, with Sand Creek National Park and the newly-elected President of Canyon and Plains, Chad Hart; came to offer their services to promote tourism to our area. Mr. Manzanares reported if we wanted to promote an event to get a hold of him and he will put it on their website. Mr. Manzanares said the new initiative is farm stands. People want to eat healthier and like the local farm stands to purchase fresh produce. Manzanares thanked the small towns for their congeniality he has seen in this area. Manzanares plans to do an economic impact survey for this area. This will help determine what programs the visitors are looking for and wanting to do in this area.

Board of Health enters the meeting at 11:00 am. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to recess for the Public Health Meeting. Those present for this meeting was Keith Seimsen, JoLynn Idler, Tammi Clark, and Theresa Witte. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 11:50 am. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Theresa Witte gave a report on the table top exercise that took place at the hospital. She reported that all emergency departments went away with valuable information on how each department could improve.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting at 12:10 pm. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

At 1:00 pm the regular Commissioners meeting reconvened, with Lola Igou representing the Transit Van Board present. Mrs. Igou asked for clarification on the fee for long road trips. Scott suggested an email be sent out to the Transit Advisory Board with the structure of fees for fun trips and how much they should charge.

Old Business Cont.: Tree Row by Fairgrounds: Road Foreman Howard entered the meeting and reported a grapple fork would be needed for the tumble weeds. Howard said in between the rows are questionable to reach. Commissioners told Foreman Howard to check on prices of different equipment and to get back with Commissioner McLoud.

Howard also asked about the landfill issues and a compactor. Scott said the compactor is not going to be purchased at this time. Foreman Howard then reported the County road to the landfill has great big cracks in it. Howard checked into the pricing of the material the state uses on their highways. Howard said it would be

around \$5,000 or more to get the cracks filled with the material from Denver and renting the machine that will be needed to be used to fill them with. Commissioners asked Howard to find out the cost and get the project done.

Murdock Building Updates: McLoud reported no further updates, other than she had applied for the pre-qualifications to the Boettcher Grant.

Signature for the Kiowa County Annual Operations Plan from Joe LoBiondo- with the Fire Management Office: Oswald made the motion and Scott seconded the motion to sign the fire operating plan for 2015. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

FSA State Board Recognition: Lakota Roberson; sophomore at Eads High School will be recognized at 1:00 pm on April 22, 2015; for her accomplishments with her livestock projects she has ensued with the FSA program for youth.

May meetings are scheduled for May 14th and May 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

June meetings are scheduled for June 11th and June 25th.

July meetings are scheduled for July 14th and July 29th.

Commissioners gave reports on the different meetings attended throughout the last month.

Commissioners reviewed the traffic report.

No time off request were made.

Kids Fishing Day at Jacksons Pond: Road and Bridge will deliver tables for the Kids Fishing Day.

The newly hired Administrator will have a start date of April 27, 2015.

Developing an Incentive Package for New Businesses: There will be further discussions at the next meeting on this topic with pros and cons to this subject. BOCC will look at different options or possible tax breaks the county may be have to offer for a short time or long term basis.

Licensing Fees: Scott suggested we look into the cost of licenses being issued. Scott will give the County Attorney a call to get more information on this and will discuss at the next meeting.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to adjourn the meeting. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.