

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on April 28, 2015. Richard 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
Tina Adamson, Administrator

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 14, 2015. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to approve the vouchers as presented. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Scott asked for two additions to the agenda. Elected Officials Salaries was added to Old Business and the Entrepreneurial Expo to New Business. Scott made the motion to accept the agenda as is with the two additions to the agenda and McLoud seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Member of Audience: Chris Stum presented information on the purchase of a pumper truck from Faithwalk Farms. Mr. Stum said Fire Chief Haase had discussed updating some of the fire trucks for the Towner Fire Department. The Towner Fire Department was requesting to sell the 1985 Ford Pickup they use for fires. They will try to sell it for \$10,000. With the funds they have from the pick up being sold and the remaining funds left in the account the Towner Fire Department will buy the pumper truck from Faithwalk Farms for \$12,500.00. This truck has a new poly tank installed on it. With the remaining funds the fire department will add extrication equipment as well as a generator. Oswald moved to sell the 1985 Ford pick-up and to purchase the pumper truck from Faithwalk Farms and the other supporting equipment needed to get this truck ready for use. McLoud seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Old Business:

Landfill Issues: The Landfill Operator is requesting to have two consecutive days off. After lengthy discussion Oswald made a motion to set the schedule for land operator at:

Wednesday- All Day Eads
Thursdays - all Day Eads
Friday in Haswell 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday All Day Eads
Sunday 1:00 p.m.- 6 p.m. (Eads)

Fire District Updates: Nothing To Report.

Tree Row by Fairgrounds: The land lessor was in question as to who was responsible for the fence by the tree row. Oswald reported he had spoken with Marvin Watson with the NRCS Office and he reported the County was responsible for the fence and the repairs to it. Oswald said he will send the west end crew over to help repair the fence, as the lessor wants to put his cattle back on the property.

Road and Bridge: The cattleguard issue was taken care of.

Murdock building updates: McLoud reported she had sent in a pre-qualification form for the Boettcher Grant and it was accepted and now she can further proceed with the Grant Application. It is due on May 14, 2015. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to continue with the application process for the Boettcher Grant and the signature from the Chairman of the Board. All voted Affirmative. With this grant McLoud is applying for \$100,000. If approved, the funds will go toward the Murdock building project. McLoud also reported Lee Merkel, D.O.L.A. Regional Manager for Southeast Colorado; met with her to review ongoing projects in Kiowa County.

Burn Permits: None

Veteran's Memorial: Some of the wiring needs to be replaced as it is not working properly.

V & S Railroad: Litigation is still ongoing.

Licensing for Liquor rate: Scott suggested the county contact CTSI in regards to the legal fees the county has to pay for the process of a business to sell liquor.

DEM Report: Theresa Witte appeared in front of Commissioners with an Appointment Letter she was requesting to have signed. McLoud moved to sign the Letter of Appointment to the All Hazards Board. Oswald seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted Affirmative. Teresa also reported she had received an estimate for the emergency management vehicle to be repainted. The estimate is for \$1,535.00. The bid was from L & R Body and Glass in Las Animas. After discussions with the emergency management vehicle it was decided to hold off on the repainting of the car, until Teresa visited with the Sheriff about taking over the usage of the Durango. Teresa reported the weather radios went over well at the Health Fair.

County Website: The Commissioners want to get this site up and going. McCloud had spoken with Jeanne Sorensen in regards to the website since she already provides some information about the County on her local website. The administrator will schedule a time for her to meet with the Commissioners.

Assessor's Office: Assessor Miller questioned the salary for a new employee. She said there is confliction from what was reported in the minutes. Administrator Adamson said the county needs to get a formula in place. There will be further discussions on this matter.

George Tinker with Loss Prevention with CTSI gave quarterly report in regards to losses the County incurred for the first quarter of 2015.

Road Foremen Jack Howard, Rick Spady and Allen Watts were present to hear the information presented by Rick Reed with the 4-Rivers Company on a 2015 John Deere 624K Loader. No decisions were made on the purchase of the Loader. Commissioners are waiting on more information to come forth.

McCloud 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. Scott had sent out a survey to the board and requested as to what their thoughts were for fees for the longer trips. Scott suggested a meeting for the first week of May to discuss these concerns with the Transit Board.

Dennis Pearson with the Department of Social Services met with the Commissioners. Pearson reported the Medicaid payment for the Month of March was \$71,424.26. Pearson went over the "Indian Child Welfare Act". He reported that the clients with Indian Ancestry have to be sent a letter in regards to the actions they are investigating on the child. This letter is sent to the Tribes and they respond to letters stating whether they want to handle the process or investigation.

Pearson also reported Audrey Johnson, Child Welfare Case Worker; was in her second week of training.

Incentives: Mr. Pearson was present for this line item since he is a member of KCEDF and a City Council Board Member. Scott said the county does not have many incentives to offer for new businesses coming into our area. McCloud reported she spoke with Pearson in regards to new businesses coming in and the possible impact it would have on Social Services. Scott said if we did offer incentives they will need to be offered to every business. Oswald said it was a bit more challenging on the property tax side of it if that was something the county was considering doing as an incentive for a new business. Commissioners said they will need to discuss this further.

Mike Crain, Maintenance Foreman; requested that he and Nick Johnson be able to apply for a pesticide applicator's license. McCloud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the pesticide applicator's license fees for the Maintenance Crew.

Jack Howard met with the Commissioners to discuss the Landfill Operators' hours. He will be working 40 hours a weeks with Monday and Tuesday being his days off. This will begin May 15, 2015. Oswald moved to have the landfill open from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Fridays in Haswell. Scott seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative. ALL HOURS for the Eads Landfill WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

Howard had information on a 645 Koyker Loader from Muth Welding in Rocky Ford. This is a loader that would be used at the fairgrounds and for the weeds in the tree rows at the fairgrounds. Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to purchase the used 645 Koyker Loader from Muth Welding for \$6,500.00. All voted Affirmative.

Elected Official Salaries: A Bill has been presented to the State Legislature for the salary increase for elected officials. Elected officials in Colorado have not had a pay increase since 2008. The Commissioners said this will be very difficult for our county to handle. Commissioners said they will not take action on this until we find out if this Bill does pass.

NEW BUSINESS: Sheriff's Report was presented and signed.

Mtgs Attended: SAGE nothing to report, SECED meeting on Monday, KCEDF discussing Incentives for new businesses, EM nothing to report, Lower Arkansas River Forum McCloud attended a dinner and discussion.

Signature on Cobblestone Inn: Oswald moved and Scott seconded to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Cobblestone Inn. All voted Affirmative.

Parade Theme: Oswald moved and Scott seconded the motion to accept Kelli Darnell's theme of "Homegrown, Handmade, Farm and Ranch Raised". The Commissioners will pay Kelli Darnell \$50.00 Eads Bucks for her entry. Commissioners wanted to thank all those who submitted theme ideas.

CCI Discussion: Commissioner McCloud would like to attend this conference. Scott and Oswald mentioned that it is budgeted for the Commissioners to go to one conference a year. It is either the Winter Conference or Summer Conference. Discussion followed and was finally decided McCloud could attend the Summer Conference and the Commissioners would see where the budget stood further down the year as to who would attend Winter Conference.

Council of Government: Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to appoint Michelle Nelson as the Southeast Council of Governments representative. All voted affirmative.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to sign the CSBG Grant Award. All voted Affirmative.

Scott moved and McLoud seconded to donate \$500.00 to the Eads Entrepreneurial Expo. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald suggested the Commissioners go to Cheyenne Wells and take a tour of the Dispatch Center in Cheyenne County.

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

May meetings are scheduled for May 14th and May 27th.

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

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

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman of the Board