

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on May 14, 2015. Donald Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McLoud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, Administrator

Kevin Brandon with Southeast Colorado Power Association entered the meeting requesting a permit to set up a tower at Sheridan Lake. Scott said if the state would allow SECPA to use the existing tower, the county would also be agreeable to this. Mr. Brandon said he would contact Bob Benz with DigitCom and visit with him in regards to the tower. Mr. Benz works with the state and may have more information on this existing tower. Mr. Brandon was placed on the next agenda for the upcoming Commissioners meeting and will provide more information at this time.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting with two corrections being made. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

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

Scott moved and Oswald seconded to approve the agenda as presented with two additions being made. Additions to the Old Business were: Tree Row at Fairgrounds and Elected Officials Salaries.

Chad Roberson entered the Commissioner's meeting as a member of the audience.

Dennis Pearson with Department of Social Services entered the meeting to discuss the statistics for the Child Welfare Hotline. Pearson reported there have been 23 calls since January concerning welfare or neglect with children in this area.

Pearson updated BOCC on the status of Child Welfare Caseworker, Audrey Johnson. She has completed her training but does have 24 hours of web training left to do.

Pearson also reported the State is offering grants up to \$2,500 for individuals in the county who want to become a licensed daycare business. These funds could be used for updating the daycare owners home or make improvements for the daycare provider business.

Pearson also reported that Medicaid paid \$68,522.88 for the month of April.

Pearson thanked the Commissioners for their time and left.

At 9:40 a.m. Chad Roberson entered the BOCC meeting to discuss the weeds and wild lettuce growing at the fairgrounds. Roberson said he had spoken with Mike Crain, the Maintenance Foreman; in regards to the possibility of allowing the FFA group and Lakota Roberson's sheep and ewes to graze on the fairgrounds. Chairman Scott said the county would have to speak with the County Attorney in regards to this matter. Oswald and Scott felt the County needed clarification from the attorney before submitting some kind of plan. Oswald said he wanted to make sure the County was not jeopardizing the FFA program in any way. The Commissioners will contact Roberson when they receive any additional information.

Murdock Building Updates: The Boettcher Grant is to be submitted by May 15, 2015. McLoud will be completing the Grant.

McLoud also reported the Gates Family Foundation will be here May 15th to look over the Murdock project the county is requesting funding for.

McLoud reported on June 11, 2015; the State Historical Fund will be here to provide information on how to begin the restoration of the Murdock building.

The Veteran's Memorial: The solar sensors at the Veteran's Memorial are malfunctioning. Roland Sorensen has received the correct sensors and will have them replaced.

Licensing for Liquor Rate: No action at this time was taken.

Incentives for businesses: No further updates at this time.

New Employee Salaries/Increases: The Commissioners are going to keep the pay scale the same as set in January 2015. A newly hired full time employee will start out \$1.00 per hour under the positions top hourly rate. After 6 months the employee will receive a 50 cent per hour pay increase. Oswald moved that we correct the pay to the accurate amounts retro-active to January 1, 2015. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

Road Foremen, Jack Howard, Rick Spady and Allen Watts and Terry Koehn with Wagner Equipment entered the BOCC meeting to discuss a 938K Loader. Mr. Koehn presented the information on the warranty and the

different purchase options available. The Commissioners will review the information and make a decision as to purchase this loader or not. The road foremen and Mr. Koehn left the meeting.

Colorado Public Health – Contracts: Tammy Nickelson with Public Health presented the OPP Grant (Office of Planning and Partnership) and the E.P.R. Contract (Emergency Preparedness & Response) for the 2015 year. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to sign both documents. All voted Affirmative.

Preschool Arrangements: Jill Williams and Kayla McLoud entered the BOCC meeting at 11:30 and requested permission to use the current pre-school room for the 2015-2016 year. Chairman Scott moved to allow the school to use the preschool for the 2015-2016 year. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

At 11:45 am the road foremen returned to discuss the purchase of a new loader. Discussion followed. Oswald moved to break for lunch and McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

At 1:05 pm afternoon session begins. The three road foremen returned to discuss the possible purchase of a loader. Oswald moved to purchase a 2015 John Deere 624K Loader for \$131,900.00; this includes the trade-in of the 624E Loader. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative. This loader will go to the Gravel Crew.

1:30 pm: Road foreman Spady informed the BOCC that there is not enough chip to do all the road projects for the 2015 year. The foremen were hoping to start the overlay projects June 8th; however it may be further out. It was agreed the foremen would try to get as much chip as they could so they could possibly get at least one road project done this year.

Spady also advised the BOCC there was a semi hauling water on County Road 19 that had to be pulled down the county road by a road grader. There was damage being done to the county road by this kind of pulling and the ruts it is leaving. Spady said he felt that Lincoln County is benefiting from all this and it is costing our county money, due to the fact Kiowa County is going out and maintaining these roads because the trucks are blowing holes in the road and leaving big ruts.

2:00 pm Marilyn Baxter, Town of Eads Mayor; entered the meeting to advise the BOCC the Town is trying to annex the property north of Eads into the town. Baxter will provide the description information to Administrator Adamson and then the Planning and Zoning Committee will know how to move forward.

Oswald also advised Mayor Baxter the Eads Home will be torn down. Mayor Baxter said she hated to see any old building in town torn down and would take this information back to City Council. Mayor Baxter thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting.

Elected Officials Salaries: Commissioners will review the bill to increase elected officials salaries. The Commissioners agreed they will wait till further information is received before making any decision.

New Business: The following reports were reviewed and signed as presented: Veteran's Report, Commissioner's Report, TV Tower Report and Treasurer's Report, and County Traffic Report.

Time Off Request: NONE.

CSBG Request for Reimbursement: Oswald moved and Scott seconded to sign the reimbursement request. All voted Affirmative.

DOLA Grant Agreement: McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the DOLA agreement for funding of the Kiowa County Murdock Rehabilitation Program. The county has been awarded \$846,750. McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the agreement between the State of Colorado and Kiowa County for these funds. All voted Affirmative.

Community Building Rates: The rates for usage at the community building were discussed. The fee to rent the community building is \$100.00 plus a \$300.00 cleaning deposit. If the building is cleaned and approved the \$300.00 deposit will be returned to the renter.

Historic Preservation Mailbox Request: Adamson presented a request by Jeff Campbell, who is a member of the Historic Preservation Board; in regards to a mailbox for the Historic Board. Commissioners agreed that would be fine as long as the Historic Preservation Board paid for the box fee.

Dispatch Detail: Commissioners are putting this on hold for the time being.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Kiowa County Clerk

Chairman