

Unofficial Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Donald Oswald on June 25, 2015. 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
Tina Adamson, Administrator

Director, Dennis Pearson with the Department of Social Services entered the meeting at 9:10 am.) Pearson reported the state sent Kiowa County \$61,000.00 to use for the State Child Allocation Fund which will be used partly for the Child Welfare Caseworkers salary. The Commissioners will sign the agreement accepting these funds to be used for salaries. These funds will be authorized from Senate Bill 15-242. Scott moved and McLoud seconded the motion to sign the letter in agreement Kiowa County will accept these funds from Senate Bill 15-242.

Kirsten Allen submitted a letter of resignation to Pearson. Her resignation will go into effect on December 4, 2015. Pearson requested the BOCC to hire a replacement now and not wait till December. Pearson reported that he could use some of the reserve monies from T.A.N.I.F. to compensate the new hire until Ms. Allen is gone. Pearson said it would make the transition process more efficient if Kirsten could train them. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to use the T.A.N.I.F. reserves to assist in the funding of the new employee for the position of Financial Programs Eligibility. All voted Affirmative.

Commissioner Scott questioned Pearson on two vouchers that were presented from DSS. Pearson clarified the vouchers in question and then thanked the BOCC for their time. Pearson exited the meeting at 9:35 am.

Oswald made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting as presented and McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to pay the vouchers presented. All voted affirmative. Four vouchers were questioned.

The agenda was reviewed and Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to amend the agenda with additions. All voted Affirmative. The additions included the Scranton Letter, 90 Day Probationary Review, Insurance, and Extension

Administrator Adamson stated that Tim Trosper had stopped by to let the BOCC know that one of the freezers and one of the refrigerators have quit out at the fairgrounds. Mr. Trosper questioned whose responsibility it is to replace these appliances. Oswald suggested that Adamson speak with the 4-H Council to see if they know who purchased them originally and if they belong to 4-H or the County.

Stephanie Gonzales with S.E.C.E.D. entered the BOCC meeting at 10:06 am.

Oswald moved, seconded by McLoud to recess the BOCC meeting at 10:07 am and go into the Public Hearing for the S.E.C.E.D. contract. Ms. Gonzales presented information for the Housing Rehab-SFOO Grant. This program is for single family owner occupied housing. With no opposition from the public Oswald moved, seconded by Scott, to sign the contract for the Housing Rehab-SFOO Contract. All voted Affirmative. The Commissioners Office has flyers with more information if anyone from the public is in interest of this.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to come out of the Public Hearing at 10:20 am. All voted Affirmative.

Emergency Manager, Teresa Witte met with Commissioners at 10:30 am. Witte reported she will be meeting with Kris Stokke, Public Health Director to see if they can exchange information and ideas to assist Witte with in her new position .The Commissioners were presented with a flyer Administrator Adamson prepared with emergency and general County information. Witte thanked them for their time and exited the meeting.

Kiowa County had received word that they have been awarded the Brownsfield Grant in the amount of (\$240,000). This will be for the EPA work on the Maine Street (Rialto) Hotel building for abatement and demolition. Scott moved, Oswald seconded the motion to have the (Rialto) Hotel demolished. All voted Affirmative. Brownsfield requested \$40,000 of these funds be matched by Kiowa County. These funds can be of in-kind, such as using the county equipment for part of the demolition.

There will be a meeting in Eads with an EPA representative on July 15th and a Brownfields Workshop on July 16, 2015. Administrator Adamson will be attending.

Veteran's Memorial: Will check on the lighting around the flags. Nothing else to report

Website: The Administrator spoke previously with a website developer who quoted a cost from \$3,300.00 - \$10,000 to build this website. It was decided to table this discussion to gather more information.

Road Foreman Watts entered the meeting at 10:45 am.

Incentives: Oswald said he would be interested in putting a package together for new businesses.

At 11:00 am Foreman Howard and Spady entered the meeting. Howard stated the weeds are horrible and the county is behind. The other two road foremen agreed with Howard. Howard suggested hiring two truck drivers. The BOCC said they understood but questioned where the funds would come from if they did hire two truck drivers. Foreman Watts said he was in favor of hiring people but wanted to make sure this would not affect the county employee's raises. Watts continued to say he doesn't want to lose his employees over the loss of a raise. Commissioners said they will discuss this further and will let the foremen know at the July 14th meeting.

Watts also has some concerns over some of the new equipment the county has purchased in the past months. The foremen said they would get in contact with the salesmen and let them know what is going on and request the equipment be repaired or replaced.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to recess for lunch at 12:00.

At 1:00 pm BOCC reconvenes with Mike Crain, Maintenance Foreman, present. BOCC discussed the painting of the offices. After discussions Scott moved and Oswald seconded to have part-time employee, Thomas Phillips paint the District Court Offices at \$10.00 per hour. All voted Affirmative.

CSBG Grant was reviewed. Oswald moved to sign the CSBG Quarterly Performance Report. McLoud seconded. All voted Affirmative.

Railroad Update. Adamson prepared a letter on the Abandonment of the Towner NA Junction Line. The county is opposed to the closing of the rail line. The Commissioners signed the letter.

Fairgrounds Construction: Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to pay Engineer, Michael Ellsworth \$4,500.00 to continue his cost schedule to repair the fairgrounds. The Commissioners will take these estimates and apply it toward a GoCo Grant. After lengthy discussion, all Commissioners voted Affirmative. The main focus for the grant project will be the seating in the grandstand area.

90 Day Probationary Review: Administrator Adamson will remind the road foreman to review the probationary employees work status. Adamson will make a check list the foremen will use to follow.

Reports presented were Veteran's and Sheriff. Both were reviewed

Meetings Commissioners have attended throughout the month of June:

SAGE, SEBREA, SCEDD, SECED, KCEDF, Weisbrod Hospital meeting, Town Council meeting, RETAC, C-COG and the TPR Meeting,

NEW BUSINESS:

Time Off Request: None

Permit Forms: Commissioner Scott signed the permit request from Mr. Templer.

Area on Aging: McLoud moved and Oswald seconded to appoint Barbara Wilson to the Area on Aging Board. All voted Affirmative.

CHP 2016 Renewal: The Commissioners said there were no changes.

Murdock building clean-up: Janet Richards said she has three able bodies to assist on the cleanup of the Murdock building. Commissioners are going to designate two working days in August for road and bridge employees to assist on this cleanup. The items will be stored at the fairgrounds and will be placed on a bid sheet for the public to bid on.

Storage at Bransgrove Building: DSS Director Pearson offered to go through the items in storage. Any items that are kept will go to the fairgrounds for storage and be applied to the bid sheet

Annual Picnic: It was decided that the county picnic will be one of the two days in August when road and bridge crews are in town working on the Murdock cleanup. Further information will follow.

Board Advisory Committee Review: The Commissioners will review the people that have been on the different committees for Kiowa County. There have been some county people that have since moved out of the county and need to be taken off of these committees.

Scranton Request: Barbara Scranton submitted a letter of request in regards to a two wheel drive pickup that has been put on the county bid sheet several times and no one has submitted a bid on it. Scott moved and McLoud seconded the motion to give the 1980 Chevy pickup to Scranton who will be using it in a demolition derby, in exchange for advertising Oswald reported it is Unit 40 that has been used in the Haswell district. All voted Affirmative.

Scott reported the new extension agent for Kiowa County is Brittany Bowman from Texas. She will start August 1st.

The next regular meeting will be July 14, 2015.

With no further business, Oswald moved, seconded by McLoud, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. All voted Affirmative.

