

OFFICIAL MINUTES JULY 14, 2015 MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 14, 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
Tina Adamson, Administrator

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015; with one correction being made. All voted Affirmative.

Vouchers were reviewed. Six vouchers were questioned. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to pay the vouchers as presented. All voted Affirmative.

Michelle Wyckoff entered the meeting as a member of the audience.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald wanted to go on record that DSS Director; Dennis Pearson had received a request to rescind the resignation from Kirsten Allen. The resignation from Kirsten Allen has been withdrawn.

Tearle Lessenden, Nancy Walker and Raelyn Riley with the Fair board entered the meeting to present their quarterly report. Lessenden reported the rodeo is set to go and they are working on the horse races for the fair. There was discussion over the Open Class at fair. Walker stated there will be changes made to the fair book.

Walker questioned why the Commissioner's Office is paying vouchers without the fair board's knowledge. Krissy Ray entered the meeting to explain she pays the bills if they come in and she provides copies of these vouchers. Lessenden also asked if the BOCC would be able to come to their quarterly meetings due to the fact the board members have to leave their jobs to come to these meetings. Commissioners said they would try to do this.

Lessenden reported he has received several complaints about the gate being closed at the open arena. Dawn Back had spoken with Lessenden in regards to a saddle club and wanted to know what kind of stipulations would be in place if a club was formed. Scott said the board would further discuss this as Mrs. Back had an appointment with them later in the day. Lessenden thanked the BOCC for their time and he, Nancy Walker and Raelynn Riley exited the meeting.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded to break from the Commissioner's Meeting at 10:15 am and enter into the Board of Health Meeting. All voted Affirmative.

Tammie Clark and Jo Lynn Idler with Prowers County Health and Environment entered the BOCC to conduct the Board of Health meeting. Others present for the Board of Health meeting were Teresa Witte, Emergency Manager and Michelle Wyckoff, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board.

At 10:41 am The Board of Health Meeting adjourned. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to reconvene the Commissioner's Meeting. All voted Affirmative.

Old Business: Murdock Clean-Up: Scott says we can not afford any added costs and we can not delay this process. Oswald said the sooner this project is completed the better it will be.

10:55 a.m. Dawn Back entered the meeting to discuss the usage of the fairgrounds and the possibility of forming an equine club. Dawn read over the policies of the Fair board. The Commissioners stated the fair board oversees the fair but the fairgrounds are under the commissioners. Back asked if there were any policies for the fairgrounds that she could review. The Commissioners said the policies have not been updated. Back asked about the general use of the fairgrounds. Scott said general use would include working the arena and the upkeep of the bathrooms. He said the county would have to possibly look at hiring a part time person just for this kind of work, if there was a horse club or any other type of club formed that required the use of the fairgrounds. Back wanted to know if there would be interest in putting up a donation box and charging a \$10.00 fee to use the arena for a day club event. Commissioners weren't sure if this would work. Scott encouraged Back to review other policies from other counties on the usage of their fairgrounds. Back asked if there was anything she could do in the meantime without paying the \$75.00 each time she wanted to ride in the arena and the commissioners said that amount would remain the same for now. Back said she would ride the county ditches for now. Back exited the meeting at 11:50.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded to break for lunch. All voted Affirmative.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 pm with Auditor, Ronnie Farmer. Farmer reviewed the audit with the BOCC. He wanted to acknowledge the great job former Administrator Peggy Dunlap had done and also appreciated the help from current Administrator Adamson. The audit was reviewed and accepted by the Commissioners.

Continued with Old Business:

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Sheridan Lake Fishing is Fun Grant: Scott reported there was approximately \$8,700 of in-kind work that still needs to be done. Scott had asked Road Foreman Watts if he will complete the in-kind work.

Veteran's Memorial: Adamson reported the supplies that were needed for repairs are in.

Website: Adamson reported that she had contacted SIPA, a government based website. There will be a \$46.00 per person annual fee for unlimited e-mails and documents. Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to utilize SIPA for a website. All voted Affirmative.

Incentives: No action at this time.

CSBG Grant Administration: Oswald moved to sign the request for reimbursement for the CSBG Grant. McCloud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

Railroad: Fritz Kahn, Attorney for V & S railway wrote a letter in regards to the abandonment of the rail line. Mr. Fritz's letter makes one believe that no one can purchase the rail line until it has been abandoned. The BOCC all agreed this letter needed to be forwarded onto our state representatives and ask for their support for opposition to the letter.

Fairgrounds Construction: Mr. Michael Ellsberry, Engineer contacted the Commissioner's Office and agreed to accept the offer of \$4,500 dollars to finish the project at the fairgrounds.

CDOT Mowing: Scott requested the Commissioners write a letter in regards to the mowing on Highway 96. Scott feels the mowing is being neglected. He asked Adamson to send letters to the CDOT Highway Commissioner, Governor Hickenlooper, Larry Crowder, and Tim Dore requesting attention to Highway 96.

Storage Containers/Haswell Rental: Road Foreman, Rick Spady presented information on the old Haswell lumber yard and the possibility of leasing it to store equipment in it. Commissioners told Spady to speak with the owner and see what kind of agreement they could reach and then get back with commissioners.

New Business: Time Off Requests -One request was made. Scott moved and McCloud seconded to approve time off request. All voted Affirmative.

Emergency Manager/Vehicle: 2:40pm. Emergency Manager, Teresa Witte reported a mouse problem in the emergency manager's vehicle. It was in the trunk and the odor is horrible. Witte asked if there was something that could be done. Scott suggested purchasing another vehicle. Commissioners told Witte to look for a used vehicle around \$8,000.00.

There was also discussion over the construction of the Emergency Manager's office. Witte informed the commissioners the EMPG grant would not support the construction fees being done to her office. It was decided these funds would be taken out of the maintenance department budget.

Fairground Usage: Discussion continued on the open arena. The \$75.00 fee will remain in effect. Oswald said in the past people would want someone to go work the arena at their request. That is not always feasible. There will be more discussion to follow.

CDHS MOU: McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to sign the Colorado Department of Human Services Memorandum of Understanding. All voted Affirmative.

Employee Resignation Tereso Valenzuela, Landfill Operator submitted his resignation. Scott asked Adamson to advertise for this job.

Transit Brochure Revisions: McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to accept the revisions as presented. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman