

Unofficial special minutes

A Special Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 15, 2015. Those attending were:

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

Brownsfield Special Meeting: RE: Rialto Hotel

Members of the audience: Mr. Bill Rothenmeyer, E.P.A.
Krissy Ray Kiowa County Grant Administrator/Assistant Administrator
Tammi Clark, Prowers County Health
Seth Odette, Prowers County Health
Alexa Roberts, Historical Preservation Board
Betsy Barnett. Historical Preservation Board

Mr. Rothenmeyer, member of the E.P.A. was here to discuss the Brownsfield Grant Project. He reported the project was set to assist in the removal of the hazardous material (mold and asbestos) in the Rialto Hotel. Mr. Rothenmeyer reported the Rialto Hotel was assessed two years ago with findings of asbestos containing material and dangerous levels of mold. He said the regulator for this project will be the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The County will need to give the State a heads up when they want to begin the project. Mr. Rothenmeyer said there were three major parties involved in this and that is the County, The State Historic Preservation Office and EPA.

With this grant the county is to spend the funds first and then they will be reimbursed by the Brownfield Grant. Mr. Rothenmeyer said there would need to be excellent book keeping, as the County would need to be able to provide information to the grant project.

Mr. Rothenmeyer said the grant could pay for the demolition or it could be abated. Rothenmeyer went onto say EPA had a structural engineer do an assessment and they had reported the building as being structurally unsound. The roof has been gone on this motel for quite some time and has caused further damage.

Barnett and Roberts had questions in regards to abatement of the building. They were both interested in keeping the building for historic preservation. There were discussions of the different uses this building could have.

Rothenmeyer suggested having a public meeting as to make the people of Kiowa County aware of the status of the Rialto Hotel. Rothenmeyer encouraged hiring a consultant so they might possibly answer questions for the Commissioners or clarify information on the process of the grant.

Scott said he would like to discuss this with Commissioner Oswald before they set a public hearing.

With no further information being discussed Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm, and McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman