

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on July 29, 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

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting as presented. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to pay the vouchers as presented. All voted Affirmative.

Scott moved and McLoud seconded to approve the Agenda with three additions:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Transit Van Cell Phone
2. Donations to Fishing are Fun

NEW BUSINESS

1. TV Tower

All voted Affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: McLoud reported the county had received \$30,000 from the Boettcher Grant. Administrator Adamson reported that she and Assistant Administrator, Krissy Ray had attended the training in La Junta on the Brownsfield Grant. Adamson reported while attending the meeting she learned that the other counties in attendance relied on their economic development office to apply for and maintain the grants. It was not common for the Commissioner's Office to prepare and maintain these grants. Discussion over the Brownsfield Grant followed with McLoud mentioning hiring an engineer to assess the "Rialto" motel. Scott expressed that because of the lack of interest prior to receiving the grant; the building should be torn down. McLoud stated she would like to see SECOG involved if efforts to save it were initiated. Oswald agreed that the County needs to consider the grants and commitments on the Murdock Building before undertaking another project of this magnitude. Adamson will get in contact with an engineer and set up a public hearing. Keith Seimsen with Prowers County Public Health will also be contacted to see if he can do any consulting.

Veteran's Memorial: Everything has been repaired and appears to be working well.

9:30 am. Teresa Witte – Emergency Manager presented the information on a 2007 Dodge Durango from South Tejon Motors in Colorado Springs. She also reported that her new office is completed and she was moving into it. Witte said the County was in need of a P.I.O. (Public Information Officer) and recommended Adamson for this position. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to have the County Administrator as the P.I.O. for Kiowa County. All voted Affirmative.

Witte also asked if the new credentialing system could be stored in the old sheriff's office. Adamson said she would check with the Sheriff to see if it was o.k.

10:00 am. Robert Madrid with Colorado Department of Transportation met with the Commissioners to answer as to why Highway 96 ditch mowing had been neglected. Madrid said with all the rain southeast Colorado has had and CDOT being down two mowers, the state got behind. He also said since Highway 96 is a secondary road it was not a priority such as highway 287 and Highway 50. Scott said it was very disappointing to the public to see the sign "Entering Colorful Colorado" and weeds in the Colorado ditches are several feet high. Madrid said they would definitely try to do better next year. Mr. Madrid also said they were cautioned about the "Bird Habitat" in the ditches and that CDOT was instructed not to disturb the nesting of these birds. Scott questioned the kind of birds that were to be in habitat in the

ditches and Mr. Madrid said it was the swallows. After further discussion about highway 96, Mr. Madrid thanked the BOCC for their time and left the meeting.

11:00 am. Michelle Wyckoff, Chairperson with the Planning and Zoning Board met with the commissioners to discuss possible additions to the Kiowa County Planning and Zoning Manual. The three line items were discussed and will be reviewed by the attorney.

Wyckoff then addressed an issue in regards to highway 96 and the speed limit through the town of Arlington. She said the speed limit is 65 through Arlington and feels that is not a safe speed with the curves in Arlington. Scott asked Adamson if she would write a letter to Colorado Department of Transportation and request a speed reduction through the town of Arlington.

11:30 Marilyn Baxter entered the meeting to discuss the possible subdivision on the property to be annexed into the town of Eads. There will be further information on this at the next meeting.

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

1:10 pm - Rick Reed with 4 Rivers brought an agreement in for commissioners to sign for the purchase of a 2015 624 K Loader equipped and trading in a 1991 John Deere 624 E. The warranty and agreement were signed by the commissioners.

1:20 pm -Dennis Pearson with the Department of Social Services met with the Commissioners reporting Medicaid spent in Kiowa County for the month of June was \$85,187.36 and in May was \$64,557.75. Mr. Pearson said there are 393 people in Kiowa County on Medicaid. The caseload for Medicaid has increased 63% over the last 18 months. Medicaid incentives were applied for and Kiowa County met the criteria and received \$2,752.00 in funding.

Foster care fees collected from child support enforcement was \$4,387.00 for the year of 2014.

Scott moved and McCloud seconded to accept the M.O.E. reduction presented by Pearson. All voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Colorado and Kiowa County to administer the T.A.N.F. program. All voted Affirmative.

Pearson inquired about a vehicle to transport juveniles/infants for therapy and foster care. Commissioners will discuss this further and will get back with Pearson.

Brandi Nevius will be the new Office Manager at the Department of Social Services. Her start date will be August 10, 2015.

An employee asked Pearson for a raise. Commissioners said they would not be able to do this but could be reviewed at the end of the year.

Elected Officials Salaries: Commissioners asked Adamson to write a letter to the Senators and Representatives requesting a zero increase for Kiowa County Elected Officials. The commissioners feel the county cannot afford this at the time and in 2019 it is state mandated a cost of living raise will go into effect for elected officials. Elected officials have not had an increase in pay since 2007.

Road Foremen Spady, Watts and Howard entered the BOCC meeting and wanted more information on the clean-up of the Murdock building. Oswald said he will be there to assist in the clean-up and be giving guidance as to what can be dispersed and what needs to be saved. August 10, 2015 will be the scheduled day for the clean-up. The county picnic will be the same day at noon. All county employees and their families are invited.

Scott moved and McCloud seconded to adjourn meeting so the commissioners could attend the stakeholders meeting with Emergency Management at 2:20 pm. All voted Affirmative. 3:05 pm meeting reconvened.

Website: Adamson completed the agreement with S.I.P.A. and now Kiowa County is on S.I.P.A.'s waiting list.

Incentive program: Adamson revised a plan for the commissioners to review and make corrections. Adamson will finalize once reviewed.

Chip Sealing Update: Oswald said they are waiting on more chip.

Storage Containers: Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to buy a shipping container from Aspen Leaf Containers for \$5,750. All voted Affirmative.

Fairgrounds Usage: McCloud discussed a short term usage plan including a donation box for the indoor arena and the outdoor arena that would encourage people to leave a donation to show their appreciation for the use of the facilities. This would be for individuals only; group/events would still be required to rent the facility according to policy. McCloud had spoken with Maintenance Foreman Crain and he said he did not think there would be a problem with people using the arena as long as they would come in after hours and on the week-ends. McCloud moved to put a donation box up at the pavilion and the outdoor arena and some sort of sign that states the times the facilities can be used by individuals. If electricity is needed there will be a fee added. Oswald seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

Transit Cell Phone: Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to cancel the usage of the Verizon phone. All voted Affirmative.

Donation to the Fishing is Fun: Adamson will write a letter to the Town of Sheridan Lake and K.C.E.D.F. and remind them of the donation they agreed to provide for this grant.

Veteran's and Sheriff's Reports were reviewed.

Meetings that were attended by the Commissioners this last month were: S.A.G.E., S.E.B.R.E.A, S.E.C.E.D., and S.C.E.D.D and Town Council.

New Business:

Time off Requests: There were two requests made. McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to approve the two requests. All voted Affirmative.

Fairground Construction: Mr. Ellsberry accepted the offer and will be responding on the fairgrounds in the near future. His main objective will be the bleachers in the grandstand area.

Sale Items: Each department is to get in contact with Adamson and let her know if there is anything they need to add to the sale list.

Upcoming Commissioner's Meetings: September 15th and the 29th.

Landfill Position: There were two applications. Interviews will be August 7th.

Road and Bridge Lease: Will review the revisions and discuss further at next meeting.

Road & Bridge Truck Drivers: This will be reviewed and possible action will be taken in early 2016.

Charging Stations for electric vehicles: Further discussion will follow at the next meeting.

TV Tower: Oswald said we needed to share information with Eastern Slope on this tower and the repairs as they share the cost of the repairs.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. All voted Affirmative.

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman