

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on August 11, 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

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2015 meeting as presented. All voted Affirmative.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to pay the vouchers as presented. All voted Affirmative. There were 6 questioned.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded to approve the amended agenda with the following additions:
New Business: New fee schedule for the Transit Van and a Resignation. All voted Affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Adamson had received the final funds from the Boettcher Grant. A thank you letter was prepared and signed.

Rialto Hotel: Bill Simpson with the State Housing Authority would like to meet with the Commissioners and discuss the Rialto Hotel and the possibilities of low income housing needed in this area. The Commissioners will meet with the State Housing Authority on August 20, 2015. Scott recommended proceeding forward with the hiring of a consultant and holding a public meeting in regards to the status of the Rialto Hotel.

Incentives: Commissioners are trying to provide incentives for current businesses and for new businesses coming into Kiowa County. Possible tax breaks would be included for an expansion of a current business by hiring more employees. Administrator Adamson will gather more information from surrounding counties and will do some comparisons for the county.

Railroad Update: On August 3, 2015 V & S Railroad filed to abandon the railroad. Gary Hunter, with Railroad Industries, had contacted Scott and said an offer of financial assistance need to be filed within the next 10 days. Scott asked Adamson to get in contact with the attorney for KCVN and check to see if they did file or if they were going to file an OFA (Offer of Financial Assistance). Adamson said she had spoken with Representative Crowder and he said it was good news but couldn't tell Adamson what the good news was. Adamson is to get in contact with Crowder and try to get more information.

Fairgrounds Update: Mr. Ellsberry, Engineer Consultant; will have an estimate on the grandstand area within the next two months. The donation boxes and signs for the fairgrounds have been ordered. Mike Crain, Head Maintenance of the fairgrounds contacted Administrator Adamson in regards to replacing the chain link fence around the race track area. Adamson presented estimates. The windows for the announcer's booth will cost approximately \$600.00 and the chain link fence was just under \$5,000. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to approve the fencing and window projects at the fairgrounds. All voted Affirmative.

Annexation: The Change of Use Form was given to Mayor Baxter; who was going to forward this form to Love's. Adamson said she was waiting on a return phone call from the county attorney.

Hwy 96 Mowing: A letter will be written to the Supervisor of C-DOT and Governor Hickenlooper. Scott said he will write the letter in regards to the way the ditches look and the safety on the highway.

Connie Brase and Joey Carrica with Southeast Mental Health met the Commissioners to give their reports for the last six months concerning those with mental issues and where these individuals will be housed before going to court appearances. Southeast Mental Health has been assisting some law enforcement agencies with transports. Southeast Mental Health is also attempting to come up with a program for the pain-management population. They are asking the doctors to get involved with this program to help monitor the pain medications being prescribed to this ever growing population. This would be a very unique program if S.E.M.H., the local doctors and the Department of Social Services could make this happen in Kiowa County. Brase and Carrica thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting.

The Arkansas Valley Conduit Meeting will be here on September 1, 2015 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Oswald will be attending the RESADA meeting August 12, 2015.

TV Tower: The air conditioner has been installed and seems to be working well.

Monthly reports were reviewed. IGA's for the school district elections were reviewed.

The next Commissioner Meeting will be August 25th and September 15th.

Time off Requests Form: NONE

Landfill Position and the Wages: Oswald moved to modify the Landfill Position salary to match the wages to Road and Bridge and the Maintenance Crew. McLoud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

Scott moved to hire John Higgins to the Landfill Position Oswald seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative. Oswald moved to have Mr. Higgins official start date as of August 23, 2015 at the Landfill. Scott seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

Administrator Adamson will advertise for a Loader Operator position. Interviews will take place on the 26th of August at 8:30 am.

Fair board Contract: The County Fair board contract was signed for the bouncy equipment as a form of entertainment for the fair. The amount paid was nine thousand dollars.

Clerk Maintenance Agreement: Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to sign the agreement Saul's Creek recording equipment. All voted Affirmative.

Meeting was recessed for lunch.

The Meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Sheriff Sheridan entered the meeting to give an update on arrest for the 2015 year. Sheridan said with the marijuana bust in early February, court cost and jail inmate keep has gone up steadily. He also reported the model traffic code has made over \$500,000.00 for the county since the model traffic code began in 2008.

Transit Advisory Board: Melissa Peterson resigned from the TAB board. Oswald moved to accept Ms. Peterson's resignation and thanked her for her services she has provided to the BOCC. McLoud seconded the motion. All Voted Affirmative.

The Fee Schedule for the Transit Van: McLoud said she was opposed to the fee schedule being proposed. She said she felt it was harsh on the local people. Scott explained the fees in the city limits of Eads remained the same, as well as on each end of the county. Adamson explained that there is a fee for mileage and a fee for the use of the transit van. After further discussion Scott moved to approve the Transit Advisory Board's fee schedule as presented and Oswald seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative. This fee schedule will go into effect as of August 11, 2015.

Early Diversion Training Update: McLoud has been attending the training for this Diversion Program. McLoud will be updating the commissioners on this continuing training.

Prowers BOCC notification: The BOCC signed a letter to Senator Crowder supporting Prowers County's position against the damming of Fountain Creek.

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

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman

