

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Richard Scott on March 14, 2013. Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Debra C. Lening, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Doris Lessenden entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m. as a visitor.

Minutes from the February 28, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Additions were made under old business, to wit: #8 – Auditor information regarding equipment and vehicle leases; #9 – Sheriff's Vehicles; and new business, to wit: #5 – HAVA recertification training for clerk's office. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with the additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

There was discussion regarding the Murdock Building. A letter was received from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) regarding the \$60,000 contract for State Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance grant funds for the new phase. The National Parks Service is requesting a change order and would like an additional skylight to be installed. This would increase the cost of the project by \$19,948. However, there are no additional funds to cover this change order. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the contract with DOLA for \$60,000 to be used as a match for the State Historical Grant for the Kiowa County Murdock Building Roof Rehabilitation phase without any additional change orders, in particular, the requested skylight addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. as a visitor.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee met with the Commissioners regarding Sheriff Department automobiles. Sheriff Frazee had some bids for review, as did Commissioner Koehler. Sheriff Frazee would like a five year lease on whatever vehicles are decided on. \$15,000 is the budgeted amount for vehicles and the lease payment for two vehicles would be approximately \$11,000 to \$12,000. Two vehicles from the fleet would be sold to help offset next year's lease payment to help save on taxpayer dollars. Sheriff Frazee will obtain more information before vehicles are selected.

Fair Board letters of interest were discussed. Only one letter was received. A letter of resignation was received from Shane Lessenden during the meeting. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept Lessenden's resignation. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners would like to thank Mr. Lessenden for his years of dedicated service. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Nancy Walker to the Fair Board. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Letters will continue to be accepted for those interested in servicing on the Fair Board. With Lessenden's resignation, there are still two vacancies on the Board. There have been rumors going around that there is not going to be a Fair this year. The Commissioners want the public to know that, although there may be some changes made regarding the gate price and possibly the number of BBQ's, there WILL be a Fair.

There was continued discussion regarding the formation of a Fire District. The Eads Town Council voted to support a Fire District. A budget was discussed. In the event the district is formed, Koehler recommended that when directors are elected, there should be one from each Commissioner District and two at large. They would like to have a meeting with all the volunteer firemen and then have three public meetings.

Area Extension Agent Bruce Fickenscher and Area Extension Agent & Director Jennifer Wells met with the Commissioners to discuss Extension business.

The Library Board meeting was discussed. Commissioner Koehler presented a letter that he had written on behalf of the Commissioners to the Library Board which would terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Library where by library funds would no longer be used to pay for the TV tower and the County would be responsible for the TV tower and the Library would have their full 1.5 mills to use for library purposes, which would take place January 1, 2014. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to terminate the IGA with the Library Board, taking place January 14, 2014. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Applications for Road & Bridge loader operator and equipment operator were reviewed. Interviews will need to be done before decisions are made.

Landfill issues were discussed.

Equipment and vehicle leases and how they are handled in accounting per the County Auditor were discussed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed.

The Commissioner reports were reviewed and discussed.

The TV tower report was reviewed.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the CSBG for reimbursement of \$482.00. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Kiowa County Historic Preservation letter to the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, which was approved last meeting, was presented for signatures.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Police Service Agreement contract between the County and the Town of Eads in the amount of \$54,000 per year. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

HAVA Election Recertification Training for the Clerk's office is scheduled for April 12th. The Clerk's office will be closed half a day Thursday, April 11th and all day Friday, April 12th for the mandatory training. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to have the Clerk's office closed half a day on April 11th and all day April 12th for the Recertification Training. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular meeting will be March 26, 2013.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.