

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on March 31, 2015. Scott opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McCloud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting. All voted Affirmative.

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

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to approve the Agenda as presented.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to approve the minutes for the Golf Course Special Hearing. All voted Affirmative.

McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to approve the Special Meeting minutes on March 26, 2015. All voted Affirmative.

9:30 a.m. Janet Frederick and Alexa Roberts with the National Park Service entered the meeting to discuss a grant for the conveyance of state property. Alexa Roberts presented the information and requested support from the county for the Acknowledgement and Support by a government Official for the grant application to the Civil War Trust from the State Historical Fund for the purchase of a section of state owned land within the Sand Creek National Historical Site boundaries (Section 36 Township 17 South Range 46 West) for the conveyance to the United States. The Park Service is planning to make use of the property as a pullout for a wayside for visitors at the National Sand Creek Historical Site. Scott moved and Oswald seconded to accept the conveyance. All voted Affirmative.

Connie Brase and Mr. Joe Caricca with Southeast Mental Health entered the meeting to give an update on the assistance they are providing to law enforcement. S.E.M. H. has provided transportation of prisoners for evaluations with some of those clients being transported to hospitals and also assisting with some jail based services. After the report was presented they thanked the BOCC for their time and left.

Old Business:

There was nothing to report on the new website.

Fair board discussions: Oswald moved to purchase the Quick Book Pro Program for the fair board to do their financials on. McCloud seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative. Oswald also moved to purchase Windows 7 to be installed in the computer. McCloud seconded. All voted Affirmative.

Burn Permits: Oswald moved to do the burn permits for the Eads and Haswell landfills. McCloud seconded. All voted Affirmative. McCloud moved to approve the acceptable and unacceptable waste and move the tires up to the acceptable status. Oswald seconded the motion. All voted affirmative.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to purchase a wind speed anemometer for the landfill to keep track of wind speeds. All voted affirmative.

Trash Compactor discussions. After lengthy discussions it was decided to hold off on the purchase of a compactor and to try other measures first.

Maintenance Summer Help: BOCC asked Dunlap to let Mike Crain know to hire out of the pool of applicants from the full time position for the part time summer help.

Fire District Updates: Upcoming meetings in each of the districts.

Emergency Coordinator Room: Maintenance would like to put tile in the Coordinator's Office. The Commissioners said to proceed with the tile.

Tree Row Discussion: McCloud had received the information from the FSA office which stated the county was responsible for the care of the live snow fence southwest of the fairgrounds. The weed control is to be taken care of by Kiowa County. McCloud said the Weed Wrangler contacted her and would charge the county \$165.00 per hour to get the weeds disposed. McCloud is to get with road Foremen Howard and see what he would suggest to get rid of the weeds.

Road and Bridge: Foreman Howard had asked if the county could deliver some gravel for the Central Recreation District. It was agreed to do this. Dunlap reported some of the road and bridge employees were traveling to Lubbock to look at trucks.

Public Health: Dunlap reported Kiowa County was still waiting on funds from the EPR Grant. The Commissioners have some concerns as to why it is taking so long to receive the reimbursements. Dunlap said she would get back in contact with Public Health and let them know this issue needs to be addressed. Dunlap also reported the new employee will start next week.

Murdock Building Permit: McCloud stated she had received an e-mail from Lee Merkle in regards to the design for the Murdock Building. There was some question about the \$86,000 on the design as to whether it was to be in kind or not. The BOCC would like for Dunlap to confirm in e-mail format as to where the funds for the original design was coming from. McCloud assured Scott the \$86,000 dollars in design was coming from the \$300,000 funded for this project, but did agree a letter of confirmation would be good.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veteran's Report and Sheriff's Report were reviewed and signed.

SAGE Reports No Changes.

SEBREA in the early discussions to become a 501 C or not.

SCEDD- President of the board has taken another job. Therefore the board will be in search of a new President.

SECED- 1 loan was presented and approved.

Emergency Management- Theresa Witte entered the meeting and updated the BOCC of the training she has completed and of what is remaining. She also reported a Storm Spotters Class which will be held April 1, 2015. The sirens will be tested next week and she will be attending an ALL-Hazards Meeting in Ordway. Witte also reported she will have some weather radios available for the upcoming Health Fair. Oswald moved and McCloud reported to have Witte purchase two different kinds of radios she thought would be useful. All voted Affirmative.

FirstNet: Witte reported on FirstNet which is a secured network for law enforcement and emergency management. This sight would be useful to download pictures and retrieve information on related incidents. This is a business that is starting and was for informational purposes only at this time and Witte said she was not sure of the cost. She would provide more information as it becomes available.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded to adjourn for the lunch hour. All voted Affirmative.

Meeting reconvened at 1:07 pm.

Dennis Pearson and Audrey Johnson with Department of Social Services entered the meeting. Pearson reported Medicaid paid \$90,369.25 for the month of February 2015 to the providers. Pearson also had in hand the letter of exemption for Audrey Johnson and requested the meeting go into executive session. Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to go into executive session for personal matters at 1:10 pm.

Regular session reconvened at 1:17 pm., with McCloud moving to have the Child/Adult Protection Worker be paid \$17.00 per hour. This will go into effect April, 2015. Scott seconded the motion to this salary increase. All voted Affirmative.

Pearson also questioned the use of a county vehicle for transportation use for the Child/Adult Protection clients. The BOCC stated there were some of the old sheriff's vehicles they could use. Also Johnson questioned if the county would agree to pay a portion of her cell phone bill or if the Commissioners would allow her to have a cell phone for business related issues. Pearson was told to upgrade the phone they already have.

Time Off request: None were requested.

Pool donation from Conservation District: Oswald moved and Scott seconded to donate \$1,000 to the Eads Swimming Pool. All voted Affirmative.

Affidavit of Identity –Girard National Bank: Four Loans for the Sheriff's vehicles are listed to the Sheriff's Office and these loans need to be headed as Kiowa County. The Affidavit of Identity needed to be signed by the Chairman of the BOCC, which stated the loans are with Kiowa County in care of the Kiowa County Sheriff. Scott moved and McCloud seconded to sign the Affidavit as listed. All voted Affirmative.

A & S Construction Company is requesting to put up a paving plant near Highway 96 in the Arlington area. The company asked about permits for our area and Dunlap said there were no permits. Scott moved to sign the letter for A & S indicating there are no permits fees required for their paving plant other than the negotiations with the private land owner. Oswald seconded the motion. All voted Affirmative.

Courthouse Security Grant: The grant that was proposed for courthouse security was presented as a no matching fund grant and would remain that way. The BOCC all agreed no funds would come from the county.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Delisa L. Weeks
Kiowa County Clerk

Richard Scott
Chairman