

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - May 28, 2020

The Kiowa County Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Scott on May 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Oswald opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Those in attendance were:

- Richard Scott, Chairman of the Board
- Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
- Donald Oswald Commissioner
- Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
- Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended with one addition. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Administrator Adamson advised the BOCC that the county CSBG Grant is now completed will have additional funds available in the amount of \$42,000.00 for programs to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be submitting a survey to the businesses and residents to help determine how and where to use the additional funding.

Ryan Sneller and Tyler Surat with Steel City Solar entered the meeting at 09:25 a.m. to provide information on solar power. Discussion followed. Steel City will review some of the county sites and give suggestions and estimates on how much solar power could save the county.

COVID-19 Update/Courthouse hours: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded to open the courthouse back to full operation on June 15, 2020. The hours will be 08:00-4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Motion carried. There will be continued use of masks, hand sanitizing and 6 foot social spacing between customers.

Disc Golf Course: Administrator Adamson will contact Sammi George, Disc Golf Consultant; requesting that she move forward with the design of the disc golf course at the fairgrounds.

Veteran's Office: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to continue to operate the Veteran's Office as a part time position. This position will be reviewed again at budget time to see if this job can be justified as a full-time position. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reports and upcoming meetings were reviewed and signed.

Fair Board Special Events License: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Special Events Liquor License Permit for September 11 and 12 and October 31 of 2020. Motion carried.

Fair Board Maintenance Requests: There were a few maintenance requests the Fair Board would like to have addressed before fair. Those requests were ceiling fans for the vendor area underneath the grandstands, a ladder put up on the south side of the crowd's nest and an awning added onto the north west sides of the community building. Adamson will get the dimensions of the awning and present price quotes at the next meeting.

Fair Board Member Application: Dawn Back, Fair Board Member; presented a new application form for the Fair Board. The BOCC agreed to this application.

June Horse Show: Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the Colorado Versatility Horse Show on June 6, 2020. This is a horse clinic with trainers instructing riders on reining, trail patterns and other horse events. There will be people in different groups which will be in COVID Compliance. The Fair Board presented a plan to the Public Health department which was approved. Dawn Back was also seeking approval from the Commissioners. Motion carried.

Audit Engagement Letter: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to hire Ronnie Farmer as the County Auditor for the 2020-2021 year. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to recess the meeting for lunch at 1:54. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Safety Circuit Rider Program: Joni Brooks and Jim Naull with the Safety Circuit Program entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to discuss some of the road data they had gathered for Kiowa County. The study showed that Kiowa County had 58 crashes in a ten-year period. By far rollover accidents were the most prevalent in Kiowa County. Out of the 58 crashes 27 of them were rollovers and 13 of those had occurred on County Road 49. Naull had explained that they could do further studies and make recommendations to the county for road repair. Administrator Adamson will be contacting the Safety Circuit Program requesting further studies be done on some of the more traveled county roads in Kiowa County. Brooks and Naull exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Fairground Arena: There was a verbal complaint in regards to the dirt blowing from the parking area on the south side of the arena. The Maintenance department will be contacted in regards to this matter.

Election Letter: A letter will be sent to the Secretary of State in regards to the hourly rate and sick leave pay for election judges. Clerk Weeks will not be paying the extra \$3.00 per hour per election judge and there will be no sick leave paid due to illness of a judge. Weeks has a concern with this issue due to raising the fee for election judges for all future elections and this could cause a shortfall in the Clerk's budget.

With no other business to discuss, Robertson moved and Scott seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 01:45 p.m. Motion carried.