

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - June 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on June 24, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Donald Oswald. Oswald opened the meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance:

- Donald Oswald, Chairman
- Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
- Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
- Tina Adamson, Administrator
- Mike Lening, Commissioner attended by audio conferencing.

Minutes:

Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2021; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to accept the voucher as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda:

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

9:30 a.m. Betsy Barnett, Coordinator for the Main Street Bash entered the meeting to discuss the fun filled packed day. Terry Riley entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m. to discuss the electrical needs for the Bash. Barnett, Riley and the BOCC reviewed a rough draft of a map of the events for the 31st. No action taken. Riley and Barnett exited the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Cindy McCloud, with the Kiowa County Economic Development, entered the meeting to provide an update on the Cooper Clark Grant that she had applied for as well as the State Historical grant for the Legion Hall. McCloud exited the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Road & Bridge Foremen: Road Foremen Allen Watts, Jack Howard and Rick Spady entered the meeting to discuss the gravel pits and a spare pickup being transferred from one district to another. No action was taken at this time. The foremen exited the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Shellie Engelhardt, with the Department of Emergency Management, provided a monthly update. Engelhardt is planning to attend the LEPC Conference in September. She had also purchased a generator to be used in emergency situations. Engelhardt exited the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Eunice Weber, Kiowa County Ambulance Director, entered the meeting to provide a monthly report. Weber reported there were 3 people in the EMT Class she is instructing. She also discussed why the hospital was on Divert due to the lack of radiology personnel being available. Shannon Dixon CFO, of the hospital said the hospital maintenance will be available to mow around the helipad. Weber thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: David Engelhardt will prepare an estimate for a drop ceiling in the Senior Citizen portion of the Wissell addition.

Jordan Weirich, Assistant to the Administrator has been working on the **RREO Grant**

Landfill Update: Free Dump Day will be July 17th.

COVID Update/ARP Funding: Discussion followed with using some of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for the regional project for moderate income housing development. The County may opt to collaborate with SCEDD and the other 5 counties in our region to provide workforce housing. No action taken at this time.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded to recess the meeting for lunch at 11:59 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Kari Linkler, Hickenlooper Aid; entered the meeting to introduce herself and ask if there was anything Senator Hickenlooper could be addressing. Oswald explained that housing has become an issue, and discussion over broadband took no decision being made. Linker thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting,

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to move into executive session for 24-6-402 subsection 4 (b) to discuss legal issues at 2:00 p.m. Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to enter back into regular session. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: Reports and meetings were reviewed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelvin & Amy Schmidt Building Permits: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve construction for 2 grain bins located at S25-T18-R42. Motion carried.

David Walker and Areta Laird; Kiowa County Fairboard members and Tearle Lessenden, Extension Agent for Kiowa County, entered the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to provide information on activities for the upcoming fair and to address the arena issues.

Walker reported that there were dog races held on June 5, 2021. Walker said they did have a good attendance of people on hand. A liquor license for this event was not requested by the fair board.

Walker said there were two gates that were damaged at the arena. These gates will be repaired or replaced before fair.

Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the special event permit for The Mike Johnson Memorial slated for July 17th and September 25th for the Demolition Derby. Motion Carried.

KC Financial & HR Policies: Signatures were needed only.

Employee Resignation: Joshua Robertson, Deputy, resigned from the Sheriff's Office. We would like to thank Mr. Robertson for his time he has served with the County.

W/C Wages Review: The Worker's Comp coverage was reviewed and rewording may become necessary. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Kris Stokke Annual EPR Grant: Robertson moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the EPR Grant for Kris Stokke's position with Public Health. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried.